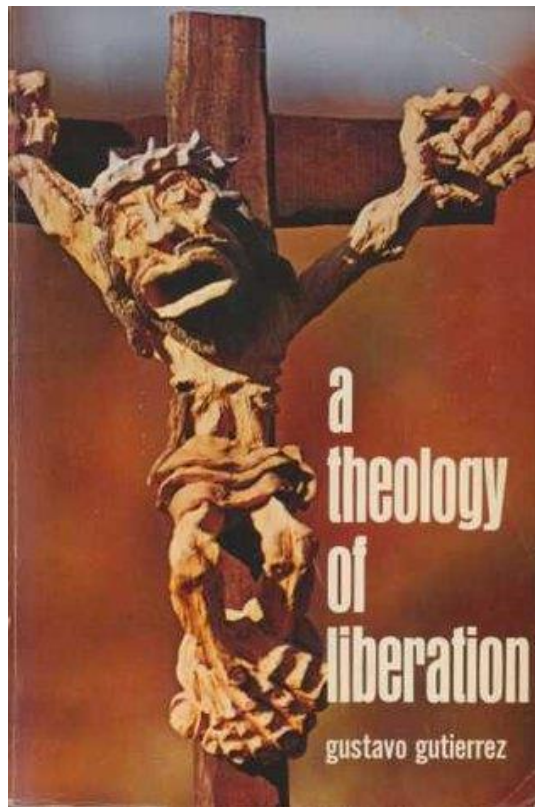


Marx, Engels, and Pope

Pope Francis has sounded like a Marxist by denouncing “trickle-down” economics, the pro-growth policies associated with President Reagan. He negotiated the Obama deal with Communist Cuba. The Washington Post noted that while Pope John Paul II was “extremely public in his fight against communism,” Francis seems dedicated to being known as a “master builder of bridges” between the communist and free worlds. This is to the advantage of the communists. Tradition in Action reports that, on November 22, 2014, at the end of an audience granted to the participants of the IV National Missionary Congress of Italy, Pope Francis “warmly greeted Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, considered the father of Liberation Theology.”



TIA reports, “Francis had already received Gutierrez in September 2013, but in a private audience without photos. Now, the papal endorsement of that communist theology becomes unrestrained and overt. We can note the joy manifested by Francis in the encounter, expressing his adhesion to the ideas of Gutierrez.”

The National Catholic Reporter says, “Some observers of the Catholic theological scene are saying that a personal meeting between Pope Francis and Dominican Fr. Gustavo Gutiérrez could mark a thaw in decades of frosty relations between the church's hierarchy and liberation theologians.” Catholic writer Vic Biorseth concludes, “I’m afraid

it is true—Pope Francis is a Marxist. George Soros is probably celebrating. So is Bill Ayers, Frances Fox Piven, and especially, Comrade President Obama, peace be upon him. We will get through this, and we will be stronger for it.”

In its September 4, 2013 issue, pages 4 & 5, the organ of the Holy See, *L'Osservatore Romano*, published an article by Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, attacking “economic neo-liberalism,” code for global capitalism. He also writes, “Regarding globalization and poverty, we must also place the prospects opened by ecological currents that face the destruction of nature, equally suicidal. They have made us more sensitive to all the dimensions of the gift of life and have helped us expand the horizon of social solidarity, which must include a respectful relationship with nature.”

In another shocking development, Francis returned Miguel D'Escoto to his duties as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, after a 29-year suspension. D'Escoto is the former foreign minister of Communist Sandinista Nicaragua and Catholic Priest of the Maryknoll Order who advocates Marxist-oriented liberation theology and won the Lenin Peace Prize from the old Soviet Union. He served as President of the U.N. General Assembly from September 2008 until September 2009.

