OUTLINE
DA VINCI CODE: DECODED

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I. Fact or Fiction
   1. good book of fiction
   2. Brown claims everything but the characters and the plot is FACT

II. Claims
   1. Grail not a cup but the body of Mary Magdalene (Chapt 55f)
   2. Almost everything taught us about Christ is false (235)
   3. Until Nicea 325AD people just thought Jesus was a mortal prophet—not God (233)
   4. The vote at Nicea that originated Jesus’ deity was relatively close (233)
   5. More than eighty gospels were considered and rejected (231)
   6. Gnostic Gospel clue to original Jesus (234)

III. Where does this originate:
   2. Gospel of Thomas – Jesus Seminar
3. Sacred Feminine – from neo-paganism, Wicca, the Craft, Goddess movement


IV. What is fact and what is fiction

1. Mona Lisa Leonardo in drag?

2. Is Leonardo a flaming homosexual?

3. Was the vote at Nicea close?

4. Did Jesus kiss Mary on the lips?

5. Does companion mean wife?

6. Did early church defame Mary Magdalene by calling her a prostitute?

7. Were the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in the 50’s?

8. Were gospels found in the Dead Sea Scrolls?

9. Was Mary Magdalene painted into the Lord’s Supper by DaVinci?

10. Were the ancient Olympics held to honor Aphrodite?

11. Did Knights Templar build cathedrals?
12. Does Opus Dei have monks?

13. Does the Pyramid of Louvre have 666 panes?

If these facts are wrong or dubious, what does that indicate about the rest?

V. What about the major claims?

1. Was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene?

2. Was Jesus' deity invented at Nicea (325AD)?

3. Were eighty gospels left out of the canon?

4. Do the Gnostic Gospels show us the true Jesus?

5. Did Christianity help or hurt women? Is it part of the problem or part of the cure?

6. Was the Priory of Sion the keeper of the secret of the Holy Grail since 1099?

VI. Conclusion

1. What evidence is there that Jesus was married? None.

2. Was Jesus deity thought up at Nicea? No.

3. Were eighty gospels left out? This is a serious distortion of the facts.
4. Were the Gnostic Gospels the true original Jesus? There is plenty of evidence against this and nothing of substance for it.

5. Did Christianity help or hurt women? Both. Is it part of the problem or part of the cure? Again, both. But the Biblical teaching on the dignity of women and the clear cut foundation for good and evil, justice and injustice provide a sure ground (perhaps the only ground) for a prophetic critique of injustice to women.

6. Was the Priory of Sion the keeper of the secret of the Holy Grail since 1099? No – it is a hoax made up by Frenchman Pierre Plantard. He admitted to the hoax under oath in 1993.
Additional Resources

BOOKS

Cracking Da Vinci's Code: You've Read the Fiction, Now Read the Facts
James L. Garlow and Peter Jones; Victor, an imprint of Cook Communications Ministries

Breaking the Da Vinci Code: Answers to the Questions That Everybody's Asking
Darrell L. Bock; Thomas Nelson

The Myth of Matriarchal Pre-History: Why An Invented Past Will Not Give Women a Future
Cynthia Eller; Beacon Press

Goddess Unmasked: The Rise of Neo-Pagan Feminist Spirituality
Philip Davis; Spence Publishing

As yet untitled book by Catherine Sanders about Wicca in America to be published by Random House's Shaw imprint, Fall 2005.

ARTICLES

The Atlantic Monthly, January 2001 "The Scholars and the Goddess" by Charlotte Allen

Crisis Magazine, September 2003 "Dismantling the Da Vinci Code" by Sandra Miesel

ON-LINE

http://frontline.to/resources/additional_teaching_davinci.asp