

# POPE FRANCIS AND SEPTEMBER 2015

## Introduction

It didn't take but a year after his inauguration for much of the world to discover that Pope Francis was an advocate of the poor, foe of unrestrained free-market capitalism, reformer of the Roman Curia (administrative apparatus of the Holy See) and affable to world leaders and the masses. His image as a powerful geopolitical provocateur continues to be headline news! He believes:<sup>1</sup>



President Obama and Pope Francis

- That we are in the era just preceding the Second Coming of Christ
- That persecution and human sacrifices will increase
- That Satan's power is on the rise
- That the Antichrist will soon be recognized – and that
- A world authority will emerge to address injustice

On April 28, 2014, author and ghost writer Wyton Hall noted that on the heels of Francis canonizing Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, he sent a strange political “tweet” to thousands of individuals: “Inequality is the road of social evil.”<sup>2</sup> This was a veiled pursuit calling for uniform economic and social idealism attainable if the “individual surrenders himself to an all-powerful state.”<sup>3</sup>

- Ever since Pope Leo XIII's social encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, such “declarations” have been increasingly made, which appeal to greed, dissatisfaction of the poor and the worker's plight. They are aimed at stimulating a sense of restlessness, needing more and that they really can have more!
- It is always associated with an aura that the papacy has a leading interest for the poor.

Pope Francis, incidentally, is the “most influential” Twitter in the world. His messages are “re-tweeted” on an average of over 11,000 times – far more than his closest competitor, President Obama.<sup>4</sup>

On April 9, 2013, the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon met Pope Francis at the Vatican's Apostolic Palace. It was from there that the Secretary General told the world that this pope was a needed “man of peace and purpose” for the world.<sup>5</sup> That began an accelerated bonding between Rome and the U.N.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Article/TabId/535/ArtMID/13567/ArticleID/14188/Devil-is-working-hard-on-securing-end-times.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2014/04/28/pope-francis-inequality-is-the-root-of-social-evil/>

<sup>3</sup> Levin, Mark R.; *Liberty and Tyranny – A Conservative Manifesto* (Threshold Editions, New York, NY), p. 17.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-named-most-influential-world-leader-on-twitter/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.news.va/en/news/ban-ki-moon-pope-francis-a-man-of-peace-and-purpos>

In a stunning encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“*Joy of the Gospel*”) (November 2013), Francis “channeled” Karl Marx in what appeared to be his “manifesto” for a geopolitical “common good.” The National Catholic Register noted:

- This man comes from Latin America where the radical “Liberation Theology” movement was popularized by a Peruvian priest, Gustavo Gutiérrez, in 1971. In September, 2013, Pope Francis welcomed this man to the Vatican, noting that his ideology must no longer remain in the shadows.<sup>6</sup>
- This movement sees social problems as a sin, especially as they relate to the poor.
- Pope Francis perceives his role as an activist, helping to “resolve” those moral issues.<sup>7</sup>
- “Liberation Theology” is Marxism.<sup>8</sup>

On March 27, 2014, President Obama flew to the Vatican to meet this pope. Those observing the two after a prolonged private meeting noted: “Somehow Pope Francis had a very positive view of President Obama and what he is trying to do. They clicked ... coming out of the Pope’s meeting Obama was refreshed. He was happy!” “It was two friends talking about things, even though they had never met before.”<sup>9</sup>

### **The Presumptuous Environmental Factor**

The Pontifical Academy of Science convened a workshop on May 2-6, 2014, called “*Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature: Our Responsibility*.” Scientists from all over the world attended.

“The day following the conference, May 7, 2014, Christiana Figueres, the U.N.’s authority on Climate Change, wrote an article for *The Guardian* titled ‘Faith leaders need to find their voice on climate change,’ in which she **urged the world’s religions** to mobilize mankind to save the planet.”<sup>10</sup> Interesting. An ecumenical call on a secular issue by a secular body! Some religions do not want to be involved. They will be painted as having a lack of interest to “preserve the earth.”