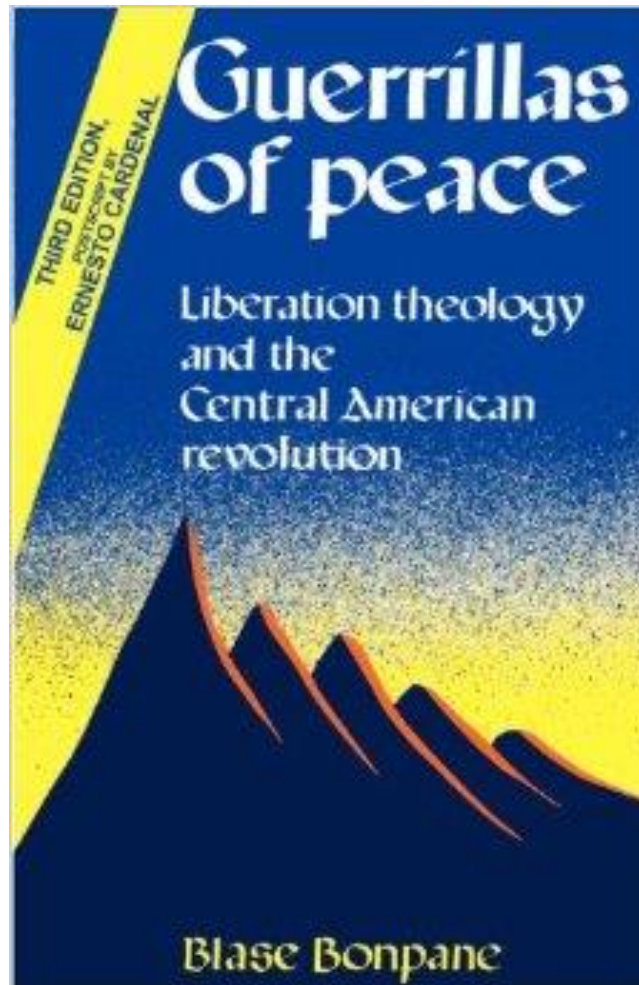
D'Escoto had declared that “We still need to recognize that the globalized means of production, in their industrial voracity, have in large measure devastated the Earth and thus have also damaged the common good of Earth and humanity. We must urgently seek other paths that are more humane and more favorable towards life: the paths of justice and solidarity which lead to peace and happiness.” Capitalism cannot be reformed, he said, adding that “...controls and corrections of the existing model, while undoubtedly necessary, are insufficient in the medium and long term. Their inherent ability to address the global crisis has proven to be weak. Stopping at controls and corrections of the model would demonstrate a cruel lack of social sensitivity, imagination and commitment to the establishment of a just and lasting peace. Egotism and greed cannot be corrected. They must be replaced by solidarity, which obviously implies radical change. If what we really want is a stable and lasting peace, it must be absolutely clear that we must go beyond controls and corrections of the existing model to create something that strives towards a new paradigm of social coexistence.”

The solution, he went on, involves the affirmation of a “global ethic” for “safeguarding the common good of the Earth and humanity.” He explained, “We will start with the assumption that the community of peoples is simultaneously a community of common goods. These cannot be appropriated privately by anyone and must serve the life of all in present and future generations and the community of other living beings.”

The reference to being “appropriated privately” was, of course, a dig at global capitalism and the concept of private property. If we don't replace capitalism with international socialism, he said that “we could arrive at the same destiny which has already befallen the dinosaurs.”

Pope declares Oscar Romero, hero to liberation theology, a martyr

More recently, Francis approved martyrdom status for slain Salvadoran archbishop Oscar Romero, a hero to the Liberation Theology movement. AP noted, "Romero's sainthood cause had been held up by the Vatican for years out of concern over his perceived association with liberation theology..." Blasé Bonpane, Director of the Office of the Americas, said, "...this action by the Pope [Francis] is really a slam on John Paul II, who forced Romero to wait for weeks in Rome and wouldn't talk to him when Romero was desperately trying to explain the situation [in El Salvador, where communists were fighting for control of the country] to him." Bonpane served as a Maryknoll priest in Guatemala and has written five books including *Guerrillas of Peace: Liberation Theology and the Central American Revolution*.



