

***The Da Vinci Code* - A Review**

Books and movies can have a powerful effect on those who enjoy them. Unfortunately, *The Da Vinci Code* presents the Christian Church as an extremely evil institution, and it grossly misrepresents history, and worst of all it blasphemously insults God. That is reason enough to discourage people from giving their money to those who promote it. Mrs. Mary Kochan offers the best concise descriptive account of why we should be lovingly concerned about those who are influenced by it. She writes:

[My friends went to movie theater last weekend and ...] they were not surprised to see a preview for *The Da Vinci Code* [movie with Tom Hanks and Directed by Ron Howard.] ...

“They were not surprised either to see that the preview featured two minutes of fast-paced, heart-pumping excitement and suspense. ...

“They were somewhat surprised to see that the preview ended with the injunction, "Seek the Truth," since neither the author of the book, nor the producer or director of the movie, have shown the slightest interest in doing so themselves.

“But they were beyond surprised — they were stunned — when the preview ended and the audience erupted in rousing applause with some people even standing in enthusiastic appreciation. That is not good news. Not for anyone who cares about truth. ...

“The *Da Vinci Code* book has been on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for nearly three years and sold over 40 million copies in 44 languages. It has damaged the faith of millions and the movie version threatens to multiply this harm many times.

Responding to *The Da Vinci Code* by defending the biblical record of the life of Christ is the responsibility of all Christians.

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John 14:6

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”

Laughable Mistakes

Dan Brown implies that his book is based on “Fact” and objective research. However, there are numerous errors.

- The *Da Vinci Code* - Dan Brown calls Leonardo da Vinci simply “Da Vinci” as if that is his last name, however it is only an indication of the town he is from. His book states that there is no chalice, or Holy Grail, in the Last Supper painted by Leonardo. And he claims that the person to Jesus’ right is really Mary Magdalene, not the Apostle John even though all reputable art historians state that it is John. Supposedly, this symbolized a secret message or code that Leonardo put into his painting. The book claims that the blood of Jesus is not contained in a cup, but in Mary Magdalene who is pregnant with Jesus’ daughter. If the person to Jesus’ right is really Mary Magdalene, then the picture is missing one Apostle. The scene of the painting is immediately after which Jesus says that one of them will betray him. John 13:21. To John’s right and in front of Peter, Judas is depicted leaning backward as if to protest “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” cf. Mat. 26:25. Therefore, all twelve Apostles are present and the thirteenth individual is Christ who is in the center. And so, inserting Mary Magdalene into the scene does not fit.

- The book claims that the Dead Sea Scrolls contained and affirmed the Gnostic Gospels. In Actuality, they only contain Jewish writings and Jesus is never mentioned. And this is easy to verify.