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*What we
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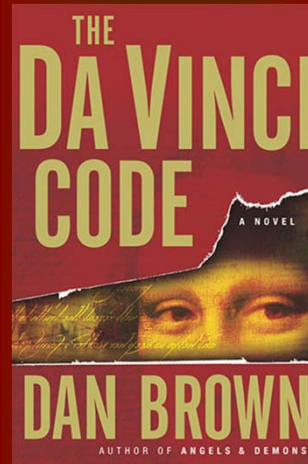
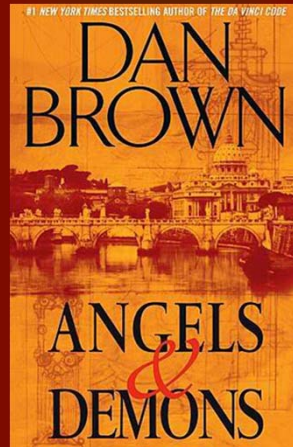
What is the Da Vinci Code

Novel released in 2003,
heavily promoted, debuted
at #1 on the New York
Times bestseller list.

Writer is Dan Brown, a former
English teacher and author
of 2 earlier techno-thrillers.
Finally turns to novels
involving religion starting
with Angels and Demons.

The success of his religious
thrillers revived the sale of
his previously not so
popular books

Religion: “Christian although
not in the most traditional
way”



The Secret

Mary Magdalene, a descendent of the “royal house of Benjamin” and the most favored of Jesus followers becomes his secret wife who at the time of his death is pregnant with their child.

She escapes to France then called Gaul with the help of Jesus trusted uncle; Joseph of Arimathea

She delivers a daughter there naming her Sarah meaning princess and finds refuge among the Jewish community there that revere her daughter being the product of the union of 2 royal lines; The house of David and the house of Benjamin and also Mary as the progenitor of the royal line of kings.



The Secret

The Jewish community documented the genealogy of the bloodline in the documents called Sangreal

They also document the Q documents which are supposed to be the teachings of Christ possibly written with his own hands as well as Mary Magdalene's diaries.

The Holy Grail is therefore Mary Magdalene who carried the holy royal blood in her womb therefore becoming the true "chalice"

The line goes on in a royal French family named the merovingians



The Secret

The priory of Sion is a secret society founded in 1099 to protect the members of this lineage from the Vatican

They kept the information of all the members of the priory in their documents called "Les Dossiers Secretes" which were discovered in 1970's

The priory of sion formed the order of the knights templar that was entrusted with the protection of the members of this royal bloodline as well as the SANGREAL documents

The purpose of the crusade was to regain hold of Jerusalem to find these documents



The first siege of Jerusalem

The Secret

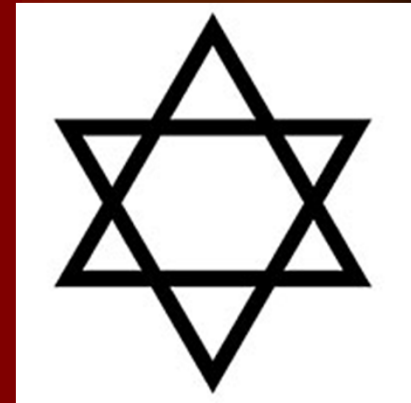
The hiding place of the holy grail contains both the body and the documents of SANGREAL

The quest for the holy grail is the quest to kneel before and pray at the bones of Mary Magdalene; the lost sacred feminine

The blade: symbol of male and chalice: symbol of female are the clue to the 2 parts of God: male and female

The early church needed to convince the world that the mortal Jesus was a divine being in order to augment it's power and influence over it's followers

Therefore, the church has suppressed the worship of the feminine counterpart "the sacred feminine" which believes that the door to heaven is through a woman's body and thus incorporates sexual rituals into it's worship



The Secret

The church defamed Mary Magdalene, calling her a prostitute to cover up her dangerous role as the Holy Grail.

It was Mary who was going to carry the future church through her offspring and not the apostles.

This was implied in the Gnostic Gospels of Mary Magdalene and Phillip.

The Pagan Emperor Constantine called the Council of Nicaea to chose between the gospels and the only the gospels that didn't mention Mary were the ones selected

Christianity is a made-up religion and faith should a matter of choice

The Catholic church has formed the Opus Dei chapter which has one mission: to hunt down and eliminate members of this lineage as well as members of priory of sion

The royal line continues in France till this day awaiting the right moment to come out and dominate the world

The Roslyn church in France was built based on this secret and has many symbols hidden in it regarding it

The plot

An elderly curator of the Louvre, Jacque Sonierre is murdered. He leaves an encrypted message that his granddaughter Sophie, a French cyptologist deciphers. It instructs her to recruit the help of a Harvard symbologist, Robert Langdon to find his killer and find out why he was murdered.

Sophie and Langdon are chased by that killer and the French police while they try to figure out the mystery.

They ultimately reveal that Sonierre is a grandmaster of the priory of sion. His killer is a member of the Opus Dei. Sophie is not his granddaughter but really one of the last of the royal line of Christ he was protecting.

