

## Official Position Against Vaccinations and Religious Exemption Affidavit

AKYISAN (eh'-chee sah'-een) is a descriptive of the ritual culture of Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestral Religion in North America. When Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans-Black People) were forced into North America during the enslavement era we continued to engage in our Ancestral Religious expressions. All Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestral Religious practices have the same fundamental cosmological foundation. We align our thoughts intentions and actions with the Great Mother and the Great Father Supreme Being, through the agency of the Deities (Divine Spirit-Forces animating Creation – Children of the Supreme Being) and our Spiritually Cultivated class of spiri-genetic Ancestresses and Ancestors.

Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestral Religion is thus defined in essence as:

## The ritual incorporation of Divine Law and the ritual restoration of Divine Balance

Through ritual we **incorporate** those things, objects, deeds and entities we need to incorporate in order to align our thoughts intentions and actions with Divine Order and through ritual we **reject** those things, objects, deeds and entities we need to reject in order to restore balance to our thoughts, intentions and actions and thus realign ourselves with Divine Order. Ancestral Religion <u>animates</u> Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestral Culture which is properly defined as:

## The Divine Acceptance (Law/Love) of Divine Order and the Divine Rejection (Hate) of disorder

While this fundamental cosmological structure is consistent throughout Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African-Black) communities wherever we exist in the world, our expressions of this structure are unique. Hence, we have different languages, different ritual forms of dance, ritual forms of prayer, ritual forms of song, ritual forms of chant, ritual food preparation, ritual medicine preparation, ritual observances, ritual clothing, ritual architecture, ritual shrines, ritual art, etc.

Members of the various Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) ethnic groups who were forced into North America during the enslavement era continued our unique expressions of Ancestral Religion intact for over 300 years, thereby perpetuating our same Ancestral Religious expressions practiced in **Afuraka/Afuraitkait** (Africa) for tens of thousands of years.

The various ethnic groups continued our ritual practices under names within our varied languages. Thus **Hoodoo**, from the **Akan** term **Ndu** (oohn-dooh'), is Akan Ancestral Religion in North America. **Juju**, from the **Yoruba** term '**Juju**' (jooh'-jooh), is **Yoruba** Ancestral Religion in North

America. Voodoo, from the Ewe term 'Vodou' (voh-dooh'), is Ewe Ancestral Religion in North America. Wanga, from the Ovambo term 'Wanga' (wahn'-gah), is Ovambo Ancestral Religion in North America. Gris Gris, from the Mende term 'Gree-Gree', is Mende Ancestral Religion in North America. Ngengang, from the Fang term 'Ngengang' (in-gang'-gang), is Fang Ancestral Religion in North America. There are many other examples of the varied ethnic groups naming their specific Ancestral Religious expression in North America by a term in their Ancestral language to preserve the ethnic group identity of the tradition over 300 years.

In our various related traditions what is known as **Conjure** and **Rootwork** is central to our religious practice. The **expansive** and **contractive** poles of Ancestral Religion as stated above are the *ritual incorporation* [expansive] of Divine Law and the *ritual restoration* [contractive] of Divine Balance.

It is the contractive pole of Ancestral Religion – the restoration of Divine Balance – wherein conjure and rootwork for the purpose of healing is manifest.

Through conjure and rootwork we **ritually provoke** the energy of the spirits of **plant life**, **mineral life**, **animal life** and **human life** to restore balance – *to heal ourselves* – from all illnesses be they physical or spiritual (inclusive of emotional, mental, psychological imbalance). This ritual approach is rooted in employing the four elements of **fire**, **water**, **earth** and **air** which are governed by Male and Female **Deities**, **Divine Spirit-Forces of Creation** who animate the Sun, Moon, Stars, Planets, Black Substance of Space, Oceans, Rivers, Earth, Atmosphere, Mountains and more.

These Deities are called **Hoodoo Spirits**, **Juju Spirits**, **Voodoo Spirits**, **Wanga Spirits** and more in our varied cultures. We are directed by the Great Mother and Great Father, who comprise the Supreme Being, to align with <u>their children</u> – the Deities – via **spirit-possession** and **spirit-communication** to extract from plant life, animal life, mineral life and human life the necessary elements and energy to restore balance – heal ourselves. This extraction is further guided by our Spiritually Cultivated **Ancestresses** and **Ancestors** through **spirit-possession** and **spirit-communication** to fit our specific spiri-genetic blood circles. **This is a Divine Mandate**.

Producing herbal and mineral medicines to address all illness through the ritual methodology of Conjure and Rootwork is a critical component of our Ancestral Religious practice, as it is our duty to obey the directives of the Great Mother and Great Father Supreme Being.

Vaccinations produced and distributed by those who have enslaved our people and continuously discriminate against our people is not in alignment with nor expressive of the Divine Authority that we adhere to.

The Ancestral Religious expressions in North America, **African-American Ancestral Religion**, under the umbrella of **AKYISAN** inclusive of **Hoodoo**, **Juju**, **Voodoo**, **Wanga**, **Ngengang**, **Gris Gris**,

Gola, Kisi (Gullah, Geechee), Nganga (Bakongo), Kamiti (Kemetic - Ancestral/Ancient Egyptian) and all others adhere to the same Divine Mandate. We who embody these religious expressions govern every aspect of our lives in accordance with these principles. Our Ancestral Religion animates our Ancestral Culture.

Our objection to vaccinations of our children and adult population not only fall under the protection of **religious exemptions** to vaccinations as put forward in federal and state law but also under our **natural** Goddess-God given right to reject anyone seeking to inject our bodies with substances that they have deemed necessary for us irrespective of our aversion to them.

We will not allow anyone to inject chemicals into the bodies of our children or adult population against our will.

• • • •

See our **AKYISAN – Ancestral Religious Reversion Conference** page for our free e-books:

AKYISAN – Ancestral Religious Reversion Conference www.odwirafo.com/Akyisan.html

See our ADEBISA page for our documentary film on Hoodoo, Voodoo, Juju, Wanga, Ngengang:

AMARUKAFO ADEBISA: African-American Ancestral Divination — Documentary Film www.vimeo.com/ondemand/adebisa

See our webpage for our free e-book downloads and online courses on **HOODOO**:

HOODOO – Akan Ancestral Religion in North America www.odwirafo.com/Hoodoo.html



Odwirafo Kwesi Ra Nehem Ptah Akhan Aakhuamuman Amaruka Atifi Mu Akwamu Nation in North America Hoodoo Gyaasedan Odwiraman www.odwirafo.com

©Copyright, Odwirafo Kwesi Ra Nehem Ptah Akhan, 13021 (2020). Odwirafo Kwesi Ra Nehem Ptah Akhan is an Odumafo, Traditional Diviner within the Hoodoo Religion. Odwirafo is also the author of 31 books, Producer of the documentary film AMARUKAFO ADEBISA: African-American Ancestral Divination, Founder of AKONGUASUA – Institution and Founder of HOODOO GYAASEDAN: Hearth-Shrine of Akan Ancestral Religion in North America.

## **RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION – COVID VACCINATION**

I am claiming the religious exemption t
the Covid vaccination as provided by <b>Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964</b> :
SEC. 2000e-2. [Section 703]
(a) Employer practices
It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer -
(1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against an individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; or
(2) to limit, segregate, or classify his employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, see or national origin.
I affirm that vaccinations of any kind are contrary to my sincerely held religious beliefs.
Signed:
Date: