## **Arts & Faith's top 100 films**

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Arts & Faith has put together an interesting list of <u>top 100 films</u>. They're also gradually adding commentary on individual selections.

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you're not a fan of foreign and independent film, the list might overwhelm you a little. I'm no aficionado but I dabble, and I was glad to see some favorites here: Krzysztof Kieslowski's <u>The Decalogue</u> and <u>Three Colors Trilogy</u>, Carl Theodore Dreyer's <u>The Passion of Joan of Arc</u>, Terrence Malick's <u>Days of Heaven</u>, Andrei Tarkovsky's <u>Andrei Rublev</u>, Pier Paolo Pasolini's <u>The Gospel According to St. Matthew</u>.

## But

the list also includes 80 movies I've never seen, as well as a few I found disappointing, such as the 1966 adaptation of Robert Bolt's Thomas More hagiography <u>A Man for All Seasons</u>.

It's a relief, however, that Arts & Faith isn't too cool to include <u>It's a Wonderful Life</u>. The list in general is light on lighter fare, but it does offer <u>one Woody Allen movie</u>, though from his thoughtful-black-comedy phase, not his string-of-<u>ridiculous-gags</u> phase (go to 1:17). Monty Python's <u>Life of Brian</u> is absent—conspicuously, in my view, for any list focused on films with faith-related themes.

What's on your essential list of films for people of faith?

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