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The Da Vinci Quiz Book

501 Questions to Crack the Code

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Introduction

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown is a phenomenal success, primarily because of its controversial and fascinating subject matter: the book's plot is a modern-day search for the Holy Grail, which turns out to be a prize far stranger than the sacred chalice of legend.

Although the novel is a work of fiction it claims a basis in fact, and it is this 'real world' of *The Da Vinci Code* that has intrigued millions of fans across the globe. Readers have become fascinated with secret societies, the Papacy, religious orders, and works of art that might provide coded messages pointing to a great Christian conspiracy. The increase in tourism to places such as the Louvre Museum and St-Sulpice church in Paris, Westminster Abbey in London and Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland is testimony to the extraordinary interest in the real places visited in the novel.

The 501 questions in this book follow the physical journey taken by the fictional characters in *The Da Vinci Code*, stopping off in Paris, London,

Scotland and Rome with brief detours to Jerusalem, Florence and New York City. It also follows their journey through the mysterious world of ancient scrolls, codes and ciphers, crusading knights, pagan worship and the Sacred Feminine. These questions will test your understanding of *The Da Vinci Code* and the real world that it inhabits, but be warned – not all the answers are in the novel, although they can be found through a good general knowledge of the many disparate elements that contribute to Dan Brown's thriller.

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London, May 2005

N.B. Questions 483 to 501 can be found in the picture section at the centre of this book.

The Questions

1. Which airfield lies nineteen miles south-east of central London?



2. What are Robert Boyle, Victor Hugo and Claude Debussy supposed to have had in common?



3. Which of Leonardo da Vinci's artworks was fired at by Napoleon's troops when they occupied Milan?



4. True or false: the Western Schism that split the Christian Church in the fourteenth century resulted in the election of three rival popes?

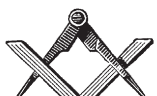
5. In the New Testament, who is the first person to meet the resurrected Christ?



6. Which religious–military organization was dissolved by a Papal Bull issued by Pope Clement V in 1307?



7. Which religious body has its British residence at 5 Orme Court, Bayswater, London?



8. What was unusual about the reign of Pope John Paul I?

9. Which Renaissance man designed flying machines, among them a helicopter?

10. Which twentieth-century Spanish surrealist artist painted *The Persistence of Memory*?

11. Which of Christ's apostles was originally called Simon?



12. From what does London University's King's College get its name?

13. Which Italian city has an airport named after Leonardo da Vinci?



14. Which early Christian texts were found in an Egyptian cave in 1945?



15. Who wrote: 'Many have made a trade of delusions and false miracles, deceiving the stupid multitude'?



16. Which controversial Parisian structure was built in 1989?



17. Which Islamic place of worship is built on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem?



18. In the Bible, an earthquake breaks open the prison where Paul the Apostle and his companion are held. What is the name of Paul's companion?

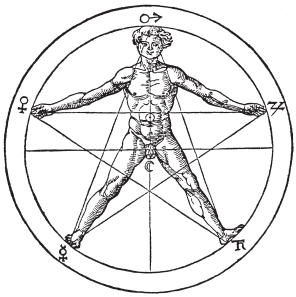


19. What links the Knights Templar to 'unlucky' Friday the thirteenth?



20. Who 'explored the course and figures of the planets, the paths of comets, the tides of the sea,' according to an inscription on a memorial in Westminster Abbey?

21. True or false: Leonardo da Vinci designed a submarine?



22. What is ODAN?

23. In which book of the Old Testament are the words 'Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further'?

24. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *castigo corpus meum*?

25. Which papal residence was originally built as a palace by the Emperor Domitian?



26. In which Scottish church can you find depictions of the pagan Green Man?



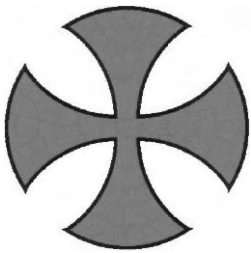
27. Which high-tech Parisian building, completed in 1977, is made of steel and glass, and houses modern art?



28. Which Parisian church has recently posted a notice declaring that it is not 'a vestige of a pagan temple'?

29. Which famous artist described the human body as 'the ultimate machine'?

30. What is the name of the huge Ferris-wheel-like structure on London's South Bank?



31. Which seventeenth-century artist painted *The Temptation of Saint Anthony* and is the subject of a book by Saunière in *The Da Vinci Code*?

32. Which Italian castle is perched 450 yards above Lago d'Albano?

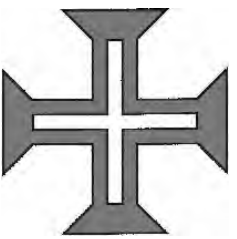
33. Which Christian church stands on what is thought to be the site of Jesus's tomb?



34. What does the Latin phrase *opus dei* mean?



35. Which famous artwork is known in Italian as *Cenacolo Vinciano*?



36. Which of Jesus's apostles denied him three times before the cock crowed twice?

37. Exeter Cathedral in south-west England claimed to have one of the fingers, until it was lost during the Reformation, of which female saint?



38. Which of the following statements is false:
Godefroi de Bouillon was a French king;
The Priory of Sion's Grand Master resigned in 1984;
A Muslim place of worship stands on Temple Mount?



39. What is the technical phrase used in the Church to describe feasts like Easter, which do not occur on the same day each year?



40. In which group of 'lost' Gospels do we learn that Jesus frequently kissed Mary Magdalene?

41. By what name is the Vatican's Institute for Religious Works commonly known?



42. True or false: Godefroi de Bouillon founded the Knights Templar?



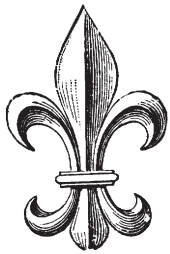
43. Which of Christ's apostles betrayed him for thirty pieces of silver?



44. Which French president was partly responsible for the construction of the Louvre pyramid?



45. Who painted *Ginevra de' Benci* as well as an *Annunciation*?



46. What connects Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned animal, with Rosslyn Chapel?



47. True or false: Opus Dei had several members in the government of Spanish dictator General Franco?



48. Whose letters make up fourteen books of the New Testament?

49. *Vicarius Christi* is one of whose formal titles?



50. Which English scientist and mathematician pushed a pointed stick into his eye socket as one of his experiments with light?



51. The Knights Templar was one of two religious orders of military knights during the Crusades. What was the other one?



52. Where is the tomb of St Peter?



53. Which is the older organization, the Knights Templar or the Priory of Sion?



54. In 1956, someone threw a rock at and damaged which famous painting in the Louvre?



55. What does the French phrase *ne pas déranger* mean?



56. What is the title of the bestselling book by Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln, from which *The Da Vinci Code* draws many of its background elements?

