

EXCERPT

**The
Vaccine Religion**

**Mass Mind & The Struggle
For
Human Freedom**

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CHAPTER 1

TYRANNY OF THE ABSURD

There is no wall like an idea.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

...I find that most people want to feel free even more than they want to feel healthy. —Dean Ornish, M.D., *Natural Health*, Nov./Dec. 1992

“I can’t get my fourteen month old daughter into daycare without vaccinations. I’m a single parent and I have to have a job.”

“The Montessori school won’t accept the state’s religious exemption for my child because it’s a private school.”

“My co-op daycare won’t accept my child without vaccinations. They also want my child to get a tuberculosis tine test.”

“I can’t get my child in school without shots.”

“The camp won’t accept my child without shots.”

“I’m in the military and have so far gotten a religious exemption from vaccines, but they are demanding I get the anthrax vaccine.”

“My husband was in the military and refused the anthrax vaccine. They told him he had to have it. He was so sick afterwards.”

“I’m in the military and am being threatened with non-compliance with vaccination requirements.”

“My ex-husband is suing for custody of our son because he isn’t vaccinated. We go to court next month. When I talked to the judge, she said that the courts usually rule in favor of the opinion that most people hold.”

“My ex-husband is determined to vaccinate our two and a half year old son. On my son’s last visit, he took him to the health department and had him vaccinated. Shortly afterwards, my son’s behavior became erratic and he started showing unusual symptoms. I didn’t know what it was because I didn’t know he’d been vaccinated.”

“I’m home schooling my children and haven’t vaccinated them. I’m afraid of my neighbors because they are so shocked that I didn’t vaccinate my children. I had a friend who didn’t vaccinate her children. When the neighbors found out they shunned her and refused to let their children play with her children. The situation got so bad they had to sell their home and relocate.”

Parents, children and the military aren’t the only ones affected by coercive vaccination policies. Other adults are also affected.

“I can’t get a job in a restaurant without taking the hepatitis B vaccine.”

“I couldn’t get the job teaching in the daycare center because I refused to be vaccinated.”
(This person was exceptionally well qualified.)

A college student in Pennsylvania: “They’re threatening me with expulsion and canceling my credits if I don’t take the MMR vaccine.” A college student in Oregon: “I got a notice from the university that I couldn’t register for the next semester because I wasn’t up-to-date with my shots.”

Perhaps the most poignant call I’ve received was from a woman whose four month old baby was screaming in the background. The child had received, against the mother’s wishes, the DPT shot at two months. The baby had also received at birth—again, against the mother’s wishes—the hepatitis B shot. The family was from Greece and unfamiliar with the medical-pharmaceutical hegemony in this country. When the baby was two months old, the grandmother had taken her to a pediatrician for her two month check-up. She handed the note the mother had written to the receptionist telling the pediatrician not to vaccinate the baby. Result: the doctor took the baby and jabbed her really hard in the thigh. At four months, the baby would arch her back and scream, putting her hand on her thigh at the vaccination site.

I recommended taking the baby to a homeopath who specializes in vaccine injuries. I also suggested putting a warm poultice of ground flaxseed meal on the vaccination site. When the baby is a little older you might ask the homeopath if it would be all right to give her some chlorella, which draws out heavy metals and other toxins from the body. I also gave her the phone number and website¹ of my daughter, Ingri Cassel, who is now director of *Vaccination Liberation: Citizens for the Repeal of the Compulsory Vaccination Laws*, an organization I founded and directed in 1996.

As the author of *Immunization: The Reality Behind the Myth* (1988, 1995), I've heard dozens of stories such as the ones I described. These people had investigated the vaccine issue and had decided upon abstention. Their conviction was deeply felt but they were being denied their right to abstain. Or so it seemed.

This is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Children, sometimes kicking and screaming, have been taken from their parents and forcibly vaccinated.² When a policewoman, a detective and a social worker showed up at one mother's doorstep with a court order to have her three year old son vaccinated, the mother protested that her constitutional rights were being violated. The social worker accompanying the police told her, "You don't have any rights." The child was taken to a hospital and, against his mother's protests, was held down on a table and vaccinated. Afterwards, the mother said her son was hyperactive, couldn't sleep at night and acted "like a different child." Within a week he had a fever and was ill.³

The issue here is compulsory vaccinations. The coercive aspect of vaccinations pushes it beyond the pros and cons of vaccination itself and, in my opinion, makes it the number one health issue—certainly one of the most important freedom issues of our time.

But there's a price for not investigating, not *knowing about* vaccinations. If you allow your infant to be vaccinated and the baby dies as a result, you could be accused of infanticide and end up in prison. (See Chapter 6) Did you know that children have been "kidnapped" by the state and placed in foster care for the parents' "crime" of non-vaccination? Sometimes other "irregularities" are involved as well, e.g., home schooling, vegetarianism and prolonged breast-feeding. (See Chapter 8) These and other stories are discussed in various places throughout this book.

Did you know that judges can practice medicine without a license? One distraught mother told me that her ex-husband had gone along with her no-vaccination policy except for the polio vaccine. When she refused to comply he took her to court and the judge ordered their 18 month old son to be vaccinated with all required vaccines within a week!

