

PETITION TO LOCAL THEATERS CONCERNING **The Last Temptation of Christ**

We understand that Universal Studios, a company whose decision making body is dominated by non-Christians, is producing a movie based on the novel *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis. According to the American Family Association, the movie script presents Jesus as a weak, unstable man.

Jesus is also presented as a sinner, reflected in His words to Mary Magdalene: "I've done a lot of wrong things. I'm going to the desert to be cleansed. The worst things I've done are to you. Forgive me."

Later, Judas says to Jesus: "If you had to betray your master, would you do it?" Jesus replies: "No, that's why God gave me the easier job -- to be crucified."

At another point, Jesus tells a group of poor and sick who ask Him for healing, "Get away. You sicken me. You're selfish and full of hate. God won't help you."

The story portrays Jesus marrying Mary Magdalene. His guardian angel wants to watch while Jesus and Mary engage in sex. According to the script, the guardian angel says to Jesus: "It's me. I wondered if I could watch [the couple engage in sex]. I'm lonely too." Jesus laughs and responds: "Yes, yes. Watch."

In another conversation, Jesus tells Mary Magdalene: "... now I know; a woman is God's greatest work. And I worship you. God sleeps between your legs."

We ask that if the finished movie is as the script presents, that you respect the Christians in your community and not schedule the movie in your theater. We pledge that if the movie is as the script indicates, we will not attend any movie at a theater which shows **THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST** for a period of one year and we will encourage others to do the same.

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STATE/ZIP

Use the additional petition sign up sheet enclosed to distribute in your church, Sunday School class, clubs, etc. When completed, mail to your local theater(s). Local theater names and addresses can be found in the Yellow Pages.