

Film inspires debate among Christians

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“Noah” premiered on Friday March 28, 2014. Many went to see it on the release date with much anticipation.

The movie trailer was phenomenal and the actors featured in the movie are some of the best in the industry.

Further, as most know, the movie is a cinematic adaptation to a book, the Bible.

Ultimately, “Noah” was a good balance of the storyline from the Bible with added storyline; however, some of the additions to the story took away from the movie and tended to be a bit melodramatic. Therefore, I give the movie six out of 10 stars.

Noah was co-written and directed by Darren Aronofsky and the film-making was budgeted at \$160 million.

This movie budget does not include marketing and distribution. Some of the notable actor’s include Russel Crowe and Jennifer Connelly, who acted together in the movie “A Beautiful Mind.”

The other actors included Anthony Hopkins, Ray Winstone, Emma Watson, Logan Lerman and Douglas Booth.

The movie was expected to sway from the actual Bible story. How can one write a screenplay that is over two hours long over four chapters in a book and not steer away from the story faintly?

(SPOILER ALERT) In the middle of the movie, the plot-line shifts and the story is centered around Emma Watson’s character and the negative characterization of Noah.

Emma Watson’s character is an estranged young woman that is adopted into Noah’s family, falls in love with Noah’s eldest son and she cannot bear children.

However, Emma Watson’s character becomes pregnant and Noah decides he must kill the newborn babies once they are born in order to make sure the earth is not repopulated after the flood.

As you can imagine, this storyline went on for an embarrassing amount of time, with so many tears and too much dramatic music.

I understand the writers of the screenplay attempted to explore what Noah felt God’s calling was, however I did not agree with the route they chose.

I did find it interesting how the director, Aronofsky, chose to depict the



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The feature film ‘Noah’ has been criticized for not being faith-based by adding dramatized elements.

character of Noah. Noah is expected to be the hero, the most righteous man in the world, but we often forget that even Noah was human and made mistakes.

Although I did not like the movie, Bible or not, I did leave the theater thinking differently about the character of Noah. I always imagined him to be strong, quiet and humble. But think about it, imag-

ine listening to people drowning right outside of your bedroom and you cannot save them. Imagine the disagreements that might have occurred within Noah’s family. Imagine the doubt they may have had. Imagine the stress and isolation that comes with being the only family left on earth.

I gave the movie six stars out of 10; however,

there were two aspects of the movie that I give a nine-and-half.

When Noah went into the village and he was looking around at all of the ravenous people, he saw himself in one of the sinful men. Also, when Emma Watson’s character expresses to Noah that she didn’t understand why “The Creator” would want a barren woman on his

boat. She felt useless and insignificant, and she was just what God used to repopulate the earth.

Although, the movie dragged on in many places, “Noah” left me wondering about the day-to-day strife Noah must have gone through in his journey. Also, the cinematography was amazing (especially during the creation sequence)!

Are yoga pants appropriate?



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Many people consider yoga pants to be inappropriate public wear for women.

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Recently on my Facebook newsfeed there was some backlash against women who wear yoga pants. This criticism came from some males here at OBU who were displeased with the number of Christian women on campus wearing the tight-fitting pants. These boys said that no self-respecting woman would wear such scandalous clothing and therefore the assumption can be made that these women obviously don’t respect themselves. They argued that women who wear yoga pants are basically asking for men to objectify them and treat them like a piece of meat.

As you can imagine, the post by this boy drew lots of attention and sparked an entire debate on Facebook. My mission is to end this debate once and for all.

When I’m getting ready in the morning, lots of things run through my head when picking out what I’m going to wear. Does this flatter me? Is it too cold to wear short sleeves? Should I look nice or just be casual? One thing that does not go through my head is, “I want to be ob-

jectified because I don’t respect myself, so I’ll wear this outfit.” On the rare days that I do wear leggings or yoga pants instead of jeans, my train of thought is literally, “Life is too hard for real pants today.” Sometimes I just don’t feel like squeezing into skinny jeans, is that really too hard to understand?

Plus, yoga pants and leggings are like the comfiest things ever. Seriously, guys, if you tried some on you would understand why girls always wear them. They are truly a gift from above.

Contrary to popular belief, girls don’t pick out what they’re going to wear based on what they think guys will like. Girls dress to impress other girls. Males, we know that you aren’t going to critique whether our jewelry matches our outfit or whether our shoes are too flashy. Girls want other girls to compliment them on their style. If girls wanted to impress boys we would run around naked. I hate to break it to you boys, but the world does not revolve around you, so you may as well accept that now. It’ll make your life much easier.

I also want to pose a question for the yoga-pants-hating males of OBU: If you think yoga pants and leggings are too tight, how do you feel about skinny jeans? They are super in style right now, especially colored ones, and many girls on campus wear them all the time, myself included. They’re just as tight as yoga pants, but they are different material so it doesn’t show as much. Does that make it any better? Or are you saying that since yoga pants are loungewear that I look sloppy and that is why you assume that I hate myself?

Whatever your reasoning is, your argument invalid. You don’t get to critique women and what they choose to wear. For as much as you’re trying to tell us what to do with our bodies, I’m surprised you’re not majoring in politics.

So please remember that next time you see a girl wearing leggings or yoga pants, rather than assume that she has no dignity and no self-respect, you should assume that she probably just woke up and didn’t feel like wearing “real pants.” Simple as that. Quit reading into things so much.

THE POINTLESS PENNY

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I’m sure that I am not the only person in this world who has been in the situation where the grand total of a purchase ends in \$.03 and you have no pennies so you are stuck with the dreadful \$.97 cents.

What is the point of the penny besides being a nuisance?

First off, it costs more to make than what it is worth! It costs 1.7 cents to make. How is that economical for the United States?

People view pennies as worthless. That’s why you see them abandoned and disposed all over the ground. All they do is cause clutter in the ash tray of a car or add weight to your wallet.

I think the best use for a penny is for good luck. As they say, “find a penny pick it up and all day long you’ll have good luck”.

A common solution to people getting rid of their pennies is throwing them in a big container and after a few years cash the change only to be disappointed at the grand total. Especially when pennies are the majority of the container because 100 pennies only gets you \$1.00. In today’s society you can’t get much for a dollar.

While few people believe there is value and history to the penny, ultimately the penny just

needs to be abolished. The cost of any products would go by 5’s.

The problem government officials will come across is how much to tax society. Tax is already 8-9 cents so why not add that extra penny?

There is no way the government would drop tax to 5 cents so they would have to round up to 10 cents. That would give them even more money so they should be on board with this proposition.

There have been proposed movements to abolish the penny. Senator Former Representative Jim Kolbe, Republican from Arizona, sponsored the Legal Tender Modernization Act.

This act suggests that all purchases be rounded to the nearest 5 cents. Ultimately the penny would not be removed from circulation but they eventually would fall out because they will not be needed.

Unfortunately, this movement was not successful in the United States. Other countries such as New Zealand and Australia have abolished their penny very successfully. Their accomplishment is perfect motivation for the United States to follow in their footsteps.

Eventually the penny will be abolished, we just have to be patient.