Blasé Bonpane supported the "Cuban Five" spies

Vatican Promotes Cooperation with Russian Orthodox Church and Islam

Francis has been described as the first pope to name himself after St. Francis of Assisi, who preached to birds and sang to “Brother Sun and Sister Moon.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited the Vatican and acted like a religious believer. Putin made the sign of the cross, gave the pope a Virgin Mary icon, and bent over to kiss it. The pope followed suit. The Putin visit is considered a step toward the possible collaboration—or even merger—of the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church in global affairs. The Russian Orthodox Church has been dominated by Putin’s old KGB and continues to serve the interests of the Kremlin. Francis is also promoting cooperation with Islam. He said, “Faced with disconcerting episodes of violent fundamentalism, our respect for true followers of Islam should lead us to avoid hateful generalizations, for authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Koran are opposed to every form of violence.”

Al Jazeera reports: Francis stood with his head bowed and hands clasped in front of him for two minutes of silent prayer inside the 17th-century Sultan Ahmet mosque, aiming to show respect for Islam and encourage stronger ties between the two faiths.

On January 31, 2015, Francis made remarks to members of Coldiretti, Italy’s National Federation of Farmers. One report says, “Pope Francis invited the farmers, in the spirit of St Francis, **to love the land as Mother earth, and proposed that they make an alliance with it**, so that it can continue to be, the source of life for the entire human family.”

Vatican Radio went on to say that Francis criticized the capitalist system, saying, “the Second Vatican Council recalled the universal destination of the goods of the earth,” but Pope Francis added, “in fact the dominant economic system excludes many from their correct use.” Francis said that by “absolutizing market rules, a culture of waste and waste that in the case of food has unacceptable proportions, together with other factors, cause misery and suffering for many families.” The report said that the Pope concluded that “the system of production and distribution of food must be radically rethought.”

Before these remarks, the Pope had urged a “Collective Answer” to global warming. He sent a letter to Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Peru and President of the 20th Conference of the Parties of the Framework Convention of the United Nations on Climate Change in Lima. The letter, released on December 11, 2014,said:

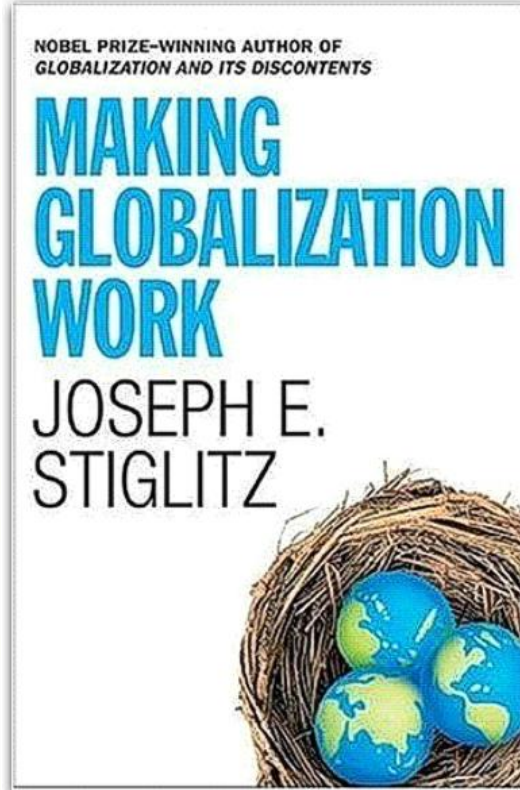
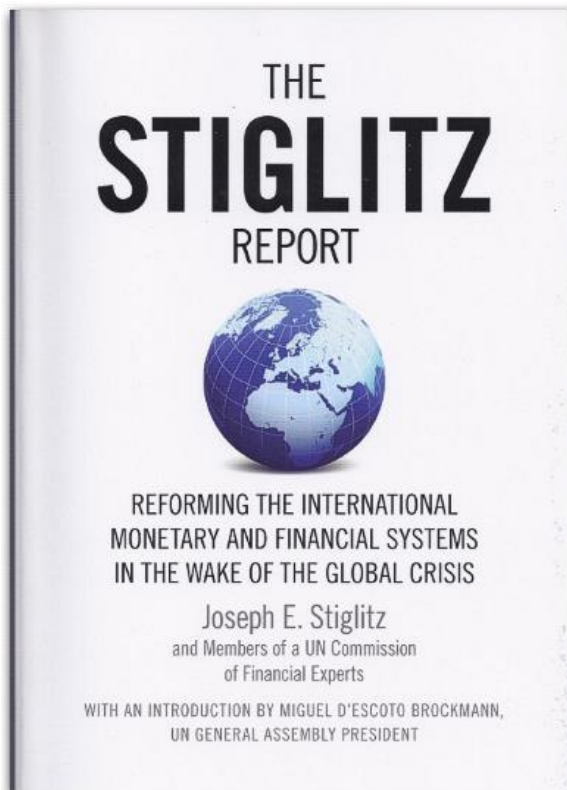
The effective struggle against global warming will only be possible with a responsible collective answer, that goes beyond particular interests and behavior

