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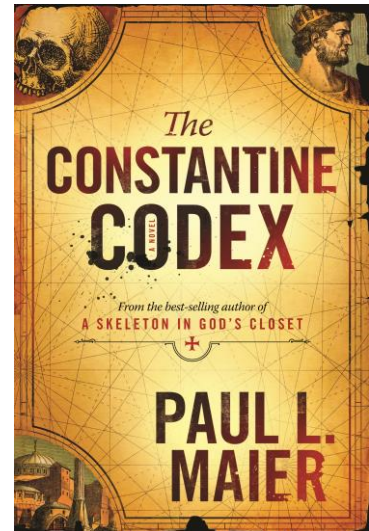
MUCH-ANTICIPATED ***THE CONSTANTINE CODEX*** FROM NATIONAL BESTSELLER **DR. PAUL MAIER** RELEASES FROM TYNDALE JUNE 2011

(Nashville, TN) Lost scriptures. A discovery more sensational than the Dead Sea Scrolls. An honest debate among Muslims and Christians. Dr. Paul Maier delivers his long-awaited *The Constantine Codex* this June. Think *The Da Vinci Code* - only fantastic.

Biblical scholars and church historians agree that the ending to Mark's gospel is rather abrupt. Might there be more? What happened after the women ran from the empty tomb?

Renowned church historian and novelist Dr. Paul Maier revives the beloved character Dr. Jonathan Weber (*Skeleton in God's Closet*, and *More Than a Skeleton*) to envision the lost ending to Mark...and a Second Acts. His seamless inclusion of canonical history into the suspenseful tale ensures readers come away with a greater understanding of the origins of Scripture and the lengths to which early Christians went to ensure the continuation of the gospel story throughout time.

Aside from fascinating details and engrossing storytelling, *The Constantine Codex* includes an open, rigorous debate between Dr. Weber and a moderate leader of Islam that should serve as a worthy example for real-world engagements.



Dr. Maier is The Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University. His novels include two historical documentaries: *Pontius Pilate* and *The Flames of Rome*, as well as a theological thriller that became #1 national bestseller in religious fiction: *A Skeleton in God's Closet*. A sequel, *More Than a Skeleton*, appeared in 2003. His non-fiction works include *In the Fullness of Time*, *Josephus - The Essential Works*, and *Eusebius -- The Church*. **More than five million Maier books are now in print in twenty languages, as well as over 250 scholarly articles and reviews in professional journals.** He has also penned seven children's books, and produced three four-hour video series dealing with Jesus, St. Paul, and the early church. **Dr. Maier is available for interview.**

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"I could not put the book down!" — Professor Michael R. Licona, Southern Evangelical Seminary

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