

## COVID-19 Religious Exemption

My life, my body, my spirit, my soul, are not mine, but belong to Christ. I therefore must serve him by obedience to his will in all things. I know his will by the scriptures.

**1. The genetic activity of the COVID-19 vaccine violates God's law of purity.** Our genes define us and place boundaries about what is us and what is not us. Changing my body at the genetic level corrupts me into something other than what God made me. God forbids us to change his creation. Purity preserves God's creation, corruption changes God's creation.

We see the law of purity, or boundaries, emphasized throughout the scriptures. A few examples:

God commanded the lamb as a sacrifice without blemish and the bread without leaven – that is, no corruption:

*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: Exodus 12:5*

*Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. Exodus 12:15*

We understand later that the lamb represents Christ, unblemished. The unleavened bread represents the body of Christ, pure.

God desires his people to be holy, that is, separate, clean:

*And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exodus 19:6*

*Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2*

God himself is of single substance, uncontaminated:

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: Deuteronomy 6:4*

Christ teaches that we are to be as God is:

*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48*

Christ teaches that if we are corrupted, we are evil and will be destroyed:

*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! Matthew 6:22-23.* The opposite of evil is single, that is, pure.

*Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matthew 7:17-19.* God often uses trees as an analogy to us. The opposite of good is corrupt, removed from its original form, and these will be cast into the fire.

Our bodies are a living sacrifice to God and must be holy, pure, to be accepted by God:

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1*

Our bodies and our spirit are not our own, but belong to God:

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

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Fleshly bodies God created distinct, that is, pure in their own form:

*But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.*  
1 Corinthians 15:38-39

These examples from scripture illustrate God's law of purity, which may be the most foundational law. The genetic activity of the COVID-19 vaccine disrupts the genetic purity of our body as God created it and therefore violates his law of purity. It changes God's creation to something different. Every instance of violation of this law leads toward death, death in our body and death in our soul.

### COVID-19 vaccines alter our genes:

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) contains the genetic blueprint that defines the person. Ribonucleic acid (RNA) converts this genetic blueprint to make structures. Messenger RNA (mRNA) is a type of RNA that carries the genetic instructions.

The most common COVID-19 vaccines used in the United States and Europe - Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson and Johnson - all work at a genetic level in the person who receives the vaccine. These vaccines introduce into a person's cells genetic material that codes for the spike protein of the COVID-19 virus. The person's cells then produce the spike proteins. The person's immune system detects the spike proteins and creates protection against them with antibodies. mRNA vaccines use synthetic COVID-19 virus mRNA with a chemical shell carrier. Adenovirus carrier vaccines use a weakened adenovirus as the carrier of the COVID-19 virus DNA<sup>1</sup>.

- A. Pfizer and BioNTech – mRNA vaccine
- B. Moderna –mRNA vaccine
- C. AstraZeneca – Adenovirus carrier DNA vaccine. Produced from cells of children. See section 2.
- D. Johnson and Johnson – Adenovirus carrier DNA vaccine. Produced from cells of children. See section 2.

These vaccines can change our genes in two ways.

1. Change of function. These COVID-19 vaccines directly alter our DNA to produce pathogens rather than self. We now manufacture disease. At the deepest level the vaccine converts us from the design of God to create good to now create evil. This defines corruption.
2. Change of substance. No studies directly indicate that COVID-19 vaccines change the substance of our DNA. Evidence indicates that they could.
  - a. mRNA vaccines – Researchers found RNA from the COVID-19 virus incorporated into patient DNA, resulting in persistent positive COVID-19 tests after the virus had been cleared from the body<sup>2</sup>. If RNA from the COVID-19 virus can incorporate into our DNA through natural infection, RNA from a vaccine likely also could incorporate into our DNA. Seneff and Nigh<sup>3</sup> describe several genetic mechanisms how RNA from a virus can incorporate into our DNA, and that this now corrupted DNA could pass on to offspring.
  - b. DNA vaccines – DNA more readily incorporates into other DNA strands than RNA<sup>3</sup>. The COVID-19 DNA in the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines potentially could incorporate into an individual's DNA<sup>4</sup>. In addition, both of these vaccines were produced using cells from children and therefore contain the DNA from those children that could incorporate into the individual's DNA<sup>3,5</sup>.



**2. The cells used from children to produce the COVID-19 vaccine violate God's law against child sacrifice and shedding of innocent blood.**

*Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. Exodus 23:7*

*Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. Leviticus 20:2-3*

*And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Psalms 106:38*

*These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, Proverbs 6:16-17*

*Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 18:10*

We understand from these scriptures that God takes very seriously the killing of children and will hold the guilty accountable. By knowingly receiving a vaccine that involves the killing of children, we participate in the sin and are guilty of the sin.

