

WHO IS

POPE FRANCIS I

And what is in his mind?



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Some crucial factors

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Argentinean

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Jesuit

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His intellectual
mentors

On Being Argentinean

- Major Catholic Culture
- Europe-centric
- Highly formed episcopate
- High opinion of themselves
- Very blunt
- Slightly pessimistic

On Being A Jesuit

- Personal holiness at the center of his life
- Aggressive apostolate/mission
- Astute and Strategic

My headline was: “What does Cardinal Bergoglio think? Nobody knows.” I believe that was always a key for him to have great friendliness, to be very gracious, but always maintain a bit “in secret” the complexity of his thought, above all, with important subjects.



His intellectual mentors

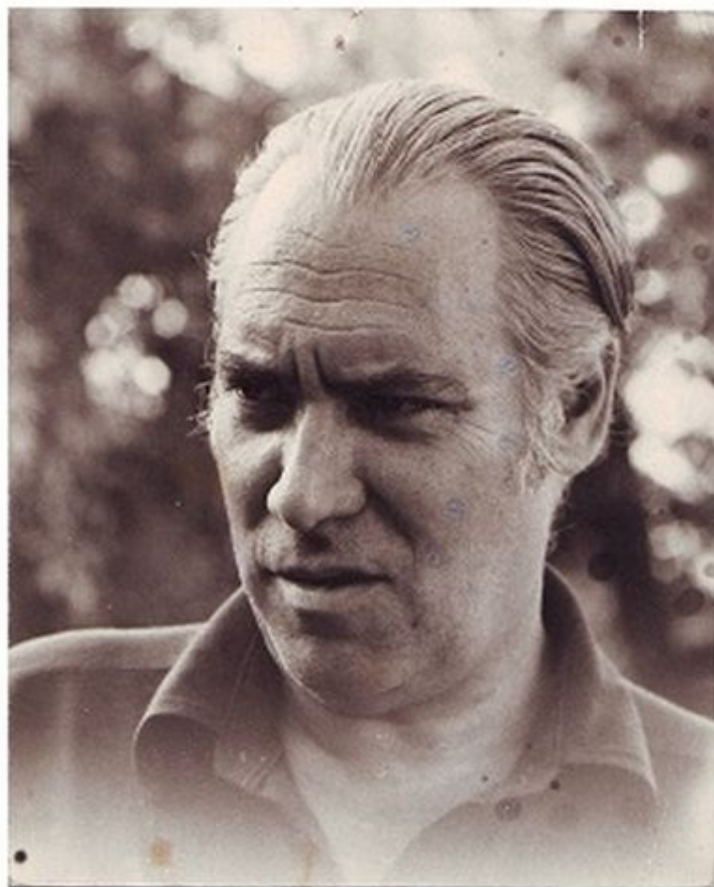
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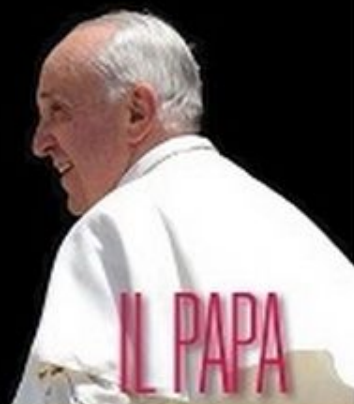
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Alberto Methol Ferré
Uruguay 1929 - 2009

