

Please explain below why you are requesting an Exemption/Accommodation:

As an active Christian, I have faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I believe the Bible to be the inerrant word of God. I seek to live my life according to this faith in all that I do.

Simply through the wisdom and common sense which God gives to those who will use it, it is apparent that there are many issues and causes for concern around the covid mrna treatments and the viral outbreak itself.

Even without considering most of these, there is a core issue in that what are being labeled vaccines are arguably gene therapies which in some way modify the functioning of the human body after injection.

The Bible tells us that God created the human body (Genesis 2), and that as followers of Jesus Christ, our bodies are sacred vessels for the presence of God within us. It is a sin to desecrate the body in any way, and we are taught instead to glorify God in our body, how we treat and care for it, because we have been “bought for a price”, which was with the blood of Jesus Christ when he gave his life for us on the cross. So we are to honor God as best we can, according to this teaching (1 Corinthians 6).

Given the invasive nature of the mrna injection, the effects within us at a cellular level, not to mention the uncertainty around short and long term harm from side effects and what that could do to my body, I cannot possibly consider receiving not only this currently mandated injection, but any like it produced using similar techniques.

Further, there is a second core issue, and that is the question around the morality of using stem cells and fetal material in the research and development of the covid mrna treatments. From a Christian faith standpoint, according to the Bible it is God who created all life (Genesis 1), and in the Bible we find strong admonitions against taking life as it is “evil” to do so. In the New Testament the question is asked and answered whether it is possible to do evil in order to accomplish good, the answer of course being “no” (see Romans 3). On the basis of this precept, it can be clearly understood that using tissue and stem cells harvested from the body of a terminated fetus is not “good” but rather tainted with “evil”, and cannot lead to good unless God intervenes, however people may reason about it (see Romans 1).

On this second basis, I could not accept the covid mrna treatments nor any mrna treatments which may be developed in a like manner. It would be a sin for me to knowingly partake of such (see James 4:17) and it would defile me in spirit and in flesh according to the Bible.

There are other issues from a Christ-centered faith standpoint, and I would be happy to discuss it further if needed.