“Two of the scientists that participated in the Vatican workshop, Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, a climate expert at the University of California, San Diego, and Prof. Sir Partha Dasgupta, an economist based at St. John’s College, Cambridge, co-authored an article titled ‘*Pursuit of the Common Good*,’ which was published in *Science Magazine* on September 19, 2014. They wrote: ‘Natural and social scientists have done their part in documenting the irreversible environmental damages (***albeit with large uncertainties***) that we have inflicted and [then spelled] out specific mitigation actions. The transformational step may very well be a massive mobilization of public opinion by the **Vatican and other religions** for collective action to safeguard the well-being of both humanity and the environment.’ That was another subliminal imperative that religious bodies are required to protect mankind. If they do not cooperate, they experience “public guilt.”

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<sup>6</sup> <http://ncronline.org/news/theology/liberation-theology-finds-new-welcome-pope-francis-vatican>

<sup>7</sup> <http://andrewself.wordpress.com/2013/11/28/pope-francis-prioritises-the-poor-channels-marx-in-new-manifesto/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.action.org/pub/commentary/2014/07/23/economics-liberation-theology>

<sup>9</sup> <http://vaticaninsider.lastampa.it/en/inquiries-and-interviews/detail/articolo/francis-42793/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://ktfnews.com/pope-francis-and-climate-change-the-issue-behind-the-issue/>

“Although the meeting was convened by the Catholic Church,” these men noted, “the attendees included Hindus, Muslims, Protestants, Jews, atheists, and agnostics, all willing to follow this leader (Pope Francis), not because of his religious significance, but because of his moral high ground. We need more leaders to step forward, claiming this moral high ground.”<sup>11</sup>

Geo-religious bodies are being urged to morph into geo-politics. This should be of deep concern to religious organizations since it could set a precedence, demanding solidarity over other emerging issues of global interest.

### **An Unprecedented Meeting**

Ban Ki-moon made an amazing gesture on May 9, 2014. He flew 29 of his key U.N. agency heads (chief executives of the Board of Coordination) to meet with Pope Francis. It was during that meeting that this pope pled with those world leaders to redistribute the wealth of the rich to the poor.<sup>12</sup> This was another appeal to the greed of the world’s citizens.<sup>13</sup> This remains a part of the Catholic social doctrine agenda spawned in 1891.



U.N. Board of Coordination meeting with Pope Francis

There was more than the “riches of this world” discussed, however. Ban noted: “Our meeting today will send a very strong message of solidarity [to the world] in our **common cause**.”<sup>14</sup> What did he mean by “common cause?” A mutual agenda:

1. Equality between peoples
2. Peace and cooperation between faiths
3. Eradication of poverty through sharing of wealth
4. Cooperation between faiths and the secular world!
5. Protection of natural resources by first attacking global warming

“Across the U.N. agenda, I see the need for calm, compassion, cooperation and courage,” Ban said. “Your Papacy embodies these principles and has inspired people in all regions and from all backgrounds. We deeply appreciate your personal commitment to eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development.”<sup>15</sup>

Commensurate with that growing coalition between Rome and the United Nations, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences called a meeting entitled, “*International Symposium on Climate Change*.” It met April 28, 2015.

<sup>11</sup> McNott, Marcia; Editor in Chief, *Science Magazine*, September 19, 2014, vol. 3:45, p. 1429, issue 6203.

<sup>12</sup> <http://time.com/94264/pope-francis-redistribute-wealth/>

<sup>13</sup> [http://static3.nydailynews.com/polopoly\\_fs/1.1785857.1399648450!/img/httpImage/image.jpg\\_gen/derivatives/article\\_970/529614603.jpg](http://static3.nydailynews.com/polopoly_fs/1.1785857.1399648450!/img/httpImage/image.jpg_gen/derivatives/article_970/529614603.jpg) (cf. Zenit.org, May 9, 2014).