and is developed free of political and economic pressures. It is only possible with a collective answer that is able to overcome attitudes of mistrust and to promote a culture of solidarity, of encounter and of dialogue able to show the responsibility to protect the planet and the human family.

The Vatican held a conference on “Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature: Our Responsibility,” from May 2-6, 2014. It was held under the authority of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Several of the participants are worth noting, such as Jeffrey Sachs and Joseph Stiglitz, both proponents of a global tax.

- Sachs is a Columbia University economist and founder of the Millennium Development Goals Project. In the name of fulfilling the U.N.’s “Millennium Development Goals” for increased foreign-aid spending, Sachs argued that the U.S. should turn over another \$845 billion to the rest of the world, primarily through the U.N.
- Stiglitz, a former Clinton official and financial contributor to the Democratic Party and its candidates, wrote the book, *Making Globalization Work*, in which he argues for a variety of global tax schemes that would cost American taxpayers billions of dollars. He is also a member of the Socialist International Commission on Global Financial Issues. Forbes contributor Alejandro Chafuen writes that “Stiglitz’s writings had an impact on the second most influential Argentine at the Vatican: Monsignor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Science. Stiglitz was appointed to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in 2003...”

Also attending the event was Dan Misleh of the Catholic Climate Covenant.



HARMONY BETWEEN MAN AND MAN, AND MAN AND NATURE

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In this brief paper, I take up some of the critical ethical issues in the context of economic behavior posed by the necessity of creating harmony between man and man, and man and nature, focusing in particular on several issues raised by *Pacem in Terris* which are of central concern to economic life today.

As I suggested earlier, regulating externalities is necessary if there is to be harmony between man and man, and man and nature. And no environmental externality is of more importance than that associated with carbon emissions leading to global warming. Our planet is being put in peril.

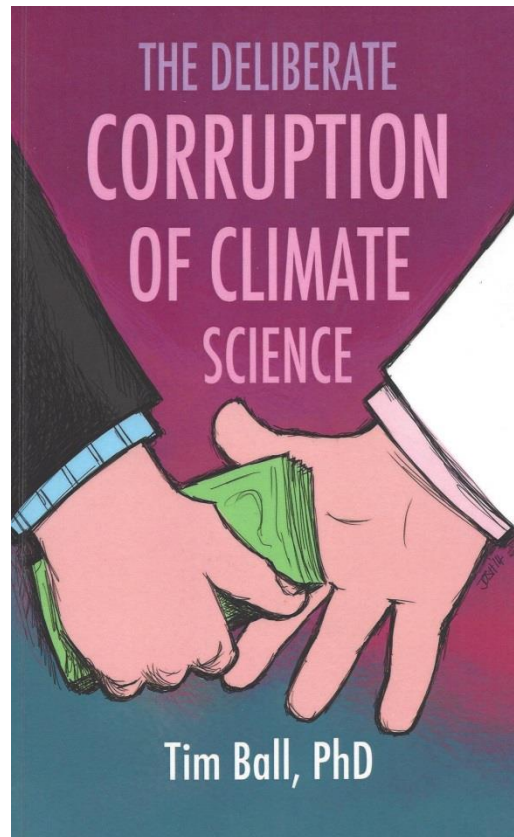
But we can also view this through the perspective of *justice*. The rich countries of the North are largely responsible for the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere – the burning of fossil fuels has been at the center of their economic success – but the consequences are disproportionately felt by those in tropical regions, predominantly countries that are much, much poorer. As the rich drive their gas guzzling

