

Disney's LUCA Movie vs. Bible Truth



Luca	Revelation & the 2 Beasts' Teachings	Other Bible Comparisons	Comments
Luca is a sea monster who comes out of the sea to an Italian seaside town.	I saw a beast rise out of the sea (Rev 13:1). All the Reformers identified the beast out of the sea as the papal system, which arose in Rome, Italy.		Luca means "bringer of light". Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. <i>2 Corinthians 11:14</i>
Town is called Portorosso (Red port). Race is the Portorosso cup	Wine of Babylon - the red cup... Isaiah 5:20-22 - Wine = false teachings Jeremiah 51:7, 17-18 - Wine of Babylon = going crazy, being without knowledge. This cup leads to destruction. Leaves us in sin.	Jesus blood is the new covenant. Drink this cup in remembrance of me. <i>Luke 22:20</i> 1 John 1:7 - Jesus blood cleanses us from sin.	Interesting choice of name for this town where the race takes place.
Luca and Alberto (who lives on land) look like little dragons (sea monsters).	Sea beast and earth beast work together. <i>Revelation chapter 13</i>		Satan again uses children's media to portray a monster as something cute, funny and inviting.
Luca is a shepherd... of fish. He holds a shepherds staff.	Pope wears a fish mitre (hat). The Pope claims to be christ on earth. Dagon, the fish-god of the Philistines and Babylonians, wore a fish hat.	Jesus is the real good shepherd. He told his disciples he would make them fishers of men. "Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." <i>Matthew 4:19</i>	The crosier (bishop's staff) is a symbol of authority and jurisdiction. Satan is always trying to counterfeit Jesus and put himself in place of God. <i>Isaiah 14:14</i>
Alberto, Luca's friend, convinces him to disobey his parents and visit the world above.	The dragon, Satan, is mad at God's people who obey his commandments. He goes to make war with them. Satan uses the two beasts of Revelation 13 to carry out his plans. <i>Revelation 12:17 & Revelation 13</i>	But you say, '— ⁶ then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. ⁷ Hypocrites!... ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' " <i>Matt 15:6-7</i>	A call to disobey parents. Disobedience is made to look good, because the parents were uneducated and unreasonable.
Grandma Paguro, Luca's grandma, "knows that breaking a rule or two is part of growing up."	Blessed are they that keep his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life. <i>Revelation 22:14, Revelation 14:12</i>	Obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. <i>Ephesians 6:1</i>	Obedience to God brings blessings and the abundant life. This movie portrays obedience as a barrier to the abundant life and teaches that sometimes breaking rules are necessary and not a bad thing. This is a very common theme in popular movies, particularly Disney.
Luca and Alberto go fishing with Massimo, Giulia's dad. They are not catching any fish. Then they tell him where to catch fish and they have an abundant catch.		Simon and Jame and John were catching no fish. Jesus told them to launch into the deep and cast down their nets. They caught a great number of fish. <i>Luke 5:1-5</i>	Luca & Alberto knew where to catch fish. Jesus knew where to catch fish. There is a striking parallel, why? Maybe the sea beasts know just as much as Jesus - about how to be fishers of men? That's a sneaky lie.

