

# Angels & Demons

## Should We Go To This Movie ?

The movie *Angels & Demons* is based on Dan Brown's book of the same name. While it occasionally states things that are true it also makes many seriously false accusations against the Catholic Church.

**AOL** boldly states on its opening page, "There's nothing that's anti-Catholic in the movie *Angels & Demons*."

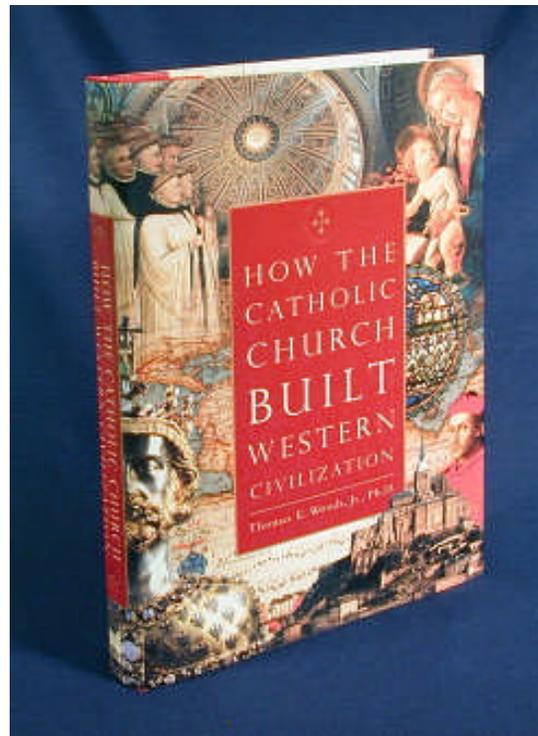
Scottish actor Ewan McGregor claims, "If there had been anything that I felt kind of dissed someone else's religion, I wouldn't have been involved in it."

And yet just consider the following excerpts from web pages reviewing this movie and the book upon which it is based.

Internet links to these web pages can be found at the end of this pamphlet. From there you can read the full text of these insightful articles by Mark Shea, Steven D. Greydanus, and Thomas E. Woods, Jr.

**Lies, Damned Lies and Dan Brown: Fact-checking *Angels & Demons***

Here's how Tom Hanks's Langdon describes the relevant history in an exchange with Vatican police head Ernesto Olivetti: "The Illuminati ... were physicists, mathematicians, astronomers. In the 1500s they started meeting in secret because they were concerned about the Church's inaccurate teachings, and they were dedicated to scientific truth. And the Vatican didn't like that. So the Church began to ... hunt them down and kill them." In another clip Langdon puts it even more succinctly: "The Illuminati were a secret society dedicated to scientific truth. The Catholic Church ordered a brutal massacre to silence them forever."...



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**Angel and Demons Free Book by Mark Shea**

**33 Questions about the Facts and Fiction of Angels and Demons**

**#3. Isn't the book just fiction? What's the harm in people reading this as a thrilling novel?**

Like *The Da Vinci Code*, *Angels and Demons* exploits people's lack of knowledge about the Catholic faith and its "facts" mislead them in many harmful ways.

First, it tells flat-out lies, giving ammunition

**What harm is there in seeing the movie of *Angels and Demons*? It's just a movie.**

You mean besides (a) sending the message to Hollywood: "Anti-Catholic bigotry pays handsomely! Please make more bigoted agitprop that propagates lies about Catholics!"; (b) being sucker enough to pay for the privilege of the insult with our own money; while (c) deliberately suspending reason and allowing the visual impact of all these silly lies to seep into your brain? Download this **Free Book** by Mark Shea

**Why are many atheists so opposed to the Catholic Church, and how do we respond ?**

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