



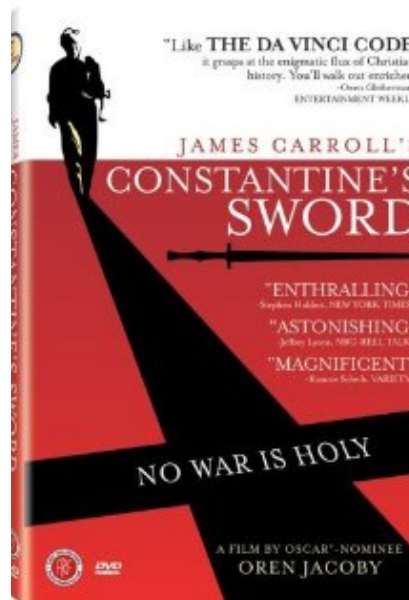
Americans United for Separation of Church and State Orange County, California Chapter

## Constantine's Sword

Part of Our On-Going "Flicks for Thought" Series

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup> Community Room  
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*Constantine's Sword* is the story of James P. Carroll's journey to uncover the roots of war. He is a former Catholic priest who believes that there has been a relationship between religiously inspired violence and war, beginning with the adoption of Christianity by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 312 AD. Constantine was convinced that he had won a battle because he had followed the instructions of a vision, to inscribe a sign of the cross on the shields of his soldiers. In Carroll's view, this event marked the beginning of an unholy alliance between the military and the Church.

Carroll focuses on Catholic and evangelical anti-Judaism, and invokes the cross as a symbol of the long history of Christian xenophobic violence against Jews and non-Christians, from the Crusades, through the Roman Inquisition and the creation of the Jewish ghetto, to the Holocaust. Carroll also charges that there is an ongoing evangelical infiltration of the U.S. military, and that this has had negative consequences for U.S. foreign policy.

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