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**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things. Humans hold the distinction of being God's only creation made in His image and likeness.

### **WE AFFIRM**

- God is the creator of human life.<sup>1</sup>
- Each human life is unique and sacred, bearing the image and likeness of God.<sup>2</sup>
- Each preborn child has innate value and dignity, being a unique and sacred person created by God, bearing the image and likeness of God, from the moment of conception.<sup>3</sup>
- God's law commands us, "you shall not murder."<sup>4</sup>
- Abortion is the murder of a unique individual created by God in His image, and is against God's law.<sup>5</sup>

- God hates the murder of the innocent.<sup>6</sup>
- God commands us to obey His laws and commandments, stay away from those who do evil, and to speak up for and protect innocent and vulnerable lives - including preborn lives.<sup>7</sup>

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE

- Aborted babies are being used by the scientific community. Their body parts, organs, and tissues are harvested (sometimes while they are still alive) and sent to scientists/ organizations for use in scientific and medical research.<sup>8, 9, 10</sup>
- The use of abortion-derived human fetal tissue for scientific and medical research has created a market for trafficking aborted human fetuses, body parts, organs, and tissues.<sup>11</sup>
- The vaccine industry in particular has used abortion-derived fetal body parts, organs, tissues, and abortion-derived fetal cell lines to research, develop, produce and test vaccines. Aborted fetuses have been used in the vaccine industry for over 60 years.<sup>12</sup>
- The scientific community's response to COVID-19 proves its previous and continued reliance upon aborted fetal tissue for its research.
  - In 2021, both Members of the United States Congress and organizations representing hundreds of scientists, clinicians, hospitals, universities, and patients declared their dependence on the use of aborted fetal tissue in COVID-19 research and in the development of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines.<sup>13, 14</sup>
  - In 2020, scientists and government officials fought for the right to use aborted fetal tissue in COVID-19 vaccine research and development.<sup>15, 16</sup>
- The vaccine industry has become dependent on aborted fetal tissue.<sup>17</sup>
- Many vaccines authorized or approved in the US and internationally (including all COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved in the US) use aborted fetal tissue or abortion-derived fetal cell lines for the research, development, production, and/or testing of vaccines.<sup>18, 19</sup>

## WE CONDEMN

- Murder, specifically the murder of preborn babies.<sup>20</sup>
- The trafficking of aborted fetal body parts, organs, and tissues for any reason.
- The use of aborted fetal body parts, organs, tissues, and abortion-derived fetal cell lines for any reason.
- The use of aborted fetal body parts, organs, tissues, and abortion-derived fetal cell lines specifically in vaccine research, development, production and/or testing, regardless of when the research occurred.
- Participating in or cooperating with any vaccine using aborted fetal body parts, organs, tissues, and/or abortion-derived fetal cell lines during any part of the research, development, production and/or testing.

## WE DECLARE

- Abortion and anything associated with abortion is against God's law and is wrong.
- All vaccines (including COVID-19 vaccines) associated with abortion pose an irreconcilable contradiction to our religious faith.<sup>21</sup>
- We are bound by our faith to obey God and to refrain from participating in or cooperating with that which He calls evil, specifically anything associated with abortion.

## THEREFORE

- Consistent with our sincerely held religious faith, we cannot take any vaccine that used or uses aborted fetal body parts, organs, tissues and/or abortion-derived fetal cell lines at any point during its research, development, production and/or testing. This includes, but is not limited to COVID-19 vaccines by Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Moderna, Novavax, Oxford/AstraZeneca, and Pfizer/BioNTech (including Pfizer's Comirnaty).<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Genesis 1:27](#), [Genesis 9:6](#), [Psalm 100:3](#), [Psalm 139:13-16](#), [Isaiah 44:24](#), [Isaiah 64:8](#), [Jeremiah 1:5](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Genesis 1:27](#), [Genesis 9:6](#), [Psalm 139:13-16](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Psalm 139:13-16](#), [Job 31:15](#), [Jeremiah 1:5](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Exodus 20:13](#), [Deuteronomy 5:17](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Exodus 20:1, 13](#), [Exodus 21:22-25](#), [Exodus 23:7](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Proverbs 6:16-17](#) and [Proverbs 24:11-12](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Ecclesiastes 12:13](#), [Deuteronomy 27:10](#), [Proverbs 1:8-19](#), [Proverbs 31:8](#), [Proverbs 6:16-17](#), [Proverbs 24:11-12](#)