Her family was also murdered decades ago by the Opus Dei and she was thought to have died but was hidden by the Grand master of the priory who claimed her as his granddaughter.

The book suggest that Mary Magdalene is buried under La Pyramide Inversee in France, the symbol of the blade and chalice (i.e. male and female)

Now: The Truth

1– Why religion?

Things that sell: Politics, religion, sex.

2– What are the problems with the
Da Vinci code?

- History
- Theology

History

The “ Facts”:

- 1- Priory of Sion
- 2- Knights templar
- 3- Opus Dei
- 4- Leonardo Da Vinci
- 5- The Last Supper
- 6- La Pyramide Inversee

The Priory of Sion

False:

A secret society founded in 1099 in Jerusalem by King Godefroi, (himself a descendant of the merovingians and Christ) to Protect a secret that has been in his family for generations and that he was afraid it would be lost if he died.

Named after Mount Zion in Jerusalem

Devoted to worshipping the sacred feminine through Mary Magdalene

Uses sexual rituals as part of it's worship

Has famous members like botticelli, Victor Hugo, Sir Isaac Newton and Leonardo Da Vinci

Is persecuted by the catholic church till this day to prevent them from revealing the secret to the world



The first home of the Knight Templars, the Temple mount

The Priory of Sion

True:

A club founded in 1956 by a young frenchman named Pierre Plantard

Named after a nearby local mountain in France (col du mont Sion)

The club shortly thereafter dissolved

Mr Plantard tried to revive it a few years later claiming that it has ancient roots and creating more lies about its purpose and past members. He even claimed himself to be a descendant of the merovingian family and to be the true king of France

Mr Plantard had spent 6 months in prison prior to forming the club for fraud and embezzlement

In 1975 , Plantard started calling himself, plantard de st claire to pretend to be connected to a noble scottish family involved with free masonry who built the peculiar chapel of Rosslyn near Edinburgh. Thus the book claims that the bloodline of Jesus continues in the Plantard ans St Claire families.



Priory of Sion

In 1996 the first president of the priory of sion Mr. Andre Bonhomme denied the allegations made by Plantard and said in a statement to the BBC:

“ The priory of Sion doesn't exist anymore. We were never involved in any activities of a political nature. It was four friends who came together to have fun. We called ourselves the priory of sion because there was a mountain near-by the same name. I haven't seen Pierre Plantard in over 20 years and I don't know what he's up to but je always had a great imagination. I don't know why people try to make such a big thing out of nothing”.

In the 1990's, a judge ordered a search of plantard residence discovering documents where he claims to be the “true king of France”. After questioning, he admitted that he made everything up

For more on the priory of sion, visit:
<http://www.priory-of-sion.com/>

Knights Templar

False:

A group of nine knights formed by the priory of sion to find a collection of documents tracing the family line of Jesus and proofing the secret.

The documents were supposed to be hidden under Herod's temple which was built on the ruins of Solomon's temple.

They called them the order of the poor knights of Christ and the temple of Solomon or Knights templar.



Knight templars burnt at the stake

It is believed that they found the treasure, took it to Europe and by way of pressure on the church become declared as “ a law unto themselves” by Pope Innocent II. Finally Pope Clement V and King Phillip IV decide to get rid of them. The pope issued secret sealed orders to be opened across Europe on Friday, October 13, 1307 when they are captured and executed.

Knights Templar

True:

IN 1119 after the first crusades and the capture of Jerusalem, pilgrims flocked to the holy places. They were attacked by bandits and slaughtered by the hundreds. The order was formed to protect the pilgrims by a French Knight. It relied on donations for financial support. They lived in the Al-Aqsa part of the temple which was built above the ruins of the temple of Solomon. Their symbol was 2 knights riding one horse, emphasizing their poverty.



Seal of the knight templars

Knights Templar

True:

Later on they were officially endorsed by the church and became a favorite charity receiving a lot of financial support and they eventually grew to help with the crusades. They were also entrusted by pilgrims with their money and property to protect until they would come back from pilgrimage.

King Phillip was heavily indebted to them financially and had suspicions that they wanted to form their own state in Europe. They were already a state within a state, were institutionally wealthy, paid no taxes, and had a large standing army which by papal decree could move freely through all European borders



Pope Clement V

Knights Templar

In 1306, the Templars had supported a coup on the island of Cyprus, which had forced King Henry II of Cyprus to abdicate his throne in favor of his brother, Amalric of Tyre. This probably made Philip particularly uneasy, since just a few years earlier he had inherited land in the region of Champagne, France, which was the Templars' headquarters.

At dawn on Friday, October 13, 1307, scores of French Templars were simultaneously arrested by agents of King Philip .

The accusations included heresy, blasphemy, corruption and homosexuality. The majority were burnt at the stake including Jaques de Molay the grandmaster at the time

To learn more :

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knights_templar



Jacques de Molay

Opus Dei

False: Opus Dei is a deeply devout sect of the catholic church that has been the topic of controversy due to reports of brainwashing, coercion, and a dangerous practice known as corporal mortification.

The organization has just finished constructing a \$47 million dollar headquarters in New York City.

