

Truth Matters! 10

Is This Another Example Of God's Faithfulness To His Word?

The DaVinci Code has been in trouble since it's inception. Based on faulty extrapolations, half-truths and an agenda to undermine Biblical Christianity, the battle campaign is being exposed. Yet, due to spiritual deception, many continue to accept the premise of the work. Why is this the case when the facts clearly demonstrate otherwise?

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The Apostle John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God, penned a warning to those of us living in the days just prior to the return of Jesus Christ. He said,

2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that He has promised us -- eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you.

27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. ...

4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

(Selected passages from I John: NKJV)

Two summary statements from the passages above directly speak to the deception of *The Da Vinci Code*:

1. Jesus is the Christ – the person “Jesus” of the NT Gospel narratives is the predicted Christ or Messiah of the Old Testament. Those who deny this are of the spirit of antichrist and do not have God (vv. 22, 23).

Jesus = the Christ

2. Jesus Christ came in the flesh – the person “Jesus Christ” walked this earth as a man about 2,000 years ago. Those who deny this are of the spirit of antichrist and do not have God (vv. 1-3)

Jesus Christ = the Incarnate God-man

The Gnostics DENY both Truths! They deny Jesus is the Christ and they deny Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. They are of the spirit of antichrist, according to one of Jesus’ closest followers: John the Apostle.

Like the Gnostics (not labeled as such in John’s day, but nevertheless very present and in strong opposition to the followers of Jesus Christ) who were bringing eternally consequential false teachings in the years following Jesus’ departure from the earth after His resurrection, the Neo-Gnostics of our day continue to herald these false teachings. One of the vehicles through which this is being promoted today is through *The DaVinci Code*. Once again, facts attest to this. Those bringing this doctrine of antichrist confess they are simply bringing the Gnostic worldview into public eye.

And it’s here where the followers of a divine Jesus Christ celebrate! We do so because once again, God’s Word proves to be True. He is faithful to His Word to us, even though it’s been almost 2,000 years since He’s given these prophetic warnings. And here’s another intriguing thing:

The warning concerning the darkness of these doctrines of demons is going unheeded by so many today. Those who embrace the teachings of the Gnostics willfully bury their heads in the sand and reject the facts concerning the Gnostic doctrines. Why? Perhaps II Timothy 4:1-5 provides some insight. Read on ...

4:1 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Scripture teaches that there will be a time when people willfully reject Truth for myth. The embracing of the evolutionary myth is not the only fulfillment of this prophecy. Today we have millions willfully choosing to reject biblical Christianity for an old deception that countered the followers of Jesus Christ millennia ago. Instead of receiving the evidence demonstrating the errors of the Gnostic definition of Jesus (as opposed to the biblical definition given, in part, above in I John), contemporaries willfully choose to reject sound doctrine for fables.

Good News! You don't have to be one of them! Don't reject Truth for myth! The choice is yours, but please remember your eternal state is strongly influenced by your decisions about this issue.

God cares about Truth (it's a part of His very character!), especially Truths He deems so important that eternity is at stake. Just in case you've missed it, the *doctrine of Christ* (see II John) is one of those eternally significant doctrines that determines where one spends eternity! This teaching is that important!

John Newton stated it this way:

What think ye of Christ,
is the test, to try both your
state and your scheme;
You cannot be right in the rest
unless you think rightly of Him.
As Jesus appears to your view,
and He is beloved or not,
so God is disposed to you—
And mercy or wrath is your lot.
Some take Him a creature to
be—A man or an angel at most,
but they have not feelings like me,
nor know themselves wretched and lost;
So guilty, so helpless am I,
I durst not confide in His blood,
nor on His protection rely—
Unless I were sure He is God!

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