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AFIC concerned about the use of aborted foetus tissue in vaccines

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AFIC stands with Australian Churches and faith communities in projecting our profound concern about the use of aborted foetus tissue in potential COVID 19 vaccines.

The issue of using aborted foetuses raises several ethical concerns among which are:

- It provides a rationalisation for abortion, which in itself is taking an innocent life.
- The use of human tissue from an aborted foetus to treat a living human being.
- What leads a “scientist” to experiment on an aborted foetus? Why does the mind narrow to such an extent to engage in what was once regarded as a pagan ritual in order to seek a cure when other possibilities still exist?

“AFIC does not oppose vaccination or the use of vaccines. We do recognise the place of vaccines to keep humans safe from contracting serious illnesses. However, AFIC asserts that medication must be ethically sourced.” Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, AFIC president.

“AFIC adds its voice to faith communities and calls on Prime Minister Morrison to reconsider accessing such vaccines but instead to invest into Australian research into ethical alternatives.” Said Dr. Jneid, AFIC president.

“What makes it ok to end a life? If you choose to put yourself in a position to conceive, then you must respect the right to life of your foetus and the foetus’ right to maintain its own bodily integrity in the tragic event of its passing.” Said Sheikh Riad El Rifai, founding member, AFIC’s National Sharia Advisory Board (ANSAB).

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