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.ecumenicalnews.com/article/un-counts-on-catholics-to-promote-dignity-for-all-ban-tells-pope-francis-24743>

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*

- World leaders in science, religion and politics were present, including the Secretary General of the U.N.!
- Climate change is “the defining challenge of our time” and the solution lies in recognizing that “humankind is part of nature, not separate or above.”<sup>16</sup>

Attending this meeting was a leader of unique interest – Jeffrey Sachs.

- He was and is a special advisor to the United Nations and director of the *Earth Institute* at Columbia University. He made a frontal assault on the American idea of freedom and national sovereignty. Sachs made it clear that he hopes to enlist the Vatican in a global campaign to increase the **power of global religion-dominated organizations**. This is an alarming appeal since, historically, a church-directed geopolitical agenda often leads to tyranny.
- “The Declaration of Independence is not enough to guarantee the outcome that the global elites have devised for us,” he noted. “Global government must make us live our lives according to international standards of development. Global organizations such as the U.N. must dictate the course of nations and **individual rights** must be sacrificed for the greater good.”<sup>17</sup> Did you get that?

It was at that climate conference that the Secretary General of the U.N. announced **for the pope** his soon-to-be-released Papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to You) on “sustained development,” which invites respect for the world’s natural resources.

That document was actually published on May 24, 2015, in eight languages. Its subtitle: “*On Care for our Common Home*.” It not only addressed global warming and the need to protect the environment but emphasizes Catholic social doctrines, especially related to the economy, anti-capitalism and helping the poor.

- In it he called for a “global political authority” to save humanity, similar to Pope Benedict XVI’s appeal in *Caritas en Veritas*, a 2009 encyclical.
- *Laudato Si'* is a blueprint for governing the planet.<sup>18</sup>
- It has many parallels to the United Nation’s Agenda 21 goals, which begin this month (September 2015).

Capitalizing on the intense honor the world paid this encyclical, Pope Francis called a conference on July 22, 2015, of all key mayors from around the world. This conference was called “*Modern Slavery and Climate Change*.” Governor Jerry Brown of California was a keynote speaker. The mayors were emboldened to support the U.N. goals to end poverty and promote “sustainable development” through Francis’ initiatives.<sup>19</sup>

Then, surprisingly, Fr. Edwin Gariguez, executive director of Caritas Philippines' National Secretariat for Social Action, spoke out regarding the “cause” of environmental degradation:

<sup>16</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/29/world/europe/scientists-and-religious-leaders-discuss-climate-change-at-vatican.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/29/world/europe/scientists-and-religious-leaders-discuss-climate-change-at-vatican.html?_r=0)

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.westernjournalism.com/vatican-adviser-says-americas-founding-document-is-outmoded-reveals-global-game-plan/>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/13/pope-francis-intervention-transforms-climate-change-debate>

<sup>19</sup> Associated Press, July 22, 2015.

“We are strongly opposing coal energy because of its negative effects on the health of the people and the environment. Coal plants are the primary cause of global warming.”<sup>20</sup> Note how easily the Roman church has moved into geopolitical issues.

The rally cry for a “new global political authority” to drive forward a changed world is catching the sympathetic ear of the “elite” world leaders. 179 nations have signed onto a “sustainable energy and environmental plan” – including the United States. In numerous documents, national sovereignty will be compromised. Pope Francis is offering to be its “political leader,” finding broad support because of his *moral stature*. Among the many objectives “planned” by the U.N. and the Vatican:

1. Lifestyle changes of the wealthy to support the poor
2. Major protection of ecosystem
3. Reduction in population
4. Redistribution of wealth
5. Global government
6. Sustainable land use management
7. Integrate use of water, sanitation and drainage
8. Manage energy to protect resources

The bottom line? **Control** every facet of life.<sup>21</sup>

We reflect on notations from expositor White:

“The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain **control of the world**.”<sup>22</sup> Interesting.

“As we approach the last crisis ... The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet **under one head – the papal power – the people will unite** to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate.”<sup>23</sup>

We are hearing an echo from the Vatican II Council and one of its major documents, *Gaudium et Spes*:

“It is our clear duty” to establish “**a universal public authority** acknowledged ... by all and **endowed with the power** to safeguard on the behalf of all [the world], security, regard for justice, and respect for rights.”<sup>24</sup>

That “universal public authority” will soon be the Holy See with its papal head!

