

Religious Exemption for the COVID-19 Vaccination

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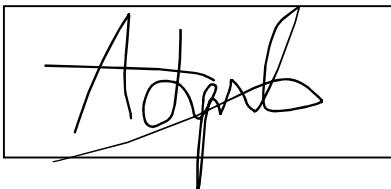
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Declaration:

I **Anthony Grace** state that my religious belief of Christianity is sincerely and wholeheartedly held. That I have confessed with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus is Lord and God has raised him from the dead so that we may receive his saving grace through faith in Jesus's death and resurrection.

That I also believe the following statements made in this document, and I am willing to describe these beliefs following any further inquiry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Grace', is enclosed within a rectangular box.

Statement of legislation:

As part of relevant legislation (Anti-Discrimination Act 1991), it is known that any discrimination or ill-treatment due to my religious belief is made unlawful by the state regardless of company policy. Privacy act 1988

Statement of religiosity:

The following verses demonstrate the religious belief I hold and how it relates to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate:

(1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV)

“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?”

The above verse demonstrates:

- My physical body I inhabit does not belong to me it is leased at a price; therefore, I am forbidden by God from making any unnatural alterations within my body, mind, and immune system such as with the use of any drugs, alcohol, and importantly a vaccine.
 - (As with leasing a home you would not expect the tenant to call it their own and do what they want with it, the same goes for my body)
- Due to the bodies role for harbouring me (My soul) and the holy spirit who works through me, I shall keep my body clean, natural, and unaltered to keep this relationship and spiritual synergy at peak performance.
- Any undermining of this relationship between body and soul causes difficulty in connecting and communication to God due to mental and spiritual fog.
 - (As if trying to paddle across a river which is laden with litter, I shall not come before Christ in a body filled with things from this world.)

(Psalm 139:14KJV)

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

The above verse demonstrates:

- My body has been designed "fearfully and wonderfully" that any design by the creator has been done so to fulfill his plan for me on earth therefore my body's design shall include the necessary immune system to defend my body throughout my purpose. So that I can fulfill his plan until it is my time to die.
- That any attempt to take on my own protection made by man undermines my faith in him. Even if a higher percentage of ICU patients are unvaccinated than vaccinated, I shall accept my fate as this world is Hevel (Temporary/vapor) and my faith in him is more important in securing my eternity.
- Therefore, I fully trust his protection and design of my immune system for my purpose on earth. Even if this results in my bodily death, I know that my faith has secured my future beyond this point.

(1 John 4:18)

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The above verse demonstrates:

- Due to God's unconditional love for humanity, and when spiritually awake to said love, there is no fear of any persecution, death, or contraction of disease for me having my beliefs.
- That I know of all possible consequences for my belief in Christ and accept whatever the future holds, wholeheartedly.
- If I should contract COVID-19, I know it is God willing and not for me or anyone but God to worry about.

(Jeremiah 19:11)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The above verse demonstrates:

- When I trust in the Lord, I shall benefit in his righteous and holy plan for my life, to bring welfare. That I shall trust in him fully and receive love and hope, instead of trusting in man and his vaccine to defend my body.

- That my action to not get a vaccine puts my trust and reliance on God not of Mankind.
 - So that I shall receive hope and of good welfare, instead of the choices leading to evil.

Notation:

- If it is God's plan for me to die, then I will die if it is his plan for me to contract or defend from covid I shall do so if I still have purpose to fulfill on earth then I will live through.
- God is omnipresent and everything is governed by him.
- The common saying "My body my choice" does not relate to me as my body belongs to God, and it is written in his word that I shall keep my body clean, unaltered, and stay away from the ways of the temporary world instead, I shall focus on him and love him, fulfilling my purpose on earth.
- For whoever tries to save their life shall lose it but anyone who takes up the cross and follows Christ shall have eternal life in heaven. So I will not try and take up my own means of protection as everything is in Gods hands, no weapon formed against me shall prosper.

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