A joint statement published after the close of the conference said:

In view of the persistence of poverty, the widening of economic and social inequalities, and the continued destruction of the environment, the world's governments called for the adoption by 2015 of new universal goals, to be called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to guide planetary-scale actions after 2015. To achieve these goals will require global cooperation, technological innovations that are within reach, **and supportive economic and social policies at the national and regional levels, such as the taxation and regulation of environmental abuses**, limits to the enormous power of transnational corporations and **a fair redistribution of wealth**. It has become abundantly clear that Humanity's relationship with Nature needs to be undertaken by cooperative, collective action at all levels – local, regional, and global.

TIA says the concept of “sustainability” means the following:

- Inequalities in society and economy are intrinsically evil and immoral; they are the causes of poverty and injustice;
- The Western means of production (Capitalism) and ways of living (consumerism) are unjust and immoral because they favor inequality and greed;
- They also produce climate change and the destruction of the planet;
- A global tribalism appears as the ideal of “sustainability”
- Since we are living in a global world in which everything is interchangeable, for the good of all and the preservation of the planet Capitalism and consumerism must end;
- A new socio-economic regime in which no inequalities exist (a Tribalism equivalent to neo-Communism), valid for the entire world, must replace Capitalism;
- Whoever opposes such changes must be punished.



We are losing the information war over global warming (or “climate change.”) A recent New York Times/Stanford University poll finds that two-thirds of Americans said they were more likely to vote for political candidates who campaign on fighting climate change. Among Republicans, the figure is that 48 percent say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports fighting climate change.

The other side is winning. The “climate change” propaganda is designed to usher in more socialism. The Pope has joined Obama on the climate change bandwagon.

Dr. Timothy Ball has written: “The Pope apparently did not think through his commitment to the IPCC [UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] claims as expounded by the Obama White House. Likely, he was easily persuaded, because so much of the false claims fit his socialist ideology.”

On May 6, 2014, Francis received the 93 year-old priest who has cofounded the homosexualist activist organization, Agedo Foggia, that is opposed to Catholic Church teaching. . Fr. Michele de Paolis, a prominent agitator in Italy against the Church’s teachings on homosexuality, concelebrated mass with the pope. TIA reports that the acronym NOH8 - artificially stamped on Francis’ cheek - stands for “No to Hate 8,” which was a protest against Proposition 8 in California.

Life Site news reports that de Paolis is a well-known figure in Italy as a leading clerical apologist for the homosexualist ideology. One Catholic writer, Giuseppe Nardi, wrote that de Paolis is a promoter of the “anarcho-Catholicism” of the extreme left that has

been dominant in the Church in Italy, as well as in the South American Church, since the 1970s. Some Catholic sources report that the Pope is known to have lunch on a regular basis with Msgr. Battista Ricca, who has been publicly accused of being a flaming homosexual member of the gay lobby within the Vatican. Pope Francis has appointed him as his personal representative to the Vatican Bank.

Pope Francis: End the 'racist and xenophobic' approach to migrants along U.S.-Mexico border

On his return flight to Rome from his Philippines papal tour, Francis said this about illegal aliens:

“To enter the United States from the border with Mexico would be a beautiful gesture of brotherhood and support for immigrants.”

In a message sent to a global conference in Mexico, he said, “Many people forced to emigrate suffer, and often, die tragically.” He added, “Many of their rights are violated, they are obliged to separate from their families and, unfortunately, continue to be the subject of racist and xenophobic attitudes.”