***Review for the article******“Biblical Narratives in INTERSTELLAR”***

1. *Is the article and its argumentation relevant?*

*Yes. The basic ideas are interesting and it is good to see, how a modern genre like Science Fiction works with the biblical and Judeo-Christian heritage.
Case studies to single films, like this article, are always worthwile.*

1. *Does it offer an innovative approach to the field of religion, film and/or media?*

*The approach itself is not innovative, but case studies enhance our understanding.*

1. *Is it consistent on the theoretical and methodological level?*

*The article is consistent and is prepared in an agreeable methodolical level.*

1. *What are the main positive aspects of the article?*

*A complex, modern movie in advanced SF-mode is (mostly) convincingly decoded in order to work out his  religions dimensions resp. its more or less hidden connections to biblical traditions. The author is as competent in Bible studies as in modern Science Fiction and thus able to engage in a fruitful dialogue.*

1. *What are the critical aspects of the article?*

*As always with such detections: sometimes the argumentation in favor of the supposed links to the Bible seem a bit forced. Especially the chapter “The Present and the Ability to influence the Future” (p. 7f.) does not convince me. The dealing with time in INTERSTELLAR is too complicated to fit to the biblical model.
Further:
- I wouldn’t start the topic of the “Big Bang”-theory in the conclusion, but rather point out the major results of the study (and the limitations).
- The notion “apocalyptic” (chapter 1) is too much centered on doom – as in popular imagination. The notion of a new beginning, which is crucial for biblical apocalytics is too faint.*

1. *Do you have any other comments?

- The “wormhole” should be explained more early in the article. And this theory would also deserve some critical remarks – and so also the movie itself. I miss completely any dialogue with serious film reviews etc. (eg. Do they also recognize religious traits?)
- I am used to, that the references for biblical quotations are given directly in the main text (with the usual shortcuts), not in footnotes. I miss a notion, which edition of the Bible is quoted.*

*The text should be proofread once more. There are some minor mistakes.*

***In conclusion:****I recommend that the article should be published with minor revisions. It provides a very good perspective on the field and can be published with minor revisions by the author.*

*Further comments:*

*It would be important to have some illustrations (film stills) to highlight aspects of your arguments. Please provide the file in 300dpi quality (jpeg or tiff) with a text for the capture and the time code of the still (00:00:00)*

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