

# Points of Interest

Laurence Smart

5-11-2017

([www.CanberraForerunners.org](http://www.CanberraForerunners.org))

## Antifa Planning November 4th Insurgency Against Donald Trump And His Supporters



## Canada - Discrimination Against Pro-Life Politicians



BY PNW STAFF NOVEMBER 03, 2017



Dante Alighieri- Heart of the Inferno

Pinterest

Sandro  
Magister

**OPINION** | **CATHOLIC CHURCH** Fri Oct 27, 2017 - 7:08 pm EST

## Pope Francis has abolished hell, purgatory, heaven: papal confidant

👤 Eugenio Scalfari, , Heaven And Hell , Pope Francis , Sandro Magister



October 27, 2017 (Sandro Magister) — In the important newspaper “la Repubblica” of which he is the founder, Eugenio Scalfari, an undisputed authority of Italian secular thought, last October 9 returned to speaking in the following terms about what he sees as a “revolution” of this pontificate, in comments by Francis that are derived from his frequent conversations with him:

“Pope Francis has abolished the places where souls were supposed to go after death: hell, purgatory, heaven. The idea he holds is that souls dominated by evil and unrepentant cease to exist, while those that have been redeemed from evil will be taken up into beatitude, contemplating God.” →

Observing immediately afterward:

“The universal judgment that is in the tradition of the Church therefore becomes devoid of meaning. It remains a simple pretext that has given rise to splendid paintings in the history of art. Nothing other than this.”

It is seriously doubtful that Pope Francis really wants to get rid of the “last things” in the terms described by Scalfari.

There is in his preaching, however, something that tends toward a practical overshadowing of the final judgment and of the opposite destinies of blessed and damned. →

On Wednesday, October 11, at the general audience in Saint Peter's Square, Francis said that such a judgment is not to be feared, because "at the end of our history there is the merciful Jesus," and therefore "everything will be saved. **Everything.**"

In the text distributed to the journalists accredited to the Holy See, this last word, "everything," was emphasized in boldface.

## Will Christianity be Driven Back into the Catacombs?

Christopher Dawson: "The totalitarian state --- and perhaps the modern state in general -- is not satisfied with passive obedience..."



Devin Foley | October 26, 2017



Again though, it's important to remember that such a secular state as many Americans are building today is not values-neutral. It has values, beliefs, and an ethos. Those values can be seen in the arts, entertainment, education, leisure, celebrations, customs, and, especially, government and laws. Those who share the values of the secular society will likely consider themselves quite free while now it is Christians who will find themselves very much oppressed.

Put simply, government action represents a set of values. If you agree with those values, you will likely not be troubled by government action because it follows your line of thinking. On the other hand, if you do not share the values that drive government action, then you will likely find a lot of government action to be quite oppressive. →

At this time in our history, it is probably safe to say that the secular culture is still gaining momentum. It is only just starting to change significant laws and to act in ways that are threatening to many devout Christians. Soon we will probably see battles over the non-profit status of churches that refuse to allow gay marriages. We will also see battles over the non-profit status and licensure of private schools that refuse to comply with various transgender or curriculum requirements developed by the state. Churches will be taxed and Christians likely will find their economic opportunities shrinking if the trends continue. And it probably will be hard for secularized Americans to understand why Christians feel oppressed and why they aren't happy with the changes in culture and government. →

In light of Christopher Dawson's foresight and the speed at which our culture is moving from one heavily influenced by Christianity to one that is often hostile to Christianity and organized religion, it is a safe bet that Christianity figuratively will be driven back into the catacombs. It also may happen faster than anyone would expect – much like the speed at which our culture is changing. What happens after that, though, is anyone's guess.

COPYRIGHT

*All quotes are copyrighted to the authors credited.*

*This document is free to copy, republish and distribute, but only 'as is'.*

*All Canberra Forerunner documents are licensed under*

[Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License](#)