

## 2. COVID CAPERS: The Christian and the Government

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Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God (Romans 13: 1).

We have arrived at the critical point in our **COVID CAPERS** question: Is this such a time when Christians, in all good conscience, may refuse the Covid State “mandates”? Has the State usurped God’s standards for morality under the guise of it being in the public’s **good** interests? Is this such a time for Christian non-compliance? Just to ask these questions is to seemingly create unease and cause strong divergences of opinion.

Here is what one social commentator has written:- In March of 2020, in violation of the principles embedded in our constitutions, governments around the world convinced citizens to give their leaders and public institutions the authority to overrule individual rights in order to “flatten the curve.” That impulse went unchallenged under the false assumption that human rights violations could be justified as long as the benefits to the majority outweighed the costs to the minority. By accepting this excuse for overriding unconditional rights, we transformed ourselves into an authoritarian police state where “might makes right”. That is the moment when all the checks and balances in our scientific and democratic institutions stopped functioning. ( <sup>1</sup> )

Has he over-stated what’s been happening? Is he being sensational? Is he a conspiratorial nutter? Or does he have his finger on the pulse?

### MY OWN DILEMMA

Some months ago I was crying out to the Lord about how I should be acting in the Covid pandemic. I certainly accepted and respected those members of my family, my church, and my community who seemed to be very happy to get their “jab”.

They said they were taking it to protect the vulnerable, as well as themselves. They believed they were doing “the right thing” for the wider good. They even said they “felt relieved” once jabbed. Others, out of legitimate concerns, were not obeying the mandates and losing their jobs and the ability to pay their mortgages. It was all very personal and deeply distressing to me.

Like so many in my situation, I am definitely **not** anti-vax. Up until this point in history, I have willingly had all the recommended vaccines, even those necessary above the normal community recommendations so that I could perform my Paramedic duties.

But, I began to have serious misgivings about the so-called Covid “vaccines” being mandated under **Emergency State Orders**. Many highly qualified scientists and medical practitioners began expressing serious doubts about the efficacy and safety of this genetic altering mRNA technology. Unlike proven previous protein-based vaccines, these Covid

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<sup>1</sup> [Juliusrueschel.com](http://Juliusrueschel.com) A Brave new World Without Rights, February 9th, 2022.

‘vaccines’ were, and still are, in their experimental phases and the long-term effects unknown. To inflict an experimental drug on a mass scale seems immoral to me.

Increasingly worrying to me was the growing chorus of internationally reputable scientists (virologists, vaccine Researchers & Developers, pathologists, immunologists, etc.) raising serious concerns. Since those early days, hundreds of very troubling peer-reviewed studies raising serious alarm bells have been published.

Why weren't we then, why aren't we now, hearing an open discussion and informed debate? The public narrative has been, “[Follow the science!](#)” But why were these dissenting voices being censored and silenced for allegedly “spreading misinformation”? I began to feel something is not right here. ( <sup>2</sup> )

Even within my own immediate circle I began to see some horrific side-effects in those having received the “jab”. For me, this is not hearsay. It’s not anecdotal. Lately, the trickle of post-vaccine injuries has become a stream. In the public domain, it’s now a veritable flood. And we are not even 5 years down this experimental road yet. ( <sup>3</sup> )

One night, as I lifted my troubled heart and my voice to Father God in prayer, the answer came with clarity borne of the Spirit of God. I remembered how God told **Ezekiel** that he was to be a watchman on the city walls (**Ezekiel chapters 3 and 33**). God told him to warn the city of impending danger, and if he failed to do it, then the people in the city would still perish, but God would hold the prophet accountable — He would require their blood at His hands. Silence as far as God in heaven is concerned is a crime. We are **our brother’s keeper**. ( <sup>4</sup> )

So, I saw that I have a moral responsibility before the Almighty to raise my concerns, to speak up and to warn. Therefore, I can no longer just go along with the official narrative that this ‘vaccine’ is “[safe and effective](#)”. The evidence is in and, if trends continue, will continue to grow. The Covid mRNA vaccines are **not** safe and they are **not** as effective as we were at first told.

(I have posted at the end of this article a screenshot I took of our own Queensland Government’s official website, in which they admit “[a large number of adverse events being reported](#)” and how they are unable to routinely follow them all up. I am thankful I took the screen shot, because the Government very quickly removed it!)

Nor are they “[free](#)” as the authorities assure us — just observe the countless billions our governments have paid out to keep the economies afloat (our kids will be paying this bill

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<sup>2</sup> Voices such as [Dr Peter McCullough](#), [Dr Vernon Coleman](#), [Dr Michael Yeadon](#), [Dr Ryan Cole](#), [Dr Nikolas Petrovsky](#), [Dr Ryan Cole](#), [Dr Scott Atlas](#), [Dr Jay Battacharya](#), *et al.* Research studies in medical journals such as [Circulation](#) and [Lancet](#) for example, have published a growing number of peer-reviewed findings that are not easily dismissed. Another, [International Journal of Vaccine Theory, Practice and Research](#) asks the question: [Worse Than The Disease? Reviewing Some Possible Unintended Consequences of the mRNA Vaccines Against COVID-19](#).

