Golden Compass: Agenda Unmasked

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A film called "The Golden Compass" opens December 7. It is based on the first book of a trilogy titled *His Dark Materials*. The author of this children's fantasy is Philip Pullman, a noted English atheist. It is his objective to bash Christianity and promote atheism. To kids. "The Golden Compass" is a film version of the book by that name, and it is being toned down so that Catholics, as well as Protestants, are not enraged.

The second book of the trilogy, *The Subtle Knife*, is more overt in its hatred of Christianity than the first book, and the third entry, *The Amber Spyglass*, is even more blatant. Because "The Golden Compass" is based on the least offensive of the three books, and because it is being further watered down for the big screen, some might wonder why parents should be wary of the film.

The Catholic League wants Christians to stay away from this movie precisely because it knows that the film is bait for the books: unsuspecting parents who take their children to see the movie may be impelled to buy the three books as a Christmas present. And no parent who wants to bring their children up in the faith will want any part of these books.

"The Golden Compass: Agenda Unmasked" is the Catholic League's response. It provides information about the film, "The Golden

Compass," and details what book reviewers have said about Pullman's books; a synopsis of his trilogy is also included.

Electronic copies of the booklet can be viewed <u>here</u>. (Sorry, hard copies are sold out.)

It is important that all Christians, especially those with children or grandchildren, read this booklet. Anyone who does will be armed with all the ammo they need to convince friends and family members that there is nothing innocent about Pullman's agenda. Though the movie promises to be fairly noncontroversial, it may very well act as an inducement to buy Pullman's trilogy, *His Dark Materials*. And remember, his twin goals are to promote atheism and denigrate Christianity. To kids.