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Religious exemption from the mandatory COVID-19 vaccine

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والحمد لله، والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه ومن اهتدى بهداه. أما بعد

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds and may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon His messenger Muhammad and upon all his family, companions and those rightly guided with his guidance.

Re: Assertion of Religious Exemption to Vaccinations

I, _____ submit this request for religious exemption from the mandatory COVID-19 vaccine. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccination is against the religious practices of a muslim according to the Islamic tradition.

I, _____ do hereby assert my right to a religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine. Secured and protected by the right to freely exercise my religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution for the United States of America. I am a spiritual and religious man who believes in the teachings of Islam. This perspective recognizes that faith compels a man/ woman to submit to the proper jurisdiction within the rule of law, in this case Divine Natural law or Islamic Law.

I object to the COVID-19 vaccinations because I believe in and follow Allah and the principles laid out in His words, the Great Quran, and the statements/ actions of the Prophet Muhammad (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him). I have a deeply held belief that COVID-19 vaccines violate them. It is compulsory for a Muslim to take care of their body both spiritually and physically.

Firstly, Medication and its treatment is a religious issue and concern, as stated by the **Prophet Muhammad (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) : “Seek medical treatment, for Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, has not created any disease but He has also created a remedy for it, except for one disease: old age.”** narrated by Ahmad (17726) and the authors of as-Sunan, Abu Dawood (3855), at-Tirmidhi (2038), and Ibn Maajah (3436). Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood.

CDC clearly stated that the COVID-19 vaccinations aren't a cure for Covid19. As a muslim, we do believe that there is a cure for COVID-19, which we will become aware of if Allah wills. But until then preventative measures are to be used like use of masks, distancing and constant testing etc.



Secondly, In Islam the well being of the body is prioritized; thus, it is compulsory for one to take care of their body, which is entrusted by Allah by not accepting any products, medicines, vaccines, food, or substances that may come from Haram (unlawful) sources; contain Haram substances, or contain potentially harmful substances. Muslim doctors and medical experts who specialize in the field of vaccines and viruses sought out clarity on the composition of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine and its effects. Their research has confirmed that the vaccines (specifically: Pfizer and AstraZeneca) do not contain any (Haram) prohibited substances or ingredients. Yet it is proven by the CDC that more than 452 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in the United States from December 14, 2020, through November 22, 2021. During this time, VAERS received 10,014 reports of death (0.022%) among people who received a COVID-19 vaccine. FDA requires healthcare providers to report any death after COVID-19 vaccination to VAERS, even if it's unclear whether the vaccine was the cause. **Allah says in the Quran, "Whosoever killed a person ... it shall be as if he had killed all mankind" (Surah 5: Verse 32).** Which makes the COVID-19 vaccine prohibited for muslims because of the clear harm that it has done to 10,014 people who are now dead. CDC clinicians review reports of death to VAERS including death certificates, autopsy, and medical records. **Allah says in the Quran, "Take not a human life which Allah has made sacred,,,,," (Surah 6: Verse 151)**

Thirdly, there are specific illness caused by COVID-19 vaccines as stated by the CDC which are not as bad as death in most cases but in time some could lead to death. A muslim is not allowed to harm others or be a partake in harming of others. **The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, "There should be neither harm nor reciprocating harm." Narrated by Ahmad (2865) and Ibn Maajah (2341). Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Ibn Maajah.**

- i. As of November 24, 2021, in 2 to 5 per million people Anaphylaxis occur.
- ii. 47 confirmed reports of people who got the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine and later developed Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome and 2 with the Moderna since October 6th, 2021 which increased to 54 by November 17th, 2021
- iii. 228 preliminary reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome GBS after vaccination by October 6th, 2021, which increase to 267 by November 17th, 2021. Which is a rare disorder where the body's immune system damages nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis. Most people fully recover from GBS, but some have permanent nerve damage.
- iv. 1,640 reports of myocarditis or pericarditis among people ages 30 and younger who received COVID-19 vaccine by October 6th, 2021, which increase to 1822 by November 17th, 2021.. Most cases have been reported after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis is inflammation of the outer lining of the heart. In both cases, the body's immune system causes inflammation in response to an infection or some other trigger.



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- v. VAERS received 8,638 reports of death (0.0021%) among people who received a COVID-19 vaccine from December 14, 2020 to October 6th, 2021, which increase to 10,014 by November 17th, 2021..

Fourthly, CDC has stated that different prior vaccinations did contain aborted human fetus cells. Today, we know specifically that that COVID-19 vaccinations do not contain any aborted human fetal cells. However, fetal cell lines (cells grown in a laboratory based on aborted fetal cells) are been currently used in testing during research, production, manufacturing and development of the vaccines. **Imam Shaykh Ibn Taymiyyah states in his Fatawa: “Aborting a fetus has been declared unlawful (haram) with the consensus of all the Muslim scholars. It is similar to burying an infant alive as referred to by Allah Almighty in the verse of the Qur’an: “And when the female infant, buried alive, will be asked as to what crime she was killed for”. (Surah al-Takwir, Verse 8)”** (Fatawa Ibn Taymiyya, 4/217). According to Wadman, the fetal cell line (PER.C6) from previously aborted fetuses in 1985 was used to create the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine; whereas, Moderna and Pfizer used fetal tissue from previously aborted fetuses in 1972 (HEK-293) for testing and drug confirmation (Wadman,M.,2020). According to the Great Quran this act is against our faith. Consequently, we highly discourage the use of vaccines that contain byproducts procured from the cell lines of human aborted fetuses and those that facilitate its use. Consenting to this vaccination, would be contrary to the practice of the Islamic faith.

Pursuant to title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended November 1, 1980, Part 1605.1 Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion. _____ hereby opts to exercise his civil rights, and humbly requests exemption from the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination, as this is against his practices.

Along with this exemption, he will adhere to COVID-19 testing to ensure health and safety.

Respectfully,

Mustafaa Abdul-Hakeem