

Why Protest “Da Vinci Code”?

- Film is full of “offenses, slander, historical and theological errors concerning Jesus, the Gospel and the Church . . . that if they were directed toward the Quran or the Shoah would have justifiably provoked a worldwide revolt.”
Archbishop Angelo Amato, a high-ranking Vatican official
- Expose the lies, deception, and fraudulent scholarship of the author, Dan Brown. Historians, theologians, and authors abound who have debunked Brown’s historical claims
- Stand up and defend the purity and divinity of Jesus Christ, Who is under vicious attack
- Public act of love and reparation to Almighty God for the public crime of blasphemy

Chill out, it's only a movie?? It's only fiction??

Oh, yeah, that's not what Dan Brown says. He thinks it's Gospel truth. Indeed his novel opens with the statement that his book is based on documents that are factual and other times he has said it is based on "historical fact." As we read below, tragically, many people believe this "fiction."

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Poll: Book turns Christians into 'Code' clods

LONDON — “The Da Vinci Code” has undermined faith in the Catholic Church and badly damaged its credibility, a survey of British readers of Dan Brown’s bestseller showed yesterday.

People are now twice as likely to believe Jesus Christ fathered children

after reading the Dan Brown blockbuster and four times as likely to think the conservative Catholic group Opus Dei is a murderous sect.

“An alarming number of people take its spurious claims very seriously, indeed,” said Austin Ivreigh, press secretary to Britain’s

top Catholic prelate Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor. “Our poll shows that for many, many people, ‘The Da Vinci Code’ is not just entertainment.”

He heads a prominent group of English Roman Catholic monks, theologians, nuns and members of Opus Dei, who commis-

sioned the survey from Opinion Research Business and have sought to promote Catholic beliefs at a time when the film’s release has provoked controversy.

ORB interviewed more than 1,000 adults last weekend, finding that 60 percent of “Code” readers believed

Jesus had children by Mary Magdalene compared with just 30 percent of those who had not read the book.
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