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Statement on Immunisation

This letter is to confirm the position of The Church of God in Wales - USA, in regard to immunisation.

Though there is nothing within scripture that deals specifically with immunisation, there are several quite clear principles found within the texts that indicate "The Way" (Acts 19:23) that God expects His people to walk.

The immune system was created by God. (Ps 139:14) Though immunisation uses the immune system, immunisation as carried out by today's medical profession is not a natural process. Immunisation works by using substances that may be potentially damaging to the body - to force the body to react to the potential harm by producing antibodies. In a percentage of cases children are actually damaged as a direct consequence of this action. Long-term side-effects are also still unproven.

On the other hand, the responsibility given to us by God, is to ensure the bodies of both ourselves and our children are kept clean, well-fed, and in a tranquil and loving environment. (Deut 23:14, Luke 11:11, Eph 6:4) Doing this leads to natural immunity and health. (Prov 4:20-22) To deliberately inject, or introduce, potentially damaging substances into our bodies, is clearly not part of "The Way" God originally designed mankind to walk.

The Church therefore cannot, and will not, endorse immunisation.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Bowles', written over a horizontal line.

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