

Table 1
Sampling of quotes or notes by religious leaders promoting COVID-19 vaccination.

Judaism	Three of the most senior rabbis in ultra-Orthodox Judaism – Chaim Kanievsky, Gershon Edelstein, and Shalom Cohen – recommended recently that “anyone who has the option of getting the vaccine should get it.”	https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20210126/faith-leaders-spread-the-word-get-vaccinated
Protestant Christianity	“And I think when trusted religious voices can help people accept that the vaccine is a good and godly thing to do, that helps reach people who might not trust it from other voices in the community.” Bishop Scott Jones, United Methodist Church.	https://www.christiansandthevaccine.com/episodes/jones
Catholic Christianity	“It is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process. Due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, “all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.” The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.	https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/vatican-cdf-note-covid-vaccine-morality-abortion.html
Islam	So on March 18, Hassan and 15 other imams from around Minnesota gathered at a local health care clinic in Minneapolis. Not only did they get vaccinated against a virus that wracked their community; they did so on camera, in front of multiple Somali-language media outlets to make their message loud and clear. Imam Hassan Ali Mohamud thought of a passage from the Qur’an. Saving one person’s life is equal to saving all of humanity, according to the often cited passage. Which means it’s fairly easy to argue that receiving the vaccine is a religious duty, Hassan said.	https://sahanjournal.com/coronavirus/minnesota-imams-vaccination-event/
Evangelical Christianity	“Indeed, the vaccines are a cause for Christians to rejoice and to give glory to God. The Bible, after all, speaks of medicine as a common grace, discovered by human beings but given by God. . . .By getting vaccinated as soon as our time is called, we can actively work for what we have been praying for – churches filled with people, hugs in the church foyer, and singing loudly together the hymns we love.” Russell Moore and Walter Kim (National Association of Evangelicals)	https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2021/02/24/evangelicals-covid-vaccine-russell-moore-walter-kim/
Hindu	In January, Swayamprakash Swami. . . a senior monk affiliated with BAPS, a mainstream Hindu denomination, gave his blessing to the Covid-19 shots. The ancient Hindu principle of ahimsa, an exhortation to do no harm and revere life, is being used to encourage Hindus in North America to embrace the vaccine, said Dr. Kashyap Patel, a cardiologist in Atlanta who is a medical adviser to BAPS.	https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/14/health/clergy-covid-vaccine.html
Orthodox Christianity	Father Paul Abernathy, pastor of St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church, worked on training of community liaisons to serve as “living, breathing, walking ambassadors of the vaccine.”	https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-black-churches-improve-access-to-covid-19-vaccine/
Mormonism	“The church urges its members, employees and missionaries to be good global citizens and help quell the pandemic by safeguarding themselves and others through immunization”	https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/utah/articles/2021-01-19/mormon-leaders-urge-members-to-get-covid-19-vaccine

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