COVID-19 vaccines use cells from killed children:

The most common COVID-19 vaccines used in the United States and Europe- Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson and Johnson - use either the Human Embryonic Kidney 293 (HEK-293) cell line or the human embryonic retinal cells PER.C6.

HEK-293 cells derive from a kidney of a child killed in or before 1972.

PER.C6 derive from the retina of a child killed in or before 1985.

Dr. Alex van der Eb reported in May 2001 to the Food and Drug Administration<sup>6</sup> how his laboratory in the Netherlands developed both of these cell lines from children:

Page 77 (regarding both cell lines):

*DR. VAN DER EB: Thank you. So what I would like to do is to describe to you how and why we have made two different cell lines, adenovirus transformed human embryo cell lines which are called 293 and PER.C6. Both cell lines were made in my lab, and also the cells, the starting material, was prepared by myself at the University of Leiden. The 293 cell was made by Frank Graham in 1973 from human embryonic kidney cells that were made from fetal tissue one year ago by myself one year before that, so that was in 19 -- probably in 1972, whereas the PER.C6 cell was made by Ron Bout and Frits Fallaux in 1995 from an embryonic retina cultures that were made from fetal tissue by me ten years before that, in 1985.*

Page 81 (regarding HEK-293):

*So the kidney material, the fetal kidney material was as follows. The kidney of the fetus was, with an unknown family history, was obtained in 1972 probably. The precise date is not known anymore. The fetus, as far as I can remember was completely normal. Nothing was wrong. The reasons for the abortion were unknown to me. I probably knew it at that time, but it got lost, all this information.*

Page 91 (regarding PER.C6):

*So I isolated retina from a fetus, from a healthy fetus as far as could be seen, of 18 weeks old. There was nothing special with a family history or the pregnancy was completely normal up to the 18 weeks, and it turned out to be a socially indicated abortus, abortus provocatus, and that was simply because the woman wanted to get rid of the fetus. We got this. There was permission, et cetera, and that was, however, was in 1985, ten years before this. This shows that the cells were isolated in October '85, Leiden University in my lab.*

Page 99 (regarding PER.C6):

*Both the mother and the father. The mother was completely normal. That I know and had -- there was nothing wrong with the mother. She had at least two children afterwards in the same hospital in Leiden, which were completely healthy. The father was not known, not to the hospital anymore, what was written down, and unknown father, and that was, in fact, the reason why the abortion was requested.*

Page 94 (regarding both cell lines):

*Again, I remind you that both cell lines were made in my lab for different reasons. The objective, as I indicated, is for 293 -- was basic research, and we have done many different transformation studies after that, not transformation studies, but gene expression studies with human embryonic kidney cells in the years following that up to now, I would say. PER.C6 was made just for pharmaceutical manufacturing of adenovirus vectors.*

Page 95 (regarding PER.C6):

*And then pharmaceutical industry standard. I realize that this sounds a bit commercial, but PER.C6 were made for that particular purpose. Also, as far as I know, more than 50 different companies have taken license for PER.C6.*

Use by vaccine of cell lines from killed children:

- E. Pfizer and BioNTech – Used the HEK-293 cell line to test their vaccine. Original research published by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory<sup>7</sup>.
- F. Moderna – Used the HEK-293 cell line to test their vaccine. Original research published in the journal *Nature*<sup>8</sup>.
- G. AstraZeneca – Used the HEK-293 cell line to develop, produce and test their vaccine. Original research published in the journal *Nature*<sup>9</sup>; vaccine acknowledged to use HEK-293 cells by the government of the United Kingdom<sup>10</sup>.
- H. Johnson and Johnson – Used the PER.C6 cell line to develop, produce and test their vaccine. Original research published in the journal *Nature Medicine*<sup>11</sup>, *Nature*<sup>12</sup>; vaccine acknowledged to use PER.C6 cell line on the manufacturer website<sup>13</sup>.

The pro-life organization Charlotte Lozier Institute lists each vaccine and the cell lines used<sup>14</sup>.

### **3. Followers of Christ are commanded to separate themselves from the world, even unto death.**

Throughout the scriptures God separates his people from the world, and teaches that the world is evil and will be destroyed.

*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8*



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*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Daniel 3:16-18*

*Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime... Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. Daniel 6:10,16*

*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 2 Corinthians 6:17*

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4*

*But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Peter 3:7*

*And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 1 John 5:19*

*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:2-5*

**Conclusion:** As a Christian, I understand that my body is not my own but Christ's, and that I must be pure and uncorrupted, that I might be a sacrifice acceptable to him. I further understand that the world is contrary to Christ, that eternal rewards are greater than earthly rewards and that the commandments of Christ are greater than the commandments of the world. The COVID-19 vaccine proposes to corrupt my body by genetic material, requires that I sin by condoning the death of innocent children required to produce it and it therefore violates my commitment to Christ. I therefore decline the COVID -19 vaccine.

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