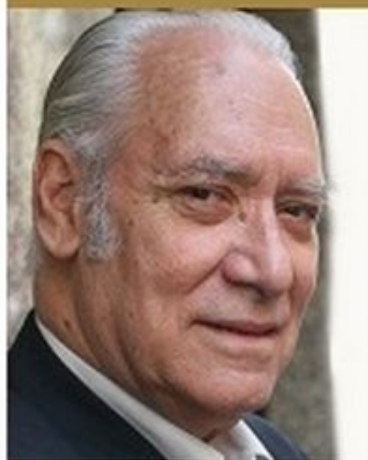


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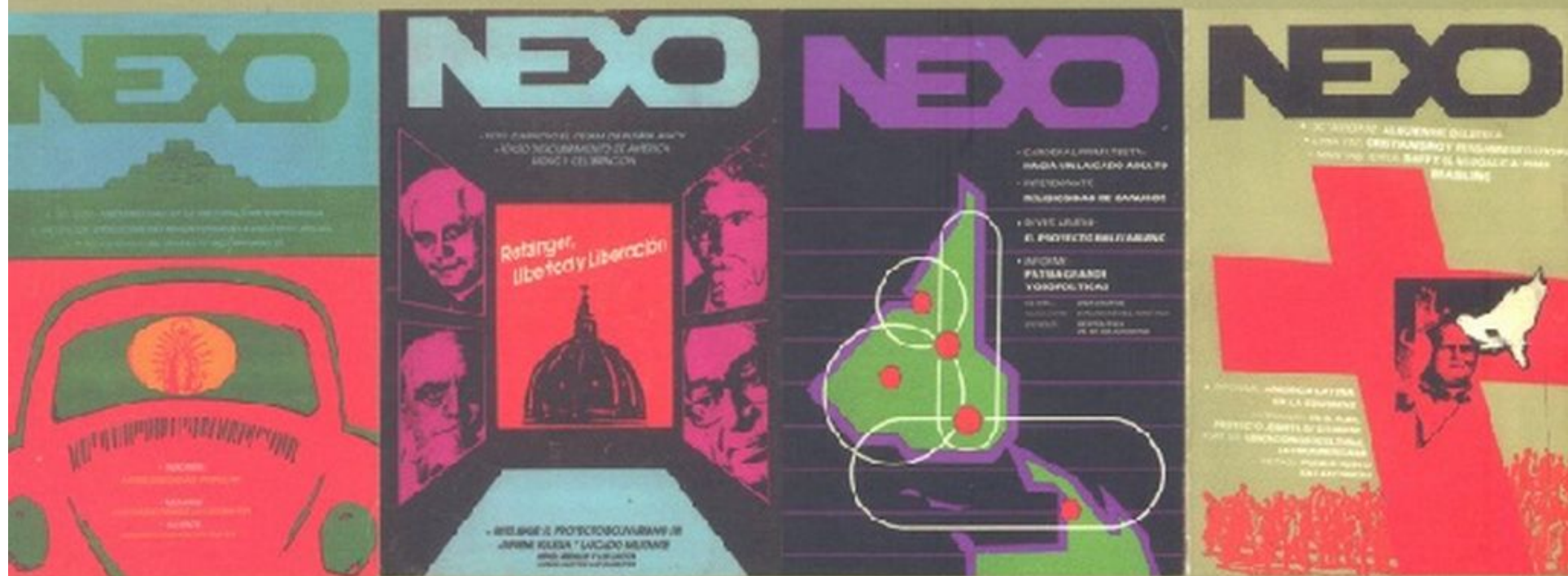
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Methol's core ideas

- There is a “manifested destiny” for Latin America
- The end of the USSR is the end of militant atheism
- Militant atheism has been replaced by hedonistic atheism
- The West, mostly the US, is the ultimate expression of HA
- The US is a natural obstacle to the “manifested destiny”

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SU PENSAMIENTO EN NEXO



The Anti-American Component

- **The Monroe doctrine as an anti-Latin American policy**
- **The Rockefeller report in favor of Birth Control and Protestantism**

Rubén Darío
Nicaragua 1867-1916



To Roosevelt

It is with the voice of the Bible, or the verse of Walt Whitman,

that I should come to you, Hunter,

...You are the United States, you are the future invader...

The United States is potent and great...

You join the cult of Hercules to the cult of Mammon,

We are the America of the great Montezuma, of the Inca of Christopher Columbus,

Viva Spanish America! There are a thousand cubs loosed from the Spanish lion.

And, although you count on everything, you lack one thing: God!

