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David Lebling — 26 Apr 2001, 08:29

On Wed, 18 Apr 2001, William Ansley wrote:

And Pullman evidently regards the success of the first two volumes in the series to be a license to turns parts of the third book into a virulent anti-Catholic screed (thinly disguised but unmistakable).

Really? Anti-Christian, perhaps, but specifically anti-Catholic? Am I misremembering, but in this universe, didn't John Calvin become pope? It seems to me Pullman is mostly attacking the authoritarian streak that is wide in many religions, including Calvinism and Catholicism.

And I wouldn't characterize it as even "thinly-disguised."

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*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.