<sup>3</sup> Search the official Government statistics in their own agencies for reporting post Covid-19 vaccine adverse events and you will be horrified at the tens of thousands of deaths and life-debilitating injuries directly linked to the “jab” around the world. ([VAERS](#) for the USA, [TGA](#) for Australia, and [GOV.UK](#) to name but three). One of our Australian Federal Senators, [Gerard Rennick](#), recently listed in the Senate 50 of the [TGA](#) reported deaths of young Aussie people as being directly attributable to post-vaccine injury! These official government statistics even admit that less than 1% of all vaccine-attributed injuries and deaths are being reported. The true numbers must be horrific. Any other vaccine with a train wreck like this would have been sent back to the lab long, long ago!

<sup>4</sup> I have since found out that some ministers signed a petition called [The Ezekiel Declaration: Watchmen It's Time to Speak](#)

off when they are my age), just look at the countless suicides from mental depression in young and old, and at the closed businesses and bankruptcies, etc. etc.

## CHRISTIAN OBEDIENCE TO THE STATE IS NOT SERVILE!

In liberal democracies we live under constitutional protections which guarantee the right to freedom of speech and personal protection from capricious State impositions. What a privilege so many in history or even in other lands this very day could only dream of!

So, if, in all good conscience before God, I choose to exercise these State-sanctioned “rights” to peacefully protest and speak out against “mandates” which I consider violate our God-given, inalienable, and individual sanctity, why would I be judged as being anti-government?

My government legislates conscientious objection! More importantly perhaps, my government guarantees the sanctity of my body and forbids any medical procedure which does not have my full, free and **“informed consent”**! So, since I am doing what my government permits, why am I judged as being a disobedient Christian and citizen?! Under no stretch of the imagination is a medical procedure against my will a free choice if I am going to lose my job for not taking the jab!

Our service to the civil authorities is not to be servile. The motive of our obedience is **for conscience’ sake** (Rom. 13: 5). We must **let the peace of Christ be the umpire in our hearts** (Col. 3: 15). We must in this instance allow Christians liberty of conscience.

## BACK TO THAT ANONYMOUS LETTER

That anonymous letter I mentioned (in part one) which reprimanded me for not wearing the mandated mask included this observation (the bold and capital emphases are original):-

**Shops:** No shoes, No shirt, No service.

**People:** OK! No problem

**Traffic Laws:** Wear a seatbelt in your car or get a ticket.

**People:** OK! No problem

**OSHA:** While working in certain places, you must wear safety goggles and safety gear.

**People:** OK! No problem

**Airlines:** You must be seated and wear a seatbelt, with your tray table up when taking off!

**People:** OK! No problem

**Grocery Stores:** Please wear a mask while you are shopping to help reduce the risk of infecting others with a potential deadly virus.

**People:** HOW DARE YOU TAKE AWAY MY PERSONAL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS!!

On the surface, this sounds convincing, right? In fact, I don’t know a single Christian who has objected to wearing shirts and shoes in a restaurant, wearing a seatbelt in a car or plane, or safety goggles and earmuffs at work. But are we comparing like with like when it comes to conscientious objection to mandated vaccinations, for instance?

Failure to comply with these common-sense stipulations listed in the anonymous letter does not come with the threat of losing one's job, destroying the economy, shutting down businesses and livelihoods, segregation (which amounts to medical apartheid), censoring information guaranteed under free speech and asking reasonable questions, stifling robust debate (a sign that our democracy is not healthy) and especially causing countless thousands to suffer personal harms post-vaccine, or even life-long injury — and in not a few cases, death!

We've been told throughout the **ESO'S** (emergency state orders) of this pandemic that the Governments and bureaucrats are acting with altruistic motives for our health and safety. That opinion piece from **Julius Reushel** at the beginning of this article is worth reading again:

In March of 2020, in violation of the principles embedded in our constitutions, governments around the world convinced citizens to give their leaders and public institutions the authority to overrule individual rights in order to "flatten the curve." That impulse went unchallenged under the false assumption that human rights violations could be justified as long as the benefits to the majority outweighed the costs to the minority. By accepting this excuse for overriding unconditional rights, we transformed ourselves into an authoritarian police state where "might makes right". That is the moment when all the checks and balances in our scientific and democratic institutions stopped functioning.

I am not denying this is not a minefield for us all, nor do I not question the good intentions of my fellow Christians who see things differently. We've got to be very careful not to bind the consciences of others who see things differently on this matter.

But I do object when others have tried to bind my conscience to theirs by telling me that I am not acting out of love for those who are vulnerable in my community or church when I don't take the "jab" or wear a mask when I am asymptomatic.