Criticism to "Capitalism"

- Wealth is more effective than deliberate Charity
- The system is more reliable than personal involvement
- "Successful" system can accept human "collateral damage"
- "Overflow" or "rebalse" vs. "trickle down"

Pitirim A. Sorokin
Russia 1889 - US 1968



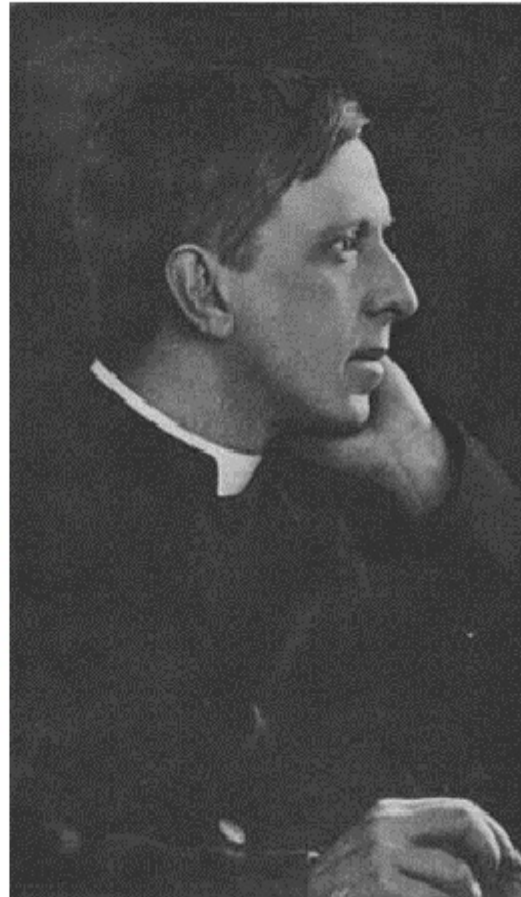
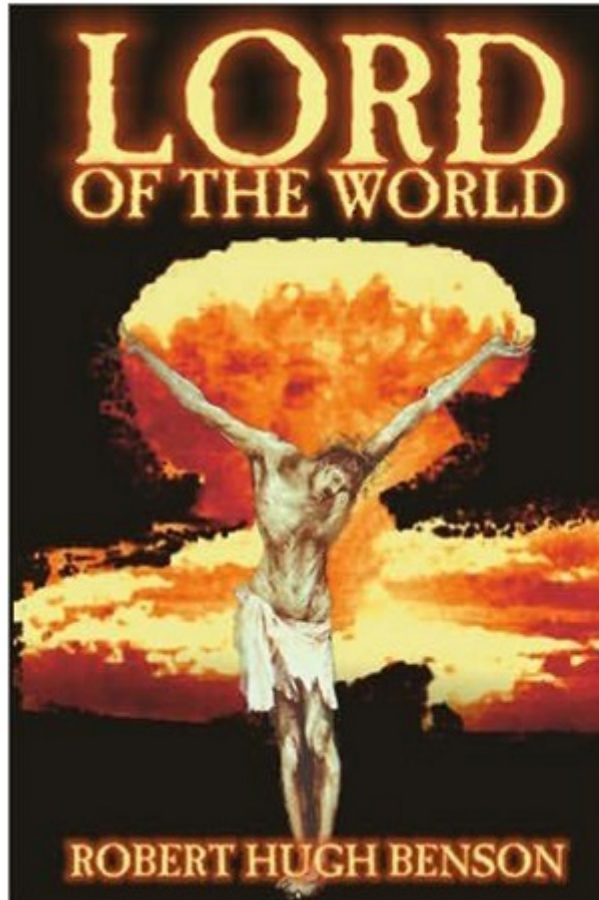
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Sorokin's main ideas

- All cultures go through periods of crisis
- Such crisis is marked by moral decay
- Salvation of some cultures can only come from the "peripheries"
- "Peripheries is a Cultural concept

Sorokin's influence on Francis



Quoted 6
times so
far by
Pope
Francis

Pope Francis

- **Has never been to the US, speaks little English**
- **Has only analogies to imagine the Church in the US**
- **Is intrigued with the US**
- **Is a very fast learner**
- **Will be soon coming to the US**