Coercion, particularly in something as personal as dominion over one's own body-mind and responsibility for the health of one's child cuts to the very core of freedom and issues of privacy, safety, and respect. Respect? Freedom? We are now moving beyond the parameters of scientific materialism into the realm of the intangible and the invisible where mind and spirit reside.

Mass acceptance of mass vaccinations is the product of mass-mindedness, the latter being a greater threat to our birthright as free, sovereign and whole human beings than any other danger facing our society. Tyrannies depend upon creating mass-mindedness. The recipe is not difficult to decipher. It has four ingredients:

The Recipe

1. Ideational Underexposure. People must be persistently and consistently exposed to only one point of view, one way of thinking about a subject. Other ways of thinking—or interpreting data—must be ignored or denigrated. Thus, the art of questioning, which is central to the development of the critical faculty, is stunted. Why? Because the critical—or discriminating—faculty is an aspect of the intellect and the intellect learns by comparison.

Have you ever wondered why discussions in the mainstream media about our current healthcare crisis are nearly always framed in medical terms as though there were nothing beyond the current medical-pharmaceutical model? Have you ever heard or read in the mainstream media a thoughtful, informed, exploration of the vaccine paradigm itself with discussants representing non-medical as well as medical points of view? This does not mean a discussion of this or that vaccine, but of vaccinations themselves as preventive medicine.

The Gary Null Show would occasionally interview someone who presented the non-standard point of view on this subject. In our area of the country, however, the show has been pulled off the air. Formerly it aired at the non-prime time of 6:00 to 8:00 Sunday mornings and varying times in between, e.g., 6 to 6:30, 6 to 7:00, and 6 to 7:30 A.M. Very few of Gary Null's interviews with authors of well-researched books presenting the downside of vaccinations were aired. When I asked a former secretary of Gary Null's why this was so, she replied that "stations don't like to broadcast these programs on vaccines."

2. Fear and guilt. People must be programmed to believe in some threatening external agent from which they can be saved only by the intervention of a product, person, or collective movement. In the case of vaccinations, transform non-transmissible diseases into transmissible ones. (See Chapters 5 and 6) Transform relatively benign—for a healthy child—self-limiting diseases of childhood such as mumps, measles, rubella and even whooping cough, into something "dread," "devastating," or "dangerous," which places a child "at risk." Make parents feel guilty for placing their child at risk. Accuse parents of medical or even child neglect for

failing to vaccinate their child. Get legislation passed that will enforce this policy. If this succeeds, up the ante and accuse parents of child *abuse* for not vaccinating their children.

Transform a private issue into a public health problem. Claim that the old “scary” diseases of yesteryear like smallpox and diphtheria were “conquered” by vaccinations and that enough unvaccinated persons could leave the community open to the old plagues and diseases that nearly decimated earlier populations. Point the finger at the unvaccinated for not doing their civic duty and exposing the community to danger

Call vaccinations “immunizations” and unvaccinated persons “unimmunized,” thus implying that natural immunity is non-existent and that only vaccinations produce immunity.

3. Bandwagons. People love to belong, to march together for some “righteous” cause. Give awards to those who are most compliant—good soldiers. Frequently it is necessary to become creative with statistics and events. (See Chapters 4 through 9) Exclude skeptics and non-conformists from policy making processes and public forums. [In the 1983 congressional hearings on vaccinations—S.2117—Congress refused to let scientists opposed to vaccinations testify before the committee. Ten years later in 1993, the show was repeated (S732 and HR940)]⁴

4. Tapes: **Tape 1:** *Trust Vaccines:* “The benefits outweigh the risks.” This means that the natural disease is more risky than the vaccine and is to be recited when a potential consumer is hesitant. **Tape 2:** *Creative Statistics:* “Vaccine side effects are extremely rare, while the side effects of these diseases can be ‘devastating.’” This is to be recited when challenged by vaccine doubters and may need to be supported by some creative statistics. **Tape 3:** *Denial:* “It would have happened anyway.” This is to be recited when a distraught parent claims her child was neurologically damaged by a vaccine. **Tape 4:** *Good Soldier:* “When your daughter [or son] died she [or he] saved the lives of 10,000 babies.”⁵ This is to be recited when an inconsolable parent claims a vaccine killed her baby.

Thus programmed, people can believe in absurdities. With respect to compulsory vaccinations, some of these absurdities are:

The medicine I take to protect me won’t work unless everyone else takes the same medicine.

Those who refuse the medicine, i.e., vaccinations, are endangering others, including the vaccinated.

We’re all Tweedledums and Tweedledees, so one size fits all.

The fox is the expert who should be in charge of the hen house.

A part is greater than the whole.

Staying in a tunnel gives you the big picture.

There is only one way of thinking about a problem and only one way of solving it.

Ideas and events are context free.

The body is a machine having little or no connection with mind and spirit.

We will explore these absurdities along with others and how most people can be persuaded (read *programmed*) to believe them. We will also look at what drives the vaccine machine. To me, these are the most crucial and, yes, frightening, aspects of the whole vaccination issue because this is what makes it possible for the compulsory vaccination laws to exist and persist in the face of overwhelming evidence of both the harmfulness and ineffectiveness of vaccination. It also allows people who choose non-participation in the vaccination rite to be pressured, discriminated against, persecuted and even prosecuted for non-conformity. But as we mentioned earlier, those who do conform can be prosecuted as well.

Now let's hear what Mass Mind has to say.