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Truth Has Nothing to Do With Them

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The editors of *The Tablet* [UK] offer an interesting assessment of *The Da Vinci Code* and its significance:

The fact is that for an increasing proportion of the population, the more so the younger they are, religion is a blank piece of paper on which anyone may write anything. And then tear it up again; for what also characterises such people is the opinion that organised religion is so irrelevant to ordinary life that whether it is true or not has nothing to do with them.

This is a profoundly important insight, offered by the editors in light of that fact that so many people responded to a survey by indicating that three out of five British people said that there was “some truth” in the theory offered in *The Da Vinci Code* that Jesus had married Mary Magdalene. For so many, the truth status of a claim is simply irrelevant.

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