

Review of: "Hasn't the time finally come for the establishment of a World Government?"

Fabio Py

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The material "Hasn't the time finally come for the establishment of a World Government?" brings an instigating discussion about Pope John XXIII and the Encyclical Pacem in Terris. Nevertheless, addressing the matter directly, when referring to the phrase "This visit may have taken place without consultation with the Party and threatened to be seen as a breakdown of the then Communist doctrine", it deserves to be indicated that, important authors of the theology of revolution among the elites of the USSR since the end of the 1950s, as indicated by Joseph Comblin in the book "The ideology of national security: the military power in Latin America", Rio de Janeiro: Civilização Brasileira, 1978. But on the transit Liberation Theologians among the elites of the USSR, it is worth mentioning what was highlighted by: Carvalhaes, C; Py, F, 2017, Liberation Theology in Brazil, Cross Currents, 67(1): 157-179. Both ratify the environment of certain relations of Western Christianity with the leadership of the Soviet communist state.

Interestingly, the article refers to the issue of peace, by Pope John XXIII, but it is not concerned with describing what a "theology of peace" would be, in the context of the Cold War between capitalist and socialist blocs. It is worth describing further the point that the article assumes the position of the church with the capitalist bloc in the tone of the points of the Encyclical Pacem in Terris, mainly from the emphasis on Human Rights, as Alan Badiou writes in his "The communist hypothesis", São Paulo: Boitempo Editorial, 2012. This is because the debate on Human Rights is based on the rights granted to "individuals" and not on rights from the State.

I miss the relationship between the Encyclical Pacem in Terris of John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council. This element could have been more highlighted, however, I believe that the article is an important contribution to the study of more contemporary Catholicism. At the same time, I ask that the referred elements be considered so that the article takes on more complexity. Congratulations!

Qeios ID: X19HJ5 · https://doi.org/10.32388/X19HJ5