Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf. Posted by Dover on Thu, 25 May 2006 14:53:55 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12Free-thinking as long as it's a humanist form of thinking, right?

No, just thinking outside what's normally accepted.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12lt presents a case against the Catholic church and steers the viewer to form an anti-Catholic/Christianity conclusion.

But a viewer is to free to, as you have I'm sure, form a differant opinion.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12It tells us that Christ was simply another figure in history rather than the Son of God and even had a wife of His own.

There's no actual proof to say otherwise, other than a book.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12It goes on to expose some of the atrocities committed by the Catholic church.

Which should be kept secret...why? If I'm going to cast my vote for the Catholic church, I expect to know all thecrap they've done in their history, similar to the press having a field day with George Bush and the choking on the pretzel, or the fact that he's snorted cocaine in his college years. In the same way the Americans have a right to know the information before electing him to any position, people have a right to know about these atrocities commited by the Catholic church before dedicating part of their lives and wallets to it.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12I don't see how any viewer who may have been on the fence about religion can draw any other conclusion other than "Christianity is bad" from this movie.

Maybe, but there are more than enough "Pro-Christian" influences in the world. Too many, in fact. One movie on the other side isn't going

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12I don't know what Christians you've been talking to, but if THAT'S what you think the basic message of Christianity is, you've missed the point completely.

Want to know what the basic message of Christianity is? "Love God, and love people." Love God (in all three forms) with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

...And if you don't want to love god, because you don't believe, you're going to hell, right?

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12What you've said is the basic message of Christianity is a misinterpretation of what SOME judgmental Christian fundamentalists have said over the years. Sadly, many Christians do not know how to tactfully share the gospel with non-believers without being too abrasive or judgmental. It's really not your fault you think the way you do about

Christianity; rather, it's the fault of those abrasive and judgmental Christians who failed to explain their beliefs in a tactful way without being too offensive.

Amongst the most "fundamentalist" of Christian groups are the Catholics. They're literally the foundation for all the churches that came thereafter. Last I checked the Catholic church numbered about 1,000.000,000 people. Hardly SOME.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12The DaVinci Code is an attack on a message of love.

Christianity does not hold a monopoly on them messege of love. To continue the metaphor, they own very little shares of the messege of love.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12When those words have the power to destroy your reputation and add to the slander that's already out there against you, thus giving people on the fence one more reason to turn away from you.

That's implying I give a shit about what people I've never met and never will meet care about me. Who cares if they turn away from me. Similarly, why should you care if The DaVinci Code results in less recruitment for the church?

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12Quote: I love how everyone expects me to shit bricks like a bible-thumper watching The DaVinci Code because my mother was dragged into this conversation.

Quote: What's an attack on what, exactly?

You're implying that I attacked Christianity, I'm assuming?

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