Subject: Re: Da Vinci Code
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That's a whole other issue, in my opinion, John. Probably a discussion better suited for the Tower, but we're here, so why not kick it around a bit. Fits the movie, so I'm game.

To me, there's a difference between having a legitimate source for a text and having a text with legitiate information. The first is a little less ambiguous. As an example, the texts found in Qumran can be pretty well dated and found to be early versions of the texts in the Bible. That makes them arguably the most accurate copies, all others being handed down by them.

As to the contents and whether or not they're accurate, that's a matter for philosophers to decide. It's religion. It's like politics. Or science. The ideas tend to fluctuate and evolve. What's right and wrong? What's accurate? My bet is on systems that work. If the idea describes something accurately, it's a good model.

So religion then is a model of behaviors, those that are successful and those that aren't. It's a model of the universe too, to some degree. Science is too. And so is politics.

To answer what is true and what is false is at the heart of the matter. Is the Earth the center of the solar system, or is the Sun? Should man kill or should he not? What if the resources are limited? Should he share, or should it be survival of the fittest? What is gravity? How much does all this matter?

I think Douglas Adams was right. He answered it precisely: 42.