

Debunking the DaVinci Code **Notes ~ September 26, 2004**

- Biblical Christianity involves some Non-negotiable truths.
- There have been numerous attempts to undermine Biblical Christianity – to show that it is a fraud with no basis in fact or reason.
- The Gnostic Sect was on the scene in the second and third centuries.
- Gnostic comes from the word Gnosis or knowledge.
- Gnostics said they alone had access to the mysteries or advanced exclusive teachings other Christians did not possess.

Questions raised in Dan Brown's The DaVinci Code:

- Were Jesus and Mary Magdalene married?
- Did they have a family?
- Does their bloodline still exist?
- Was Mary Magdalene an Apostle?
- Did the early Church suppress the truth?
- Was the Bible manipulated to portray a false picture of Jesus?
- Was the role of women shortchanged?
- Dan Brown says his novel is based on historical facts.
- The book attacks Christ and the Bible: Leigh Teabring (p231) "The Bible is a product of man... and not of God."

Gnostic writings labeled "Gospels" were not written by eyewitnesses they were written between 200-300 A.D.

The 27 books of the N.T. were written between 40-50 A.D. by eyewitnesses.

Leigh Teabring (p231) "more than 80 Gospels were considered for the New Testament..."

Nag Hammadi (area in Egypt where Gnostic writings found in 1945) Library shows that there were only five Gnostic Gospels: Truth, Thomas, Phillip, Egyptian and Mary rejected from the New Testament because:

- They did not conform to eyewitness accounts of events.
- They did not conform to the teaching of the Apostles.

Does the Bible "cover up" that there were other "Gospels" being expressed?

ANSWER – **NO**: Galatians 1:6-12 (54 A.D.)
2 Peter 2:1,2 (64-67 A.D.)
1 John 1:1-4

Leigh Teabring (p235) "...Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false..."

- Holy Grail (Legend: The cup from which Jesus drank at the Last Supper containing His blood)

Leigh Teabring (p236) "The Holy Grail is not a thing, in fact, it is ... a person."

Teabring (pp 237-239) points to what he claims to be a V in DaVinci's painting of the Last Supper. The V symbol represents womanhood – Then he asserts that the person that sitting to Jesus' right is Mary Magdalene.

Who is Mary Magdalene?

Seven Marys in the New Testament.

1. Mary the Mother of Jesus (Luke 1:30, 31)
2. Mary of Bethany (John 11:1)
3. Mary the mother of James (Not the Lord's brother) (Matt 27:56)
4. Mary the wife of Cleophas (John 19:25)
5. Mary otherwise not identified (Romans 16:6)
6. Mary the mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12)
7. Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2)

- Twelve references to Mary Magdalene in the New Testament

Matt 27:56, Matt 27:61, Matt 28:1, Mark 15:40, Mark 15:47, Mark 16:1, Mark 16:9, Luke 8:2, Luke 24:10, John 19:25, John 20:1, John 20:18

- What do these references tell us?

1. She had no male connection (ex. Mary mother of Jesus, Mary wife of Cleophas, etc.)
2. She was a follower of Jesus, part of a group that traveled with him (Luke 8:1-3)
3. She witnessed His death on the cross (Matt 27:55,56)
4. She was witness to His burial (Matt 27:61)
5. She was witness to His Resurrection (Matt 28:1)
6. She was alone with Jesus (John 20:11-18)

Leigh Teabring (p247) "I shant bore you with countless references to Jesus and Magdalene's union..."

(p246) Teabring quotes the Gnostic Gospel of Philip:

"And the companion of the Savior is Mary Magdalene. Christ loved her more than all the other disciples and used to kiss her often on her mouth."

Note:

1. Text Philip 63:32 – 64:10 written 200 years after Jesus time.

