

Divine Secrets and Modern Meaning: The Review of Da Vinci Code

The film *Da Vinci Code* by Ron Howard, in which Tom Hanks plays the role of symbologist Robert Langdon, involves mystery, history, and religious symbolism in order to unfold a rapid plot in which viewers are challenged to rethink the meaning of faith and traditional doctrines (Sony Pictures Entertainment). This film is the best seller of Dan Brown, addresses the distribution of the three: religion, power, and the hidden knowledge, and poses questions in contemporary society, giving rise to arguments.

The main idea of the film is that the religious institutions, like any other man-made organization, sometimes need to conceal the truth to preserve authority. Its plot is that Jesus and Mary Magdalene had some divine partnership that likely even constituted a family, and the fact about it has been concealed by society groups such as the Priory of Sion throughout centuries (Sony Pictures Entertainment). This premise, though, cannot be proved historically, but it can be utilized to talk about more significant points: the clash between institutionalized religion and the personal one, the importance of secrecy in religion, and the way religious narratives are made to shape cultures and identities.

The other opposition explained in the film is the one between the ruthless fanatics and the spiritual sincerity. On the other hand, Langdon is a man of reason, of humility, and has a desire for knowledge, and shows that faith and learning need not necessarily oppose and go in conflict. The self-discovery of Sophie Neveau is the idea of going back to the fear of losing faith in the personal meaning.

The film aims to question the viewer on a spiritual level, suggesting a person inherits their faith rather than seeking it. It draws the customs in the background of Christianity, Gnosticism,

allegory, and ancient ritual. It presents religion not in a form of a monolith but in a fabric of centuries of human experience.

The *Da Vinci Code* is a movie that does not leave one indifferent when it comes to personal thinking. I do not believe that the film contradicted the principles of the religious truth but enabled me to focus my eyes on how the narratives are framed and chanted through the bible or otherwise. It got me to recall that seeking answers to questions is not dangerous; it is a kind of strengthening. The movie makes viewers believe that spirituality has always been about sense-making of sorts, and in the majority of instances, it requires courage, curiosity, and openness.

The movie, as such, is also relevant in the modern world since it leads to the deliberations of the problem of the connection between religion and the history between the faith and the evidence, the information, or the things we are told about, and that which we believe. It is a cinematographic piece that is undoubtedly released in a world that is still polarized on religious interpretation. The *Da Vinci Code* challenges us to be respectful in doing so. Still, it also teaches us to remember the fact that the truth, on some issues of sacredness and practical values, is usually covered and is waiting there to be discovered by us.

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