FOREWORDS FOR MEDICAL FREEDOM

AND

KEYNOTES OF AMERICAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

IN MEDICAL MATTERS

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HORRORS OF VACCINATION

Keynote No. 1:

INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

All men are endowed by their Creator or Nature with certain unalienable rights, among which are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

*Declaration of Independence, 1776, more properly called Declaration of Rights.*

Keynote No. 2:

RESERVED RIGHTS AND POWERS RETAINED AND POSSESSED BY THE PEOPLE.

"The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

*U S. Constitution. Articles IX and X, 1789.*

Keynote No. 3:

SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Under our Basic Charters, just quoted, the sovereign right and power rests in the People, and the Government has no rights or powers, whatever, except as conferred by the People.

QUESTION:

Where have our State or National Governments obtained the right to force any medical remedy or operation upon citizens against their will and consent? Where have these governments obtained the right or power to force an infectious and deadly disease upon the human body in defiance of the will and the right of the citizen?

Have the people ever given up their most sacred essential and unalienable right to the sanctity and security of their own bodies and to their free choice and right of selection in the medical treatment of their bodies? This is surely one of the great "unalienable," "reserved" and "retained" rights which the people have never given up to any government, and which the Legislature or police power has no right to invade. C. M. H.

Keynote No. 4:

PREËMINENT RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL DECLARED BY U. S. SUPREME COURT.

"There is, of course, a sphere within which the individual may assert the supremacy of his own will, and rightfully dispute the authority of any human government, especially of any free government existing under a written constitution, to interfere with the exercise of that will."

*U. S. Supreme Court in Vaccination case of Jacobson, 1904.*

Note: This decision also held that vaccination could not be legally forced upon any persons who could show that it was dangerous to their health or life.

Keynote No. 5:

COMPULSORY VACCINATION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

"It may be conceded that the Legislature has no constitutional right to compel any person to submit to vaccination."

*Judge Woodward, of New York Appellate Court, in Viemeister case in 1903.*

"If the Commissioner of Health had the power to imprison an individual for refusing to submit to vaccination, I see no reason why he should not also imprison one for refusing to swallow a dose. But the Legislature has conferred no such power upon him, if, indeed, it has the power to do the like."

*Judge Gaynor in Supreme Court, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1894, case of Smith vs. Emery.*

This decision was fully sustained by the Court of Appeals.

Keynote No. 6:

MEDICAL COMPULSION AND DOMINATION JUDICIALLY REBUKED AND MEDICAL FREEDOM ASSERTED BY NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS.

"I concur in Judge Chase's construction of the statute. But I would go farther. I deny the power of the Legislature to make it a crime to treat disease by prayer."

*Decision of Chief Justice Willard Bartlett, of blew York Court of Appeals, in "Christian Science" case of Willis Vernon Cole, 1917.*

Keynote No. 7:

GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO FORCE A MEDICAL DISEASE OR OPERATION UPON THE PEOPLE.

From these decisions it would seem to be obvious that it cannot be made a crime to refuse a medical operation to which the patient does not consent or approve, and which is dangerous to health or life, and that this is the "sphere," as stated by the U. S. Supreme Court, "within which the individual may assert the supremacy of his own will and rightfully dispute the authority of any human government to interfere with the exercise of that will." And, furthermore, this "sphere," surely means the "Unalienable rights" of the people asserted in the Declaration and the "reserved" rights and powers retained by the people as expressed in Articles IX and X of the Constitution. C.M.H.

Keynote No. 8:

THE JEFFERSONIAN OATH OF RATIONAL AMERICAN LIBERTY.

"I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

*Thomas Jefferson, Author of Declaration of Independence, to Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration.*

Keynote No. 9:

MEDICAL FREEDOM IS AN INALIENABLE AMERICAN RIGHT

The right of the individual to select any preferred system of medical treatment, whether with or without prayer and faith, with or without drugs and medicines, or with or without vaccines or serums, and the right to accept or refuse any medical remedy or operation, is surely a clear inherent and reserved right, under our basic American Charters of Rights and Liberties, and cannot be legally or morally denied, but must be respected, defended and enforced by all Governments. Indeed, our first and Basic Charter—The Declaration of Rights—clearly and emphatically asserts that the essential purpose of Government is to secure these inalienable rights of the individual. Jefferson taught that Liberty, in all essential needs, is not a "privilege" granted by Government, but an inherent right possessed by all men, and naturally or divinely conferred upon them; hence the chief function of all Governments is to secure and enforce these human rights, not to invade or violate them to satisfy medical dogmas or other oppressive, dangerous, and illegal theories.

C. M. H.

Keynote No. 10:

CONCLUSION: ABOLISH FORCED VACCINATION.

All Compulsory Vaccination should be abolished as being illegal and unconstitutional and more dangerous to public health and human life than natural disease, and therefore a medical outrage and crime upon the people.

The Declaration of Rights distinctly asserts that: "Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

The "ends" here referred to are the natural "unalienable" and "reserved" rights of the people, which are grossly violated by Compulsory Vaccination, and it is therefore the moral, legal and constitutional right of the people to demand the abolishment of this medical evil of compulsory disease which obviously violates their most sacred and essential personal rights, viz.: Sanctity of Body, Medical Liberty and Choice, Health and Life.

TEXT OF PROPOSED LAW TO ABOLISH

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

"No form of vaccination or inoculation shall be compulsory on any person or be made a condition for the exercise of any right, privilege, or duty, of any person."