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مكتب الإفتاء والدعوة

The producers
The Ronnie Johns Half Hour
Fax: 9326 9277

Dear Producers

"Religious Ruling (Fatwa)"


We have analysed the High Five Comedy Skit for the Ronnie Johns Half Hour.

Whilst Islam does not condone any imagery in relation to messengers of God, we do recognize and respect the usage by the Christian Church of crucifixes and images of Christ. In this regard, our ruling does not relate to the person of Christ or the representation of Christ whom we respect, honour and revere as a great messenger of God. This ruling relates to the concept of the skit and to the references to Muslims therein. It may be appropriate to ask representatives of Christianity for their view in relation to the depiction of Jesus Christ. We do acknowledge that Jesus is rightly depicted as calling for interreligious respect and friendship and this positive role has impacted on our decision to issue this fatwa (ruling).

I confirm that the idea behind the skit is constructive and helps promote understanding amongst different sections of Australian society.

It would be great if Australians, Muslims and non Muslims were to exchange friendly greetings. Such understanding and good humour, introduced through satire is very beneficial for Australian society. On this basis, the message of the Skit and the references to Islam and Muslims are appreciated and are seen as positive and helpful for improved relations.

Yours sincerely


Taj Aldin Alhilali
Mufti of Australia