Monk members serve as assassins, one of whom "Silas" is the killer of the grandmaster of the priory in the novel.



Opus Dei



True:

- Opus Dei is a Catholic institution founded by Saint Josemaría Escrivá in 1928. Its mission is to help people turn their work and daily activities into occasions for growing closer to God, for serving others, and for improving society.
- Opus Dei complements the work of local churches by offering classes, talks, retreats and pastoral care that help people develop their personal spiritual life and apostolate.
- More than 70% of members live in their private homes.
- Some of the celibate members of Opus Dei use the cilice. It's a small, light, metal chain with little prongs worn around the thigh. The cilice is uncomfortable—it's supposed to be—but it does not in any way hinder one's normal activities and there's absolutely no *Da Vinci Code* gore
- In 2002 it's founder was finally canonized by Pope John Paul calling him “ saint of ordinary life”.

Learn more at :

Official website <http://opusdei.org/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opus_dei

Leonardo Da Vinci

False:

Lenoardo Da Vinci is one of the members of the priory of sion alone with other well known figures including Isaac Newton and Victor Hugo

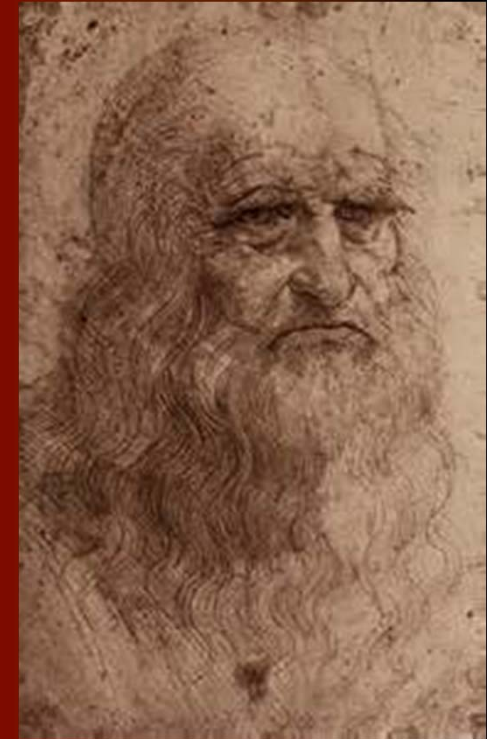
He was the infact 12th Grandmaster of the Priory

He worshiped The divine order of nature

Da Vinci embedded signs of this message in his paintings like the last supper

True:

In his last days, Leonardo sent for a priest to make his confession and to receive the Holy Sacrament clearly displaying a devout Christian behavior.



The Last Supper

False:

A painting in which Da Vinci reveals clues to his secret. he depicts the image of Mary sitting next to Jesus, beardless, soft features and a hint of bosom.

Mary and Jesus clothes depicted in colors mirroring each other
The V between them representing the chalice, i.e. the symbol of the womb of a woman

The common misconception is that it is the image of saint John the apostle

The unaccounted hand holding a dagger is a symbol of the apostles hatred to Mary with the another hand positioned like a knife at her throat

True:

The depiction conforms to traditional Florentine portrayal of the last supper of the moment of betrayal.

John, Peter and Judas are grouped together to portray the 3 different aspect. Judas betraying Jesus, Peter denying but then returning and John not denying or betraying.

John is not the only beardless figure in the painting

The Last Supper



La Pyramide Inversee

False: the tiny stone pyramid is actually only the apex of a larger pyramid (possibly the same size as the inverted pyramid above), embedded in the floor as a secret chamber.

This hidden submerged pyramid holds the remains of Mary Magdalene, plus the Sangreal hidden away by the priory when the new Louvre foyer was constructed in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Inverted Pyramid is the Chalice, a feminine symbol, whereas the stone pyramid below is the Blade, a masculine symbol: the whole structure symbolizes the union of the genders

To learn more visit :

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Pyramide_Invers%C3%A9e



La Pyramide Inversee

True: The pyramid marks the intersection of two main walkways and orients visitors towards the museum entrance

Up close, it is obvious that the stone pyramid below La Pyramide Inversée is merely sitting on top of the floor and does **not really extend** below floor level (it was indeed so designed that it can be slid aside when the floor is being cleaned).

According to I.M. Pei's the architect biographer Carter Wiseman, the artist is interested almost solely in **abstract geometrical forms**.

The inverted Pyramid was built to function as a light-well in the underground shopping area where it is suspended

To learn more visit :

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/france/paris-louvre-inverted-pyramid.htm>



Theology

- 1- The divinity of Jesus: Why do we believe that he is not just a “good prophet”?
- 2- Is God masculine or feminine?
- 3- Does science now replace God?
- 4- Who is Mary Magdalene in christianity?
- 5- What does the Star of David symbolize?
- 6- The role of the catholic church in Christianity old and modern
- 7- Who built the Roslyn church ?
- 8- The Holy Grail between mythology and reality
- 9- The Gnostic versus canonical gospel.
- 10- Is Christianity really the product of multiple pagan practices and a made-up religion or a divine teaching?

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