

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Dear Education and Culture Affairs Committee Member,

I am writing in support of LD 51 on this beautiful Sunday of the resurrection of the Christ, the day my faith considers to be the most important day of the year. If that sentence turned you off, or struck you in some way that would make you less likely to listen to me, because it is not based in science, I would simply ask if you can know what is happening within another soul? If you can experience for me, how I experience the spiritual world.

In modern times, churches, state institutions, health practitioners, and educators must not assume the role of authoritarian law makers to force individual souls into compliance that could harm, and non-compliance which could harm even more.

The removal Religious and Philosophical exemptions from vaccination for school age children with immediate implementation put many good, people with good reasons in the position of either harming their child, or harming their child.

It is difficult to understand how an intuition leading to an informed non-consent of a vaccination for a particular child or family comes about. Sometimes, it is because one child got a vaccine injury. Sometimes, it is because it just seems that experiencing an illness would build the immune system in better ways than a vaccine.

I have seen good families forced into the social alienation of home schooling when they had done no to harm anyone. There are promoters of immunization who believe that without forced immunization of EVERYONE certain diseases will make a comeback. Yet, we have had the religious and philosophical exemption in Maine since vaccines became mandatory.

Why was this? Did former legislators add this just because they felt generous. My belief is that they provided this exemption because the founding fathers wrote freedom of religion into the Constitution. We have a fundamental right to follow God. It is a little known fact that those who came to North America did not just come to practice freedom of religion. No. They had to come, because while they were allowed to practice their religion, it cost them jobs, forced them into poverty and social isolation.

Why would we do this to our children, our own children, who had been going to school for many years with a religious or philosophical exemption, and then we forced them out of school, forced their families into economic hardship of homeschooling, forced them into social isolation, all within the idea of being good, and vilifying them and their families as people who wanted to make others sick.

Vaccination does not stop the spread. Indeed, I have read where a school age vaccinated child unknowingly brings whooping cough home to a not yet vaccinated younger brother or a grandparent. There were protocols in place for the unvaccinated child with whooping cough.

These worked, I witnessed it in a family in my home town. He was more the canary in the coal mine, than the one who was spreading it unknowingly.

Our children and their parents, our intuitively aware, dare I call it, spiritually aware parent and families do not want to harm their children or others. They do not take health lightly, nor do they wish to impose their view on others. Yet, scientism, in the name of science, is more than willing to harm children who for some reason, get themselves born into families, where they believe in God, and they believe in their ability to listen to spiritual, intuitive, impulses, coupled with scientific investigation and understanding of immunity to make decisions over themselves and their children.

I know it is hard for Scientistic-religiosity to think it has anything to learn from those who believe in a spiritual world, protective beings, angels, ancestors, Christ, Mary, God, etc. but, I do believe that if they put as much time into studying the ways of the spirit as they did to narrowly investigated science, that they would indeed see that every human being has the right to bodily sovereignty, and that parents have a duty to protect this in their children.

The thing is that science thinks we act out of ignorance. We believe that they are acting out of a narrow field of vision. By excluding children from school for a bodily sovereignty choice because of a theoretical threat to life of other children is implementing a superstitious science, one based in ultimate fear.

The job of the legislator is to protect the few from the opinion of the many, especially in areas of constitutional rights. It is my assertion that we have an individual right to refuse any medical treatment, and if we have something that could hurt another, we would simply isolate when there is active cases in the community. With Zoom options staying safe in “whooping cough” or measles outbreaks should be easier than ever.

Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical exemption for school access. Our parents are tax-payers, and their children have a right to attend school on a regular basis and develop into strong, healthy tax paying adults.

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