<sup>8</sup> Heipel, Edie (2021, August 9). *Investigate Now: Federal Grants Sponsored Possibly Live Baby Harvesting At University Of Pittsburgh*. The Federalist. <https://thefederalist.com/2021/08/09/investigate-now-federal-grants-sponsored-possibly-live-baby-harvesting-at-university-of-pittsburgh/>

<sup>9</sup> Dorman, Sam (2021, August 4). *Millions in federal money flowed to tissue bank that collected fetal 'heart, gonads, legs, brain': report*. Fox News. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pittsburgh-fetal-tissue-project>

- David Daleiden from the Center for Medical Progress is quoted saying, "If the fetus' heartbeat and blood circulation continue in a labor induction abortion for harvesting organs, it means the fetus is being delivered while still alive and the cause of death is the removal of the organs."

<sup>10</sup> Dorman, Sam (2020, July 1). *Testimony from Planned Parenthood, tissue procurer sheds light on babies born alive, with beating hearts*. Fox News. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/planned-parenthood-tissue-procurer-abortion-clinic-testimony>

<sup>11</sup> Mainwaring, Doug (2021, May 3). *WATCH: University experiments on aborted baby parts, funding linked to Fauci*. LifeSiteNews. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/watch-university-experiments-on-aborted-baby-parts-funding-linked-to-fauci/>

<sup>12</sup> Foster, Tanya (2019). *Abortion, the Human Fetal Cell Industry, & Vaccines*, white paper. A Voice for Truth. <https://avoicefortruth.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/White-Paper-Abortion-Human-Fetal-Cell-Industry-Vaccines.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> In an [April 2021 letter to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra](#), 26 Members of Congress reiterated the scientific community's dependence on aborted fetal tissue for COVID-19 research and vaccines, stating, "Fetal tissue is an irreplaceable resource for research...including COVID-19." and "Fetal tissue is vital for advancing scientific research" and "Fetal tissue remains essential for creating models of the human immune system to study infectious diseases, including Zika, HIV, and COVID-19."

<sup>14</sup> In a [January 2021 letter to President Biden](#), almost 100 organizations representing countless scientists, clinicians and patients declared their dependency on the use of aborted fetal tissue in the development of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines stating, "HFT (human fetal tissue) is an essential resource for biomedical research... It remains critical for the development of new treatments for a wide range of serious diseases, including COVID- 19... Cells derived from HFT are currently being used to support the development of multiple treatments and vaccines for COVID-19."

<sup>15</sup> In a March 26, 2020 letter to President Trump, state Attorneys General declared scientists' dependence on aborted fetal tissue for COVID-19 research and vaccines, and requested the NIH ban on fetal tissue research be reversed. The letter stated, "the scientists' position on this issue (developing a vaccine and treatment to COVID-19) has been clear: currently, there are no alternatives to human fetal tissue that have been shown to be as powerful in conducting these important studies across a broad range of research topics."

<sup>16</sup> In an [April 6, 2020 letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar](#), members of Congress wrote "to ask that you immediately waive the restrictions on research with human fetal tissue, which are preventing federally-funded scientists from advancing important studies that could potentially prevent, treat, or cure the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)." The practice of using aborted fetal tissue is global, as noted in this comment, "U.S. scientists are now urging their international counterparts to rush to conduct this research while their hands remain tied."

<sup>17</sup> See endnotes 13-16 above

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<sup>18</sup> U.S. Vaccines Made Using Aborted Fetal Cells. A Voice for Truth. <https://avoicefortruth.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-US-Vaccines-Aborted-Fetal-Cells.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> [The Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) tracks all COVID-19 vaccines and the use of aborted-derived cell lines.

<sup>20</sup> [Exodus 20:1, 13](#), [Exodus 21:22-25](#), [Exodus 23:7](#), [Proverbs 6:16-17](#), [Proverbs 24:11-12](#), [Amos 1:13](#)

<sup>21</sup> Vaccines associated with abortion include all vaccines using aborted fetal body parts, organs, tissues and/or abortion-derived fetal cell lines at any point during its research, development, production and/or testing, regardless of when the research occurred.

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