

## ***Buy The Truth***

Two books have topped the best-seller list for many months. One of them, ***The Da Vinci Code*** (published in 2003), is a world-wide best-seller. It has sold over thirty-six million copies and has been translated into forty-four languages. The other book is ***A Million Little Pieces***, which is currently the top book on the *New York Times* best-seller list and the #1 book on Amazon.com.

These two books are worlds apart regarding their content. ***A Million Little Pieces*** was published as a non-fiction autobiography of a 23-year-old alcoholic and drug abuser who overcame his addictions. ***The Da Vinci Code*** is a novel that asserts certain theories about the life of Christ that contradict the biblical account as well as contradicting the history of the “early church fathers.”

We will hear much more about both of these works since both are currently being made into movies.

What both of these books have in common is that their popularity indicates a cavalier attitude toward truth.

***A Million Little Pieces*** was published as non-fiction, yet it has been demonstrated to be filled with lies and fabrications. The fact that so many people would take a novel such as ***The Da Vinci Code*** (which is not required to be factual) as serious history is quite revealing.

There is a new wind blowing regarding the importance of truth. Truth is not held in very high esteem these days. A poll linked to an article in New York’s *Newsday* revealing the deliberate fabrications in ***A Million Little Pieces***, asked the question, “Does it matter if some details are embellished?” Fifty-five percent of participants said, “No, It doesn’t matter. It is still an inspiring story.”

Truth is the foundation of society; of integrity; of Christianity. Proverbs 23:23 says, “*Buy the truth and do not sell it.*” As Christians, let’s be reminded—Truth really does matter.

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