

Mask Mandate: A Call to Reason in Bismarck

Greetings Honorable Representatives,

My name is Jasahd Stewart, a follower of Christ, and it is a pleasure to speak before you today regarding public policy matters around the mask mandates. My motivation for being here is not merely for personal gain, but rather out of my love for God and love for neighbor. As an ambassador of the King of kings, I am here to bring to your attention the importance of your duties in upholding justice, seeking righteous counsel, and to learn from historical events. Some of you may be thinking “oh please, one of these conservative, Christian radicals. This is why we have separation of Church and State.” With all due respect, that phrase never meant to leave God and His statutes out of the sphere of government. The principle is that the Church has no right to wield the sword of justice entrusted to the State, and the State has no right wielding the keys of the Church in dictating church discipline, doctrines, and worship. It never meant leaving God completely out of government. If that were the case, the State could wield the sword like a raging brute, and there would be no higher law to keep them accountable for abusing their citizens. With that being said, the masks are not a political issue of democrat vs republican, but rather an issue of justice in light of objective truth. I desire for you

- **Poor oxygen levels.** OSEA warns that oxygen below a 19% in the atmosphere is considered dangerous. I can speak on this with some authority because I was taught this in safety training when I worked in the Oil Field. If one gets an oxygen monitor and sticks the straw up their mask, it will read about a 16%. **Rebuttal-** “oxygen levels in my blood seem to be fine while wearing a mask.” **Counter Rebuttal-** That is because your body is working less hard or you are having to breathing in more oxygen to maintain adequate levels.

- **Bacteria build up.** Next time you drive down a main road, observe the masks dangling in cars; hundreds are filthy and infested with germs.
Rebuttal- “Yeah, but the masks at least catch water droplets.” **Counter Rebuttal-** True, “some” droplets are collected, however cup your hands around your face while wearing a mask and you will feel built up humidity. It is like trying to argue the efficacy of Chain-link fences for keeping mosquitoes out. Sure, a few might bounce back from the chain-links, however garbage will build up along the fence. Likewise, COVID-19 pathogens easily fit through the fibers of masks people are told to wear (N95’s only filter incoming air, not out), while some water droplets stick to

the fibers creating a moist environment for binary fission of all sorts of germs.

- **Conclusion Premise 1.** I believe masks contribute to the spike of illnesses this year. Healthcare workers have a priestly role in society by offering their ^{past} skills to cure this sick and to provide remedies for the injured, however man is fallible, and we should test everything we are told by them. I am convinced the reason we do not hear of many doctors speaking against the masks is because of pressure above, risk losing their jobs, or suppression of the media by those who do.

Premise 2 “The mask mandates are an assault upon my obedience to God rather than man.” (Acts 5:29) ^{who I must obey 1st rather than}

Of the Law of God:

- **Wisdom from His word.** I encourage everyone who is listening to read **Leviticus 13-14** on communicable diseases. God knew how scared people get when it comes to disease (*I think it is pretty clear with how America is reacting to COVID-19*), yet nowhere does He command that the entire population be quarantined or masked during outbreaks. **Rebuttal-** But what about those who are asymptomatic? **Counter Rebuttal-** We take extra

measures in society like having soap in public bathrooms, hand sanitizer, and access to fresh water to maintain personal hygiene. Those are the societal norms to combat germs possibly spread by asymptomatic people. Not masks.

- **Bearing false witness.** This is my strongest spiritual conviction, for the 9th (Exo. 20:16) commandment comes to bear here. One of integrity should not participate in spreading false report amongst their neighbors. To do so is an abomination (Proverbs 6:16-19). Even in Exodus 23:1 we are commanded, “You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with wicked men to be a malicious witness.” Due to my love for God and love for neighbor, I cannot aid and abet the false narratives that the masks feed into, regardless of whether the governor, “experts”, or businesses tell me to do otherwise.

Final Conclusion- William Pitt once said “Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.” One thing I have learned in studying rulers from throughout the ages, is that tyrants typically like to use a “crisis” as a trojan for their political machinations. We see this with Pharaoh in regards to the Israelites. Thousands

excellencies to be known as magistrates with legacies of pursuing righteousness and not tyranny.

I now present my thesis regarding the issue of masks as, "Mask mandates are detrimental to the physical and spiritual health of people in society, therefore the Magistrate must withdraw the sword in mandating such against the people."

or supporting places that do enforce it

Premise 1: The efficacy of masks has not been proven to be a valid response, and

2: It is an assault upon my obedience to God rather than man.

Before unpacking my premises, let us set the table by laying down some foundations for a Government's role in society: *the Elephant in the room.*

- 1) Romans 13:1-6 - Bless those who do good, ^{"or beat them"} punish those who do evil. To serve as God's ministers w/ the sword.
- Gov Needs to get involved if ~~others~~ ^{Higher} ~~Lower~~ Magistrates are dangerous
- 2) Interposition when Government goes rogue - *Lower Magistrates should refuse to obey unjust orders...*
- 3) People are to pray and support good magistrates 1 Tim 2:1-2
- 4) Event 201: Oct 2019, World Economic forum, B&M Gates Foundation,
control media, a coronavirus pandemic simulation. Then Nov. 2019 wuhan outbreak...

Premise 1 "The efficacy of the masks are not proven to be a valid response to C-19"

Of the Efficacy:

I submit that the masks are contributing to the illness of many Americans for several reasons:

became enslaved and slaughtered due Pharaoh's false propaganda against them. Egyptians bought the lies. Look at the great fires in Rome during the 1st Century. Nero blamed the Christians, even though he caused it in order that his projects to rebuild Rome would take flight. Hitler towards the Jews. There were many accommodations before the box cars came in "out of necessity" for the Nazi Regime. We were first told to "Quarantine", now the "Masks", next "Vaccines", until finally we are living in a 1984 reality (the book).

^{w/Amendments as suggested by Jeff H.}
^{↓ because it would}
I support this HB (1204) ~~which~~ curbs such infringements upon human freedoms, and striking ^eing a fatal blow to one of the heads of this political machination Hydra. I pray ^{Behind C-19, the events that have followed}
God will grant your hearts ^{the ability to} ~~to~~ see the virtue and honor in supporting this bill. Even if certain men despise you for supporting a righteous bill as such, know what matters most in life is to please our Creator with the decisions you make with the powers He has ultimately granted to you. ^{lest we be on His wrath.} Thank you for your time.

May Light Prevail,

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