

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

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The article presents in a very clear and convincing way the novelty and impact of the Encyclical *al Pacem in Terris*, one of the most important document of the Holy See about international relations, world order and peacemaking.

At the beginning of the article, the Author refers to the «so-called "third way", also known as the "way of common sense"». This statement requires clarifications: what about the other two “ways”? Isn’t that language more journalistic than academic? Isn’t inaccurate to talk about “common sense” in this context?

Another important missing piece is a reference to the Catholic theory of the “just war”, contrasting that in a problematic way with the content of *Pacem in Terris*.

The Author, with reference to Pope Francis' “Fratelli Tutti”, talks about “dreams” : «the dream of a renewed fraternity between peoples and individuals: religious, political, economic and social fraternity. A dream similar to that of Martin Luther King, whose name is listed at the end alongside St. Francis of Assisi, Gandhi, Desmond Tutu, Charles de Foucauld.» I'm not convinced that the semantic of the “dream” applies to the *prophecy* and *hope* expressed in Pope Francis' Encyclical.

However, in my opinion the main critical point is that the article should elaborate more on the concept of world government, that is announced in the title as the core issue of the discussion (which is precisely “Hasn't the time finally come for the establishment of a World Government?”).

First, there is a huge difference between “world authority” and “world government”, the latter being much more problematic than an Authority such as, for instance, a reformed United Nations Security Council. Second, a world government would imply a shift from multilateralism to federalism at global level. Popes do not need reasoning in terms of the implications for political science (representation, modes of elections, accountability, pluralism, checks and balances, etc.) but the Author is expected to say something more than pure statements of principles.

Moreover, the idea of a world government is far from being a religious monopoly, and a prominent political scientist as Alexander Wendt in 2003 wrote an academic article to show «Why a World State is Inevitable».

All in all, a good article that can be further improved. It requires a revision and integrations that might strengthen the main argument.

