



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Wandering Thoughts on 'The Code'

Dan Brown makes a major flaw in logic in *The Da Vinci Code*. His two main points actually contradict each other. His conclusion is that we should worship Mary Magdalene, whom he refers to as the "sacred feminine" because he claims she was married to Jesus. However, his earlier argument was that Jesus was not divine. If Jesus was not divine, then why would we worship Mary Magdalene, a mortal woman, for being married to a regular mortal guy, Jesus the carpenter? It's a dead end. (No matter. If Satan can get people to doubt God's Word, he doesn't care if it's illogical.)

The question is being asked: "Will the *Da Vinci Code* drive millions away from the historic Christian faith?" Answer: "No." For a comparison, note that the Barna Research Group reported that less than one tenth of one percent of the people who watched 'The Passion of the Christ' actually accepted Christ as a result of viewing the film. The gay population won't spike because of 'Brokeback Mountain.' And I doubt 'The Da Vinci Code' will create a nation of agnostics. We're already a secular nation. What it will do is give us one of the greatest platforms we've had in a long time

for sharing our faith. Get one of the books that details the flaws in the book and be prepared to discuss intelligently the assertions made in it. Don't be angry. Be calm and cool. But be knowledgeable.

Did you notice in the paper last week that a computer has been used to decipher the enigmatic smile of Leonardo's *Mona Lisa*, concluding that she was mainly happy. The painting was analyzed by a University of Amsterdam computer using "emotion recognition" software.

It concluded that the subject was eighty-three percent happy, nine percent disgusted, six percent fearful and two percent angry, journal *New Scientist* was told. The computer rated features such as the curvature of the lips and crinkles around the eyes.

Well, I for one, believe it. She personally revealed to me in a vision that she is eighty-three percent happy in Jesus is being discussed, nine percent disgusted that anyone would think Jesus is not divine, six percent fearful that someone will believe the allegations made in Dan Brown's book, and two percent angry that she would be used as a pawn in such a disgraceful book without her permission. (You heard it here first.)

I am always amazed when people try to compare Jesus to other men. There really is no comparison, even when merely human score sheets are used. For example: Socrates taught for forty years, Plato for fifty,

Aristotle for forty and Jesus for only three. Yet the influence of Christ's three year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined one hundred and thirty years of teaching from these men who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity.

Jesus painted no pictures; yet, some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo and Leonardo received their inspiration from Him.

Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him.

Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the hymns, symphonies and oratorios they composed in His praise.

Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

And then, only He can take your sins upon Himself, pay the penalty for them and save you from them.

Only He will be the judge of all the earth. And only He can take you to heaven with Him.

Dan Lightfoot
The Vision
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, AR

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The Lord had given Moses and the Israelites the Book of Law. He said He would delight in them, “. . . if you obey your God and keep His commands and decrees that are written in this Book of Law and turn to the Lord your God with your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 30:10)

The covenant or law was not too difficult. The law was close at hand. It was not hard to get to, easy to obtain.

The Lord told them, “Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, ‘who will descend into heaven and get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, ‘who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it so we may obey it?’ No, the word is very near you, it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.” (Deut. 30:11-14 NIV) God was telling them that His commands were near, at their finger tips. It wasn’t out of their reach, in heaven or out in the sea. It was as near as their heart.

The new covenant that Jesus left us is the same. It is not difficult. It is close at hand, at our finger tips. It is not stored in heaven, nor hidden in the depth of the sea. It is in our heart and soul.

Our Book of Law, the Bible, or to be exact, the New Testament, has survived for many, many years. It is written so that we can understand exactly what His commands are for us today, just as theirs was so many years ago. Anyone can have it. It is available to everyone.

Most of us try to obey the laws of our land. These are obeyed outwardly. We aren’t asked to obey them any other way. We don’t even have to like them, just obey them.

God’s law is to be obeyed from within. We are to obey it with all our heart and with all our soul. The reward for obeying His law is far greater than anything we can ever imagine.

Remember Our Sick

Dana Bates – receiving treatment after thyroid malignant tumor removal.

Lawrence Boley- diagnostic procedure scheduled later this month.

Mary Ann Churchill—has been diagnosed with Macular Degeneration of the eyes.

Jamie Churchill – has been diagnosed with another type of cancer in addition to the Leukemia he is being treated for.

Dora Dean Cloud – colon surgery scheduled for Friday, July 7th.

Ricky Reid – of West Side, age 35, suffered a very serious stroke. Still in Little Rock, UAMS Hospital, some progress.

Esther Sparks – Back in Nursing Home after a stay in St. Mary’s.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Legacy: **Pauline Whorton**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, J. D. and Iris Bates, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Tom Collier, Jeff Davis, Jack and Jeanne Dickson, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Charles Hickey, Clifton Gamble, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Chris Henderson, Pat Holloway, Alice Hollis, Brian Holloway, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Theresa McKinley, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Mildred Sutherlin, Juanita Whitted, Valentina, and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Kaitlyn Ford, Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Buried Heads

Contrary to common belief, the ostrich does not bury its head in the sand to ignore danger. An Ostrich can run at the speed of 45 miles per hour, kick powerfully and peck aggressively with its beak. As the largest and fastest bird in the world, it does not need to bury its head.

“Burying your head in the sand” is a saying that describes some-one who wants to ignore his short comings or those of others.

The prophet, Nathan, did not allow King David to forget his sins of adultery and murder. (II Samuel 12:1-14) It took a brave man to confront a king about his errors. Yet Nathan was obedient to God and wise in his approach.

Paul urged the early church to confront sin. He wrote: “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)

We are to confront our brothers and sisters in Christ about their sin with the view of restoring them to fellowship with God.

We must also recognize that we are not immune to the same temptations.

We shouldn’t go looking for sin in the lives of other believers, of course. But neither should we bury our head in the sand when it needs to be confronted.

Albert Lee

“I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then said I, ‘Here am I; send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8)

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Announcement:

Need cans of soft drinks for Camp Caudle summer camps. You can leave them at the Dover Church of Christ, in the church's north foyer. They will be picked up and delivered to Camp Caudle.

Announcement:

Please bring empty printer's ink cartridges for the Care Center and place in the north foyer of the Dover Church of Christ.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ Ladies Devo

Thursday, July 20, 7 PM

Hostess:

Carolyn Bennett

CAMP CAUDLE

July 16th thru 22nd

Theme:

"Down from the
Mountain"

Session for ages 14 and up

Registration Sunday,
3:00 to 5:00 PM

(Camp attendance
limited to 45)

Directors: Brent Ruple
Lee Henson

5th SUNDAY POTLUCK

July 30th

Following Sunday
Evening Services

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

July Birthdays

01 Silas Powers
04 Grant Nicholson
15 Dan Straight
16 Chris Ramirez
Diane Walters
18 Kim Statler
20 Cole Nicholson
23 Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 Becky Miller
28 Tina Nicholson
30 James Chadwick
31 Kim Miller

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Congratulations!!

Emily Boley's last name
changes to Walker
on July 13, 2006!!!

In SEARCH of the
Lord's Way
Little Rock's KARK-TV 4
(Sunday 8 AM)

Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

July 22 Chris Moss
Chris Besterfeldt

THOSE TO SERVE

July 16, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Alan Veasman
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
Brent Hottinger
Brett Walters
Chris Loper

Scripture Reading

Dennis Whiteside

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Micah and Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Lawrence Boley
Jim Killer

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

July 19, 2006

Merrell Shoptaw

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Patsy Wisbrock
Kaeli Miller

Wednesday Class: Diane Walters
Bonnie Vinson

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