



# The Fraternalitas Rosæ Crucis



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## The Church of Illumination

### *Tenet on Vaccination and Immunization*

#### Introduction and Historical Background

The Church of Illumination espouses a long historic doctrine on both the physical and spiritual dangers of vaccination and immunization. Reverend Reuben Swinburne Clymer M.D. and Alexander Wilder M.D. were founding members of the Church of Illumination. Both adamantly voiced the Church's tenet on immunization and its attendant consequence of spiritual harm, which they termed blood pollution.

Dr. Wilder firmly embraced the spiritual conviction that we are created in the image of God, by God, and being Holy and Sacred, our person should not be defiled or polluted; that the medical practice of attempting to prevent or cure diseases by means of injecting or transmitting "vile animal serums" was wholly against the Divine Law. This concept was in full harmony with the teachings of the Church and the Biblical injunction "to seek the kingdom of heaven" and to "become the Sons and Daughters of God," free from all evil. As a result of his strong convictions, Dr. Wilder founded the first anti-vaccination society in the United States in the late 1800's. (More information on Dr. Wilder can be found [here](#)).

Dr. Clymer was Director General of the Church from 1905 to his death in 1966. Following the footsteps of Dr. Wilder, in 1904, he authored his first text on this subject, *Vaccination Brought Home to You*. He further reiterated the Church's tenet that immunizations are a form of spiritual blood pollution in *The Book of Rosicrucaie, Volume II* (1947) and the now out of print book, *Age of Treason* (1957).

Reverend Emerson M. Clymer held the position of Director the Church of Illumination from 1966 to his death in 1983. Rev. Clymer also assumed the office of president of the Humanitarian Society, an outreach program of the Church established to educate the public concerning both spiritual and health related topics. He edited and co-authored the book, *The Gifts of the Spirit, The Doctor Within* (1976) and was editor of *The Dangers of Immunization* (1979). The spiritual and potential physical dangers of immunizations outlined in these two books were further expanded in the book, *Vaccination and Immune Malfunction*, by Harold E. Buttram M.D. and John Chriss Hoffman (1987). All of these books are printed and published by the Philosophical Company, which has been the printing establishment and repository for the Church literature since 1902.

#### The Tenet: Prohibition Against Vaccination/Immunization

The Bible teaches that the body is the temple of the God:

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? And whoever defiles the temple of God, God will destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and that temple is you," (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

The Bible also informs us that our spiritual mission on earth is to develop (regenerate) our soul and become at one with God:

"And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel," (Matthew 19:28).

"But those who received him, to them he gave power to become sons of God, especially to those who believed in his name," (John 1:12).

The Church teaches that the Soul is the Light or the divine image of God. The body is the house of the soul-spark and can become the temple of God, wherein the spiritualized (regenerated) Soul can dwell. To achieve this spiritualized state, individuals must harmonize their thoughts and actions with God's Divine Law and keep the body sufficiently pure.

The Church of Illumination further affirms that immunizations are a form of blood and body pollution, which defiles the purity of the body:

"You shall not pollute the land in which you live, for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it. You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell, for I the Lord dwell in the midst of the people of Israel," (Numbers 35:33-34).

The Church spiritually interprets "land" as both a physical land (exoteric interpretation) and also symbolic of human body that is to become purified and undefiled (esoteric interpretation).

The fundamental tenet of the Church of Illumination is the immortalization of the individual soul (the divine spark) within the temple of the body. This spark, a germ of God, is the potential Christos, or Light of Soul Illumination and can be developed by the conscious effort of each individual. Each individual is a nucleus of Light, a Temple or Church for the living, radiating Christ.

The Church teaches that the body is a spiritual structure wherein the spiritual sun shall constantly shine and that this body, if properly cared for, is its own best "doctor within." The Church furthermore teaches that it is our spiritual responsibility and duty to keep our bodies clean and pure, as it is a temple for our soul that dwells within it. The teachings of the Church unequivocally affirm that injections of vaccines and inoculations are a violation of these biblical teachings as they are a form of blood pollution, defiling and polluting the body (spiritual temple). Immunizations and vaccinations are a form of blood pollution because they have devastating effects on the regeneration of the soul that each Church member seeks to attain.

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