

WARNING TO FELLOW CHRISTIANS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH CHILDREN

You may already have seen the trailer for the “The Golden Compass”, a new children’s movie starring Nicole Kidman. The movie is produced by New Line Cinema and Scholastic Entertainment and is due to be released on December 7th.

What’s the Controversy About?

- The film will be a watered down version of the least offensive of Phillip Pullman’s “His Dark Mysteries” trilogy book series, “The Golden Compass”.
- Movie based on book series whose goal is to kill the “Authority”, aka God, in the minds of children and create a new “Heaven.”
- Church is depicted as evil and oppressive.
- God is described as “demented and powerless.”
- It dismisses important doctrines like ‘original sin’ as a power play by the Church.
- Church officials lie, confiscate property, murder, kidnap, mutilate children, torture, and oversee scientific experiments where children are severed from their “souls”.
- Phillip Pullman uses the children’s fantasy literary genre to undermine the Christian faith and promote atheism to children.

Parents MUST be informed, so they can make sound moral judgments.

Selected Trilogy Quotes:

{CAUTION, some quotes may be offensive, even though these are from children’s books}

“This will mean the end of the Church, Marisa, the end of the Magisterium, the end of all those centuries of darkness!” (The Golden Compass, pg 347)

“...war coming. I don’t know who will join with us, but I know whom we must fight. It is the Magisterium, the Church. For all its history...it’s tried to suppress and control every natural impulse. And when it can’t control them, it cuts them out... There are churches there, believe me, that cut their children too...not in the same way, but just as horribly. They cut their ...yes, both boys and girls; they cut them with knives so that they shan’t feel. That is what the Church does, and every church is the same: control, destroy, obliterate every good feeling. (The Subtle Knife, pgs. 44-45)

“I am a king, but it’s my proudest task to join Lord Asriel...where there are no kingdoms at all. No kings, no bishops, no priests. The Kingdom of Heaven has been known by that name since the Authority first set himself above the rest of the angels. And we want no part of it. This world is different. We intend to be...citizens of the Republic of Heaven.” (The Amber Spyglass, pg. 188)

WARNING, PLEASE BEWARE!!

Scholastic has already started to promote these books, the “Golden Compass”, and “His Dark Mysteries” in our schools through the monthly Scholastics Book Readers Club. YES, your kids may already have these books or you may be thinking of getting these for your kids for Christmas.

Catholic Response:

Numerous religious organizations have been speaking out against this film. For example, Bill Donohue, President of the Catholic League has called for all Christians to boycott this film. He has prepared a [booklet](#), ‘The Golden Compass: Agenda Unmasked,’ that provides detailed information about the film, the book series and includes a background and agenda of Phillip Pullman. Please visit www.catholicleague.org to learn more about the boycott or to get a copy of this booklet.

Steve Wood of the “Family Life Center” has also been speaking out against this film and has prepared a CD entitled “His Dark Materials: An Urgent Warning for Parents” in an attempt to warn parents of the dangers that this movies presents to their children. You can obtain a copy of this CD at www.familylifecenter.net.

The Real Issue:

Parents and children should not be blindsided by blasphemy and anti-religious themes in a seemingly harmless children’s book. Phillip Pullman has the freedom to believe as he chooses; that is the premise that this great country was founded upon. However, parents, and other potential viewers, also have the right to their own personal beliefs, and should not be blindsided by this watered down film that has yet to be rated. Music with violent lyrics is labeled, movies are rated to restrict access, and television shows are rated so parents have some idea of their content. Yet these books (and movie) are being marketed directly to children, without any indication of their dark spiritually damaging messages.

The Author:

Phillip Pullman is a graduate of Oxford University and a leading author of fantasy books. He is also an avowed atheist that is fueled by hatred of all religions, but most especially of the Catholic Religion. Even though this British author has taken a more palatable approach in marketing his film and books in the U.S., especially as his film release draws near, comments made in past interviews seem to be better indications of his true beliefs.

In 2003 in the “Sydney Morning Herald”, Pullman stated: “I’ve been surprised by how little criticism I’ve got. Harry Potter’s been taking all the flak. ... - mainly from America’s Bible belt -who complain that Harry Potter promotes Satanism or witchcraft obviously haven’t enough in their lives. Meanwhile, I’ve been flying under the radar, saying things that are far more subversive than anything poor old Harry has said. *My books are about killing God...* I’m trying to *undermine the basis of Christian belief...*”

Do Your Own Investigation:

Checkout out these websites and radio stations to learn more about this issue:

www.Snopes.com - [the assertion that the film has "anti-religious" themes is "true."](#)

<http://spiritual-research-network.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.americanpapist.com/2007/08/golden-compass-is-pointing-towards-anti.html>

<http://www.catholic.org/featured/headline.php?ID=5232&page=1>

<http://www.cultureandmediainstitute.org/articles/2007/20071109161918.aspx>

<http://spiritual-research-network.blogspot.com/>

<https://familylifecenter.net/>

Listen to Station of Cross Radio on 101.7FM or 1460AM to get more information about this topic.

How Should YOU Respond?

- Educate yourself about this issue with a Christian mindset and be actively engaged in knowing what your kids are reading, watching, listening to, and doing.
- Boycott the film, books, associated merchandise and Scholastic, the publisher of educational materials (monthly school book order clubs) that is co-producing this film.
- Pray for those who are exposed to this series so they are not separated from God.
- For like the rest of sinful humanity, Phillip Pullman needs Jesus Christ’s love and forgiveness. Through this experience we must not judge or put ourselves above him as arrogant Christians. Rather we must pray for God’s mercy, grace and forgiveness for Phillip Pullman, as well ourselves.
- If your child is exposed to this series then use it as an opportunity to discuss moral issues, questions of your faith and prioritizing your belief in God.

“No parent who wants to bring their children up with a Christian faith will want any part of this film or these books.” -*Bill Donohue – Christian League*”