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<sup>20</sup> <http://cathnews.com/cathnews/22409-philip>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/mdgoverview.html>

<sup>22</sup> White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 565-566.

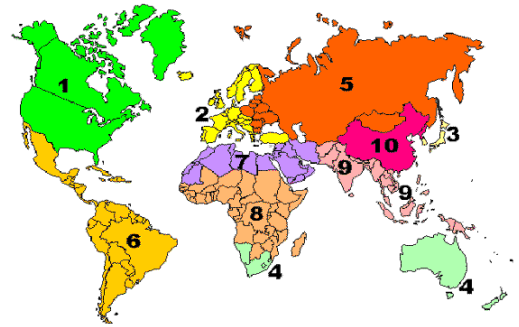
<sup>23</sup> White, Ellen G.; *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 182.

<sup>24</sup> *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II Council, 1965, p. 82.

## A Timely Warning

There is an urgent appeal to understand what God's Word has said regarding geopolitics. Speculation is rampant, but there are specific events that are now unfolding.<sup>25</sup>

Since 1942 agencies of the U.S. government (especially the State Department) and followers of the Roman Catholic faith, have proposed a world order of ten regions. This was matured by The Club of Rome in 1973.<sup>26</sup>



It is important to observe that the ten *beast/horns* coalition noted in Revelation 17:12-13, which have “no kingdom as yet,” is now forming! In Revelation 13, as the beast arises from the sea, its first noted anatomical parts are its horns. There, they have crowns! The “kingdoms” have then been formed.

- We are in that Revelation 17:12-13 time. The end **is** in sight.
- The transition into Revelation 13:1 will come quickly.
- It will be **then** that the world will wonder after the beast by a defiant allurements.

Now is when the orientation to expositor White's warning comes into focus: “Prophecy foretells a restoration of her power.”<sup>27</sup>

## Presently Anticipated

This month, September 2015, **history will be made** by Pope Francis.

1. He will address a joint session of Congress (September 24). The House Speaker is preparing a posh “inauguration-like setting.” This will mark the first time the head of the Roman Catholic Church has ever addressed a joint session of Congress.<sup>28</sup> This is a stunning event! Though addressing a secular body, he represents over 1.2 billion religious Catholic members.

His speech “will be less pastoral than his homilies, obviously, and more about policy. The themes will reflect the priorities of Pope Francis, not as an individual, but as head of the universal Catholic Church.”<sup>29</sup>

Of deeper concern, the “American idea” of God-given rights embodied in the Declaration of Independence will be challenged by Pope Francis.<sup>30</sup> He is no friend of capitalism.

<sup>25</sup> Fowler, Franklin S.; *The Last Geopolitical “Order,”* pp. 1, 4.

<sup>26</sup> <http://www2.ministries-online.org/biometrics/rome.html>

<sup>27</sup> White, Ellen G.; *The Faith I Live By*, p. 329.

<sup>28</sup> Walsh, Deirdre, CNN Senior Congressional producer, July 8, 2015;

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/08/politics/pope-francis-congress-boehner-visit/index.html>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2015/ideals-worth-sacrificing-for-pope-to-challenge-congress-un.cfm>

2. He will also address the largest gathering of world leaders in history at the United Nations on its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, September 25.

Everything will be highly symbolic. “Francis will be going to the U.N. headquarters on Sept. 25, exactly 50 years after Paul VI became the first pope ever to address the international body on Oct. 4, 1965, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.”<sup>31</sup>

There, the Pope will call on those leaders to embrace a New World Order.

- Recall, it was he who advised that the world needed a **central authority** to oversee those changes (a leader to a “super-U.N.” to deal with the world’s “economic problems and world injustices.”)<sup>32</sup>
- Expect a major move toward establishing that geopolitical authority, focusing on Rome’s leadership.