It is now beyond dispute that the science shows the vaccinated carry heavy viral loads of the Covid virus and spread it as easily as the unvaccinated. The vaccinated are landing up in the ICU's on ventilators as well as the unvaxxed. Let's just be honest, the Covid "vaccines" are not working as originally promised. Despite original assurances that the jabbed will not get sick — even the triple-dosed are!

I have no sooner written this last sentence than, this very morning, our national ABC news announced that Australians will be considered unvaccinated unless they are triple vaxxed when their booster date expires. Why am I thinking about that proverbial frog being slowly boiled in the pot? Hmmm.

The Creator gave you and me an extremely competent immune system. That immune system is normally well able to cope with a virus whose symptoms are usually no worse than a 'flu — at least for those without comorbidities or the elderly, and whose survival rate out in the community is in the vicinity of 99.73%! (The average age of Covid deaths in Australia is 84 years, with most of those having been in Aged Care facilities).

Why are we locking up healthy adults and stopping free travel and why have our kids been kept from school?

So, should we agree to the Covid “vaccine” mandates (and the travel passes) or is this a case where we have Scriptural permission, or even an obligation, to civil disobedience (even though I have just pointed out that non-compliance to a medical procedure under our liberal democracies is not civil disobedience)? Is this a hill worth dying on?

As far as I am concerned you have to do your own research, make up your own mind and follow your own light and God-given conscience. Your body belongs to you. Your body is the temple of God’s Spirit and you answer to God as to how you treat it. It’s quite a challenge given all the “misinformation” circling around our heads, is it not?

However, the Bible is quite clear that the State has no authority to usurp the individual sovereignty our Creator God has invested in every one of us from birth. Even the [United Nations Charter of Human Rights](#) agrees there are some freedoms which are [universal, inherent and inalienable](#). These include the right to [life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness](#). And, [no one is born with a natural right to rule over others without their consent, and the governments are to apply the law equally to everyone](#).

To my mind, our governments have let us down on this score. What’s more, there are very worrying indications that many States are by-passing parental God-given authority over our children and thus short-circuiting the authority God has established in the family relationships. This is a criminal trampling of God’s authority-structures in the family.

Yes, [Romans 13: 1-7](#) teaches that God has set up the civil governments to operate in their sphere to ensure [peace](#) and [punishment](#) for the [good](#) of all. But Genesis also teaches that God has sanctioned the rights of the individual and the family long before there was ever any need for civil government. So the State has no business usurping the authority God has invested in the sphere of husband and wife, parents and children and in the individual made in God’s image.

It’s times like this when Christians are meant to shine before the world. The world is living in dread and fear. The very air waves are full of toxic fear-mongering. It’s now almost a sport to demonize anyone who dares to use their God-given brain and think a little differently to the herd. This is no time to hide our little lights. This is the time for the believer to put on the whole armour of God and to stand as a beacon in this evil day.

[For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith \(1 John 5: 4\).](#)

To be honest, my non-mask wearing has never created a moment of angst for me, even when I know I am in the presence of those who have Covid. There are at least two reasons for this. First, the science. Masks don’t stop the spread of the virus — even the top-rated N95 surgical-grade masks. True, they do reduce the risk. ( <sup>5</sup> )

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<sup>5</sup> N95 masks only reliably catch particles down to 0.3 microns in size. Regular breathing from [symptomatic](#) people produces aerosols of 0.2 to 0.5 microns. N95 masks and HEPA filters only reliably stop particles down to 0.3 microns in size. The Covid virus is around 0.12 microns in diameter, so a 0.12 micron virus inside a 0.2 micron aerosol passes right

Second, I hold dearly to the promise which God witnessed powerfully to my soul during a time of prayer one night; **No evil shall befall you. The plague shall not come near your dwelling.** As long as I continue to **live in the shelter of the Most High and remain in the shadow of the Almighty** He has assured me that He **will deliver me from the deadly pestilence** and that I **will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday** (Ps. 91 and especially **verse 10**).

It's up to you to sort out your conscience and walk before the Most High God! You need to seek Him with your whole heart for your own life and circumstances. Whatever position you come to, I pray you enjoy the wisdom, guidance and peace of God in these troubling days. And I promise I will respect your decision.

But in the meantime, my heavenly Father has put me as a watchman on the city wall.

**JUST A REMINDER ... LEGALITY IS NOT A GUIDE TO MORALITY!**



**AND AS PROMISED ... THE SCREEN SHOT OF THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S ADMISSION THAT THEIR REPORTING SYSTEM FOR POST-VACCINE INJURIES HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED ...** (The Queensland Government is the State Government where I live).

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through all these masks. Bottom line:- Scientific data shows that mask-wearing for most is a placebo. At best it acts as a "splash shield". Source: *Autopsy of a Pandemic: the Lies, the Gamble, and the Covid-Zero Con* by Julius Ruechel, 2021, p95



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