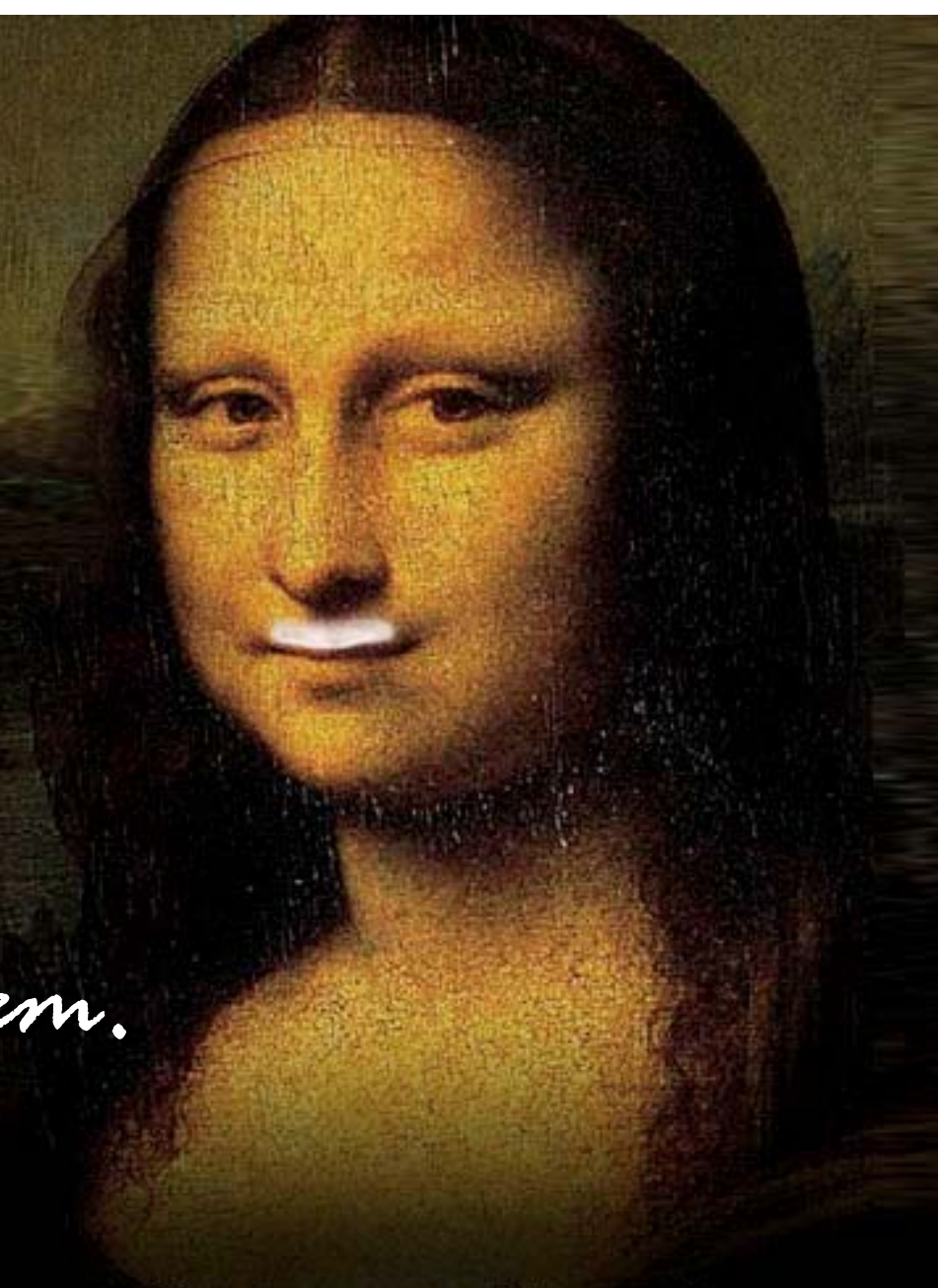


*Has The
Da Vinci Code
Left you with
Questions?*

We welcome them.

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CHAPEL

Got questions?



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Fact is Better than Fiction

Can we trust *The Da Vinci Code*?

“All the history, artwork, ancient documents, and secret rituals in the novel are accurate.”

-Dan Brown

Can we trust *The Da Vinci Code*?

Code: *There are 666 panes of glass in the Louvre pyramid.*

Fact: *There are actually 673 panes of glass in the Louvre pyramid.*

Can we trust *The Da Vinci Code*?

Code: *The Priory of Sion was founded in 1099 to protect the secret truth of the Holy Grail.*

Fact: *The Priory of Sion is a fraud that was “invented” in Paris in 1956 by a small-time crook who planted phony documents in the French National Library.*

What about the Gospels?

Code: *There are some 80 gospels that bear witness to the life and teaching of Jesus.*

Fact: *There are only a handful of so-called “gospels,” all of them written 200+ years after Jesus.*

What about the Gospels?

Code: *Our New Testament was created by Constantine as a power-grab in 325AD.*

Fact: *The “canon” of the New Testament was generally agreed upon by church leaders by 180AD.*

What about the Gospels?

Code: *The Gnostic gospels contain a more accurate representation of the early church's view of Jesus.*

Fact: *The Gnostic gospels were written at least a hundred years after the church was established, and were formally rejected by the church then and now.*

Can we trust the Gospels?

“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

Can we trust the Gospels?

Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. “

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

Can we trust the Gospels?

Eyewitness accounts

Overwhelming manuscript support

Grounded in historical fact

Confirmed by non-biblical sources

Enduring, transformational impact

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*That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes,
which we have looked at
and our hands have touched
- this we proclaim concerning
the Word of life.*

I John 1:1 (NIV)

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The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

I John 1:2-4 (NIV)