



THE CHURCH COMMUNICATION NETWORK
PRESENTS:

Unlocking *The Da Vinci Code*

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Lee Strobel on the Priory of Sion

Dan Brown says under the heading FACT at the beginning of *The Da Vinci Code*:

“The Priory of Sion – a European secret society founded in 1099 – is a real organization. In 1975 Paris’ Bibliothèque Nationale discovered parchments known as *Les Dossiers Secrets*, identifying numerous members of the Priory of Sion, including Sir Isaac Newton, Botticelli, Victor Hugo, and Leonardo Da Vinci.”

Dr. Erwin Lutzer

There are reasons for the popularity of *The Da Vinci Code*.

- feminism
- sexual rituals
- conspiracies, secrets, codes
- a manageable Jesus
- secret documents....

“Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is *false*.”—Dan Brown

Let's consider some claims made in the movie:

1. Did members of the Priory of Sion leave hidden clues about Jesus?

A. Leonardo Da Vinci's painting

B. The Holy Grail legends

2. Did Constantine make Jesus into a God at Nicea in A.D. 325?

A. The Council Meets

- The issues of the Council
- The conclusion of the Council

B. The Basis of the Decision

- The teaching of the New Testament
- The teaching of the Church Fathers
- The teaching of the Early Martyrs

The Bottom Line:

The deity of Christ is found in the New Testament and taught by the Church Fathers more than 200 years before Nicea.

3. Are the Gnostic Documents reliable?

A. The Impact of Greek Philosophy

B. The Theology of Gnosticism

- God
- Christ
- Humanity
- Salvation

C. The Writings of Gnosticism

- The Gospel of Thomas---Should it be in our Canon?

“Blessings on the lion if a human eats it, making the lion human. Foul is the human if a lion eats it, making the lion human.”

“Whoever has come to know the world has discovered a carcass, and whoever has discovered a carcass, of that person the world is not worthy.”

The Gospel of Philip—was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene?

“The world came into being through error. The agent who made it wanted it to be imperishable and immortal. He failed, he came up with less than his desire...”

“If you become a horse or a donkey or bull or dog or sheep or another animal that is wild or tame, then neither a person or a spirit or thought nor light can love you.”

“The companion is Mary of Magdala. Jesus loved her more than his students. He kissed her often on her face, more than all his students, and they said, ‘Why do you love her more than us?’”

- The Gospel of Mary---Did Mary Magdalene receive special revelations?
- The Gospel of Judas---What does it tell us about the Gnostics?

D. Reasons some accept these documents

- To prove the “diversity” of Christianity
- To offer an alternative Jesus and Christianity
- To provide an alternate canon

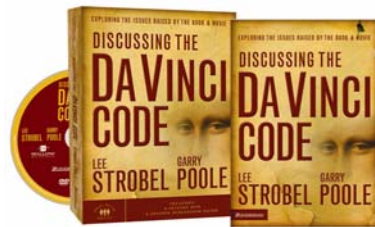
E. Reasons to reject the documents

- Their use of Scripture
- Their fraudulent authorship and date
- Their theology opposes the Old Testament
- They have no historical connection to Jesus
- They have no independent verification

Our Response....

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- 2.
- 3.

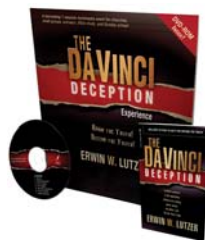
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“Discussing the Da Vinci Code”
(DVD Curriculum)
by Lee Strobel and Garry Poole
Materials for small group study and outreach.
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