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Luca & Alberto are disguised above water and appear to be regular boys even though they are sea monsters.	Deception is one of Satan's strategies. "He [the beast out of the earth] deceives those who dwell on the earth by signs... <i>Revelation 13:14</i>	Jesus never uses deceit. He always tells the truth. He is the truth. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. <i>John 14:6</i>	The beasts of Revelation use deceit to trick people and make themselves look good. The characters in this movie are deceitful. But the audience has sympathy with them.
They are in a race for a prize.		The apostle Paul says we are in a race for a prize. "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." 1 <i>Corinthians 9:24</i>	We are in a race for life or death. Sin leads to death and Jesus, who cleanses us from sin, leads to life. <i>Hebrews 12:1-2</i> This movie minimizes sin and makes it look okay, especially if it's for a good cause - to defeat the bully.
Antagonist is Ercole, an arrogant narcissistic and rude man.	The beast blasphemes God. They speak falsehoods about God just as this movie depicts "god's glory" falsely. <i>Revelation 13:5-6</i>	Thankfully, Jesus came to show us the Father, and just how loving and wonderful his is. <i>John 14:7, Isaiah 9:6</i>	Ercole means "Hera's glory" from greek mythology (Hercules) and represents the narcissism of the gods. The world tries to depict God as arrogant, mean and vengeful.
Luca's mother is named Daniela. She is very assertive on never going to the surface.		Satan's first lie was, Did God really say that? You won't die if you eat this fruit. Satan asserts that God is not really telling you the truth and is keeping you from the pleasures of life. <i>Genesis 3:4</i>	Daniel means "God is my judge". This makes the mother seem uninformed. She's strict but keeping her son from experiencing the joys and abundance of life on the surface. This is a common portrayal of God by the world. His rules are too strict and stifling. And yet, the Bible says when we follow the law of Liberty [God's ways] we will be blessed. <i>James 1:25</i>
Luca's mother threatens to send him to the deep with his Uncle Ugo, an ugly fish with no manners.	Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. (Rev 20:1-3). The false system of Babylon has threatened people with the tortures of Hell, driving many people away from God because it distorts his character of love.	The Bible teaches eternal destruction or death - not eternal torture while alive. Only the righteous will live with eternal burnings in the presence of the Lord. <i>Romans 6:23, Psalm 68:2, Isaiah 33:14-15</i>	In Luca, he gets out of going to the deep by disobeying his parents. The Bible teaches we get out of eternal destruction by obeying our Heavenly Father.
The Sea Monsters win the race and show their true colors. Everyone accepts them and celebrates.	Satan wants to win the war. He wants to portray himself as something he's not.	We live in a world that calls good evil and evil good. Blatant disregard for the Bible and God's instructions are celebrated. The Bible warns strongly against this. <i>Isaiah 5:20</i>	Turns the reality of the dragon (Satan), the sea beast (the papacy), and the beast out of the earth, as something that is fun, cute and harmless. In our current culture, many behaviors that go directly against the instructions of God are accepted and celebrated.

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Summary

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This cute and entertaining movie has some subtle but unbiblical propaganda. With some interesting correlations to Bible prophecy using the themes of sea beasts (one in the sea and one on the land) that are hidden with a deceptive veneer, the story promotes disobedience to parents, the idea that rules are sometimes meant to be broken and that parents are uninformed and old fashioned. The antagonist of the little sea monsters is portrayed as rude and arrogant. The antagonist to the Biblical sea beasts is Jesus Christ, creator of the universe. He is loving, kind, patient, fair, and just - the opposite of what is portrayed. The world has tried for thousands of years to portray God as rude, arrogant and vengeful. This common theme plants a seed of doubt and implants thoughts in young minds that the deceitful characters are really good and deserve our sympathy and those in opposition to them are evil. Could Satan really be misunderstood? Maybe God is not fair or loving after all?

Some may wonder if the writer of the script did this intentionally. I do not think so. The writer says the movie is a portrayal of friends and learning to accept the differences in others. Many of the ideas were taken from his childhood friendships and time he spent on the Italian riviera. But as Christians, we know that there is no neutral ground. We either serve Christ or we are servants of Satan. *Matthew 6:24* The idea that we can live for ourselves and have our own ideas, thoughts and dreams and that we are not influenced either by God or by Satan is a false assumption. We are either led by the Holy Spirit or by the spirit of this world, which is from Satan. I do not fault the writer of this movie and do not think he had any ill intent. There are even many great principles portrayed, like friendship and love for those who are different than us. However, it is my prayer that many of the people in the movie industry will learn about Jesus and will have their eyes opened to the deceptive ways the devil works, even through those that have no idea of what is happening behind the scenes or how their minds are being used to promote the beast of Revelation's agenda.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places.” *Ephesians 6:12*

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