“At the center of both speeches [to Congress and the U.N.] will be a call to work for the **common good** – not just the interests of their campaign supporters or even of all their constituents – with a vision that recognizes, as the pope repeatedly says, that there is only **one human family** and that people have a shared responsibility for others and the world.

“‘Authentic faith,’ the pope wrote, ‘always involves a deep desire to **change the world**, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.’”<sup>33</sup>

3. He will then be a keynote speaker at the *Sustainable Development Summit* at the U.N. (September 25-27):
  - This will cover world economics, agriculture, education and gender equality.
  - It is anticipated that it will include “something” that touches every person on planet earth and why decisions must be made “for the good of the planet.”<sup>34</sup>
  - It is at that meeting that the U.N. will adopt the “Post-2015 agenda for the world” (A New World Order).<sup>35</sup>
4. Pope Francis will meet with religious leaders from around the United States at Ground Zero for a “religious vigil.”<sup>36</sup>
5. Then comes the *World Meeting of Families* in Philadelphia, PA, September 26-27, 2015. The Pope will be speaking from the lectern used by Abraham Lincoln when he gave the Gettysburg address.
  - Ecclesial recommendations and exhortations are anticipated on “behalf of the family.”
  - In turn, a *sine qua non* for the “family of God” of the Universal Church will be setting aside a “day” for the family, for rest and for religious purposes.

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<sup>30</sup> <http://www.westernjournalism.com/vatican-adviser-says-americas-founding-document-is-outmoded-reveals-global-game-plan/>

<sup>31</sup> <http://ncronline.org/blogs/roman-observer/pope-francis-really-going-united-states>

<sup>32</sup> <http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/pope-francis-calls-for-a-new-global-political-authority-to-save-humanity>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2015/ideals-worth-sacrificing-for-pope-to-challenge-congress-un.cfm>

<sup>34</sup> <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

<sup>35</sup> <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/summit>

<sup>36</sup> <http://vaticaninsider.lastampa.it/en/inquiries-and-interviews/detail/articolo/francis-42793/>

A preparation catechesis was published at <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/about-the-event/catechesis/> for all the “faithful.”

### **Summation Thoughts**

With this burgeoning global recognition and honor given to Pope Francis, even atheists have recently spoken out favorably toward him: “[He] is the kind of world leader we need.”<sup>37</sup>

For those wishing to expand the scope of “global governance,” the meetings the Pope will be attending at the United Nations will provide the “perfect umbrella” to position the papacy’s global leadership. Never before has the Vatican given so much support to a geopolitical agenda as the “Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.” Never before in recent history has the world reached out to the “moral leadership” of the Vatican as now.<sup>38</sup>

Pope Francis is also moving to unite, geopolitically, religious leadership from around the world. In his climate change encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, he notes that religious institutions can and should take the lead in bringing about the proper change in attitude toward Creation.<sup>39</sup> That is ecclesiastical–geopolitical “manipulation”! The churches might not unite on doctrinal or liturgical issues, but who can challenge the moves toward protection of God’s creation? “Everyone” is being drawn into those Vatican ideals.

International standards of ethics are already being formulated for the “greater good” of humanity. A “moral dimension” is being placed within geopolitics.<sup>40</sup> This is to be closely watched. Much is at variance with Scripture.

It won’t be long before one’s unique loyalties to Christ and His saving truth will be challenged. How valuable has the blood of Christ been to you? Would you be willing to risk everything for heaven?

Are you sensitive to the Revelation 17 message regarding that beast and its ten horns? A coalition is in place between Rome and world powers. A “religious face” will drive its imagery. Tyranny will bring it power.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> <http://www.esquire.com/news-politics/news/a24662/pope-smiles-on-godless/>

<sup>38</sup> <http://agenda21news.com/2015/05/in-september-the-un-launches-a-major-sustainable-development-agenda-for-the-entire-planet/>

<sup>39</sup> [http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pop\\_franis](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pop_franis)

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.westernjournalism.com/vatican-adviser-says-americas-founding-document-is-outmoded-reveals-global-game-plan/>