

Resolution Concerning *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown

WHEREAS, the popular novel *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown has captured the imagination of a sizable audience.

WHEREAS, *The DaVinci Code* (although a fictional story) claims to be based upon historical fact, and effectively uses compelling fiction to teach a new age world-view and theology.

WHEREAS, *The DaVinci Code* denies the deity of our Savior, Jesus Christ, claiming that the doctrine of the deity of Christ was a later fabrication forced upon the church by Constantine during the Council of Nicea.

WHEREAS, *The DaVinci Code* claims that there is genuine historical evidence that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene, and that Mary bore a child by Jesus and fled to France following the crucifixion.

WHEREAS, *The DaVinci Code* denies the canonicity of the Scriptures and relies upon apocryphal sources which include the Gnostic gospels.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our Fall Conference in Loup City, Nebraska, October 3-4, 2005, adamantly affirm our belief in the deity of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the eternal Son of God (John 1:1-5, Col. 1:15-18, Hebrews 1). Christ claimed to be equal with the Father (John 10:30-39). The disciples believed His deity (Matt. 16:16), and were persecuted and martyred for their enduring faith. The deity of Christ has always been the orthodox teaching of the church, long before the Council of Nicea.

We also affirm our belief in the canon of the Scriptures. The sixty-six books of the Bible are divinely inspired and authoritative, without error (II Tim. 3:16-17). The Scriptures warn against adding to or taking away from God's Holy Word (Rev. 22:18-19). The Gnostic gospels were never recognized as canonical or included in any Bible.

We also firmly believe that the Bible does not teach that Jesus was married. There is also absolutely no historical evidence (even in the apocryphal gospels that *The DaVinci Code* cites!) that would indicate that Jesus was married or had children.

We acknowledge that *The DaVinci Code* may be a riveting story full of action, mystery and intrigue. However, we thoroughly reject its underlying message of new age spiritualism, radical feminism, inclusive pluralism, and blasphemous Christology.