

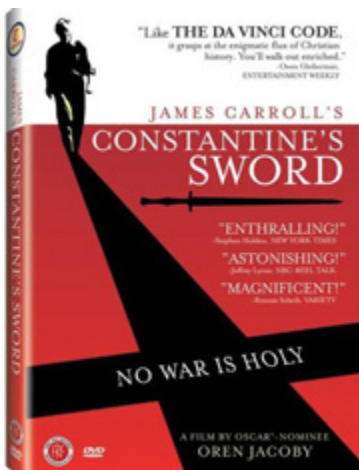
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"Constantine's Sword"

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**Irvine Ranch Water District
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CONSTANTINE'S SWORD, by Oscar-nominated documentarian Oren Jacoby, is an astonishing exploration of the dark side of Christianity. Constantine's Sword is the story of James Carroll; a former Catholic priest on a journey to confront his past and uncover the roots of religiously inspired violence and war.

The son of an Air Force General, Carroll as a young priest, was an activist opposing the Viet Nam War. These two themes come together as Carroll confronts the militant origins and history of the Catholic Church including Constantine's conquest of Rome and his political structuring of Christianity, the Crusades, the Inquisition, structural anti-Semitism, and the Church's complicity in the rise of Hitler and the Holocaust.

Why are intolerance, violence and war so deeply ingrained in religion?

Why did the Cross become a rallying symbol for persecution?

How does one man who loves the Church confront its history of crusade and conquest?

The film brings the history of religious intolerance to life, tracing it as a source of the fanaticism that threatens the world today.

His search reveals a growing scandal involving fundamentalist Christian infiltration of the U.S. military and the terrible consequences of religion's influence on America's foreign policy.

At its core, Constantine's Sword is a compelling personal narrative — a kind of detective story — as one man uncovers the dark areas of his own past, searching for a better future.



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