

## **Article published in 2013 Medishare monthly member newsletter in response to open vote for inclusion of routine vaccination as member benefit.**

As you all know it recently came to vote if members should share for vaccinations. As this is a Christian organization I felt it necessary to voice a few facts about vaccinations that should be of great concern for all of us. The leadership listened to my concerns as a practicing physician and member and asked if I would share them.

Of course no Christian questions the fact that abortion stands opposed to biblical principles, but did you know that many “recommended” vaccines contain cell lines from aborted babies? As a doctor, and a physician, it astounds me how often a patient who I know would never support abortion gets their child vaccinated. This of course because they just don’t know. Some of these vaccines containing aborted fetal tissue include Polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Smallpox, Chicken Pox, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Shingles.

Many have tried to argue that they only take small cultures of these tissues then replicate them in a lab. I have to ask, does it matter? If you have a product that requires cells from aborted babies then that creates a demand for cells from aborted babies, in turn creating a need for abortion. We can argue the details but I don’t think we can argue the principle. Considering how often Jesus took details and expanded them to teach principles (consider the Beatitudes) I feel our stance as Christ followers should be drawn clear.

This not only presents a moral dilemma, but a scientific one as well. We could discuss multiple problems with the difference between active and passive immunity and a host of other problems with vaccination theory, but that information is readily available elsewhere. I only want to address the issue of using cells from human beings. The problem is that any time a foreign substance bypasses normal barriers, the body mounts an immune response. Considering in this case, that substance is a cocktail of mercury, aluminum, formaldehyde, and other known carcinogens, the body clearly identifies it as toxic stimulating a massive immune response, which of course is what they’re intended to do. The problem is, when you now introduce human cells not of your own along with that cocktail, the body in its response will attack those cells as well. Now you have a potential problem because we can’t be sure an autoimmune response to similar cells of your own making from that point forward will not occur. This problem justifies significant study. From my standpoint as an active physician seeing hundreds of children, a significant portion who have never been vaccinated, I see a stark contrast in things like eczema and psoriasis in children who have been vaccinated compared to those children who have not. Of course this does not happen in every case no more than autism or any other possible related condition, but the clinical correlation after almost a decade of practice combined with common sense cannot be ignored.

The science aside, rather you believe vaccinations are necessary for health, or adamantly against vaccination as an unnecessary risk, the scriptural evidence to the contrary is clear. Anything that is related to and requires abortion as a means of acquisition should be condemned wholesale if Pro-Life is to be our principle. – Dr. Mike Bucknell