

Blasphemous Jesus 'Rape' Movie Under Fire

A Christian media watchdog group has launched a campaign against a new movie based on the book *jesus of nazareth* that depicts Jesus' birth as the result of the Virgin Mary being raped by a Roman soldier.

Paul Verhoeven, the Dutch director known for "RoboCop," "Show Girls," and "Basic Instinct" is slated to direct the film. Verhoeven is also a member of the Jesus Seminar, a group of laymen and scholars that question the truthfulness of the **gospels** and the **miracles** of Jesus.

"The liberal media's relentless persecution of the Christian faith shows yet again the double standard of bigotry. There's no way a similar movie would ever be made claiming Muhammad was the product of a rape," says Ted Baehr, founder of the Christian Film & Television Commission, which launched the campaign.

The movie depicts the life of Jesus, but unlike other Biblical epics *jesus of nazareth* shows Jesus performing no **miracles**, born as the result of rape, and when Jesus dies He does not come back from the grave.

Paul Verhoeven, the writer of *jesus of nazareth* is no stranger to offending Christians with statements intended to bully and browbeat: "In my opinion, Christianity is nothing more than one of many interpretations of reality, neither more nor less. Ideally, it would be nice to believe that there is a God somewhere out there, but it looks to me as if the whole Christian religion is a major symptom of schizophrenia in half the world's population: civilizations scrambling to rationalize their chaotic existence. Subsequently,

Christianity has a tendency to look like magic or the occult."

The full text of the campaign against this new movie can be read here: