



Week 2: Secret Societies & Sacred Sex

With Special Guest Dr. James Beverley – Tyndale Seminary

Truth is tough. It will not break like a bubble at a touch; nay, you may kick it about all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening.

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

Test everything.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:21

"Da Vinci presided over the Priory between 1510 and 1519 as the brotherhood's Grand Master. The Priory has a well-documented history of reverence for the sacred feminine."

"You're telling me this group is a pagan goddess worship cult?"

"More like *the* pagan goddess worship cult."

~ *The Da Vinci Code*

I think the reason people are reacting so strongly to the book is because everything but the characters and their story is factual history.

~ Dan Brown

FACT: All descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents, and secret rituals in this novel are accurate.

~ *The Da Vinci Code*, p. 1

The idea that Leonardo was part of a pagan sex cult is "total nonsense."

~ James Beck, Renaissance art specialist, Columbia University

It is clear to me that Dan Brown doesn't know much about the scholarly side of things in my field and he sort of fudges the evidence to make it more sensational than it is.

~ James Robinson, Historian

From the standpoint of literary evidence, the only logical conclusion is that the case for the reliability of the New Testament is infinitely stronger than for any other record of antiquity.

~ Howard Vos

The idea that Jesus was "upgraded" by Constantine from human to Son of God is not a view that makes sense of the weight of evidence we have from the gospels, or from the history and theology of the first four centuries of the church.

~ Canon Martyn Percy, the only living scholar quoted in *The Da Vinci Code*

The excessive scepticism shown toward the Bible by important historical schools of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries... has been progressively discredited. Discovery after discovery has established the accuracy of innumerable details, and has brought increased recognition to the value of the Bible as a source of history.

~ William F. Albright, John Hopkins University, Archaeologist

Religion has only one true enemy--apathy--and passionate debate is a superb antidote.

~ Dan Brown

Then passionate debate it is.

~ Bruxy Cavey