

I. Why Focus on The Da Vinci Code?

A. The Da Vinci Code attacks every _____ Christian belief.

1. The _____ of Scripture

“The Bible is a product of *man*, my dear. Not of God...History has never had a definitive version of the book...The Bible, as we know it today, was collated by the pagan Roman emperor Constantine the Great...In 325 A.D., he decided to unify Rome under a single religion. Christianity” (231-232).

2. The _____ of the Church

“Not only was Jesus Christ married, but He was a father” (249).

“[Jesus] intended for the future of His Church to be in the hands of Mary Magdalene” (248).

3. The _____ of Jesus

“...almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is *false*” (235).

Christians can _____ the natural opportunity to stimulate spiritual conversation.

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

C. This gives us a great chance to experience spiritual _____ and _____.

Jude 1:3-4

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. ⁴For certain

men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Galatians 1:6-7

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

II. The Motivation of The Da Vinci Code

A. To taint the _____ of Christ

B. To make _____

C. To sell _____

“Historically, intercourse was the act through which male and female experienced God...Since the days of Isis, sex rites had been considered man's only bridge from earth to heaven” (308).

“[The Church] worked hard to demonize sex and recast it as a disgusting and sinful act” (309).

To _____ Jesus is to _____ man; then, anything goes.

III. The Inaccuracies of The Da Vinci Code

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

A. Priory of Sion

“Fact: The Priory of Sion - a European secret society founded in 1099 - is a real organization. In 1975 Paris's Bibliotheque 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” (2).

“*Les Dossiers Secrets* were planted in the Bibliotheque Nationale by Pierre Plantard. Plantard's co-conspirator admitted to helping fabricate the documents, including the genealogical tables and lists of

the Priory's grand masters - Sir Isaac Newton, Botticelli, and Leonardo Da Vinci.”

Dr. Paul Maier, Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University

“Pierre Plantard is an anti-Semite with a criminal record for fraud while the Priory of Sion is a little splinter social group founded just a half century ago.” Laura Miller, *New York Times*. Sunday Feb 22, 2004