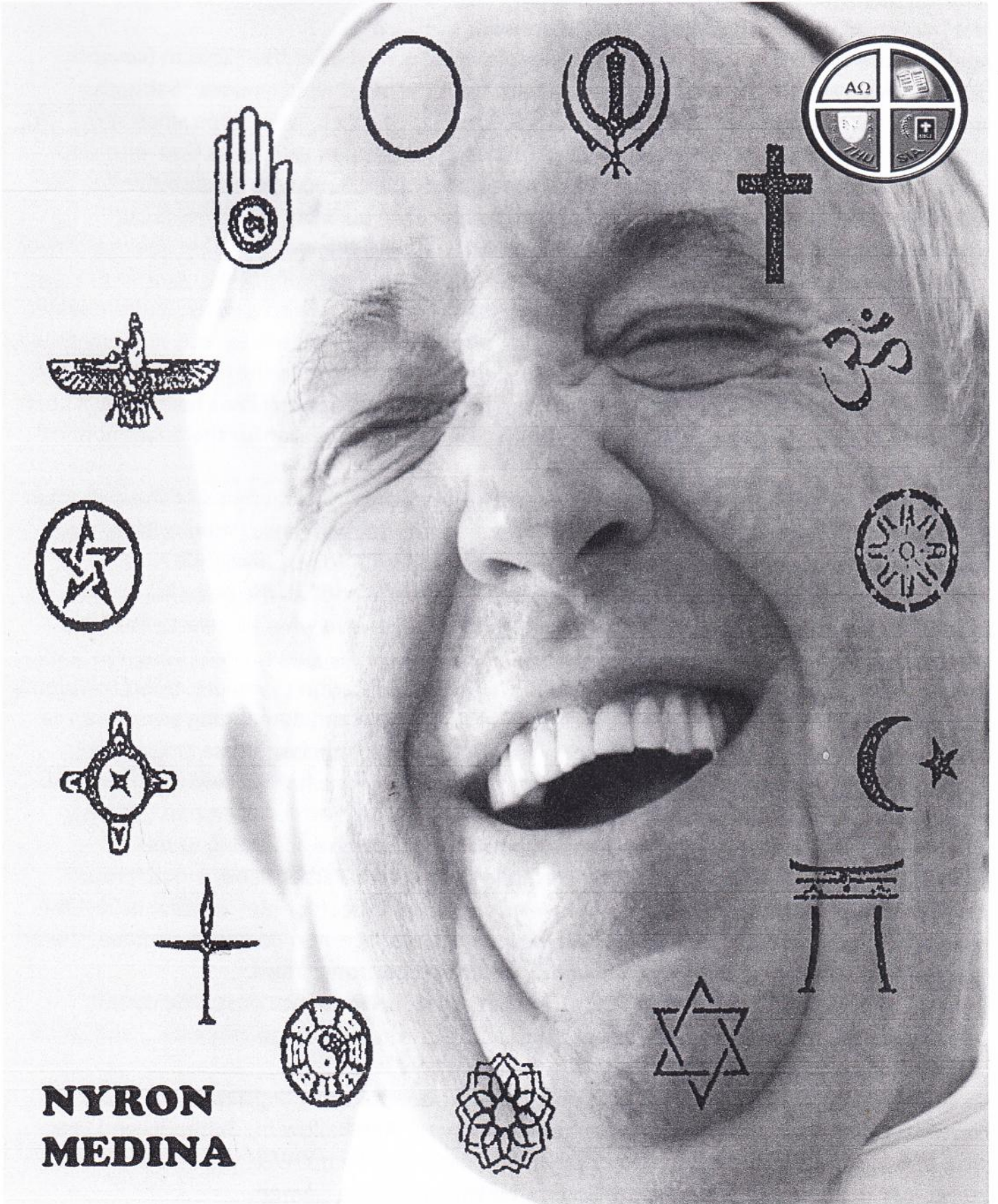


THE POPE'S COMMON GOOD



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The Bible tells us that the **seventh day** is the Sabbath of YHWH thy God (Exodus 20:10). This clearly means that the Sabbath is NOT the **first day** of the week or any other day but the **seventh day** which we know is called Saturday. God calls the rest of the seventh day "My rest" which all men must enter into (Hebrews 4:3,4).

Again we are told that those who are **the people of God** must keep the Sabbath (seventh day). "There remaineth therefore a rest (Greek "sabbatismos" which means "Sabbath keeping") to the people of God." Hebrews 4:9. Despite this fact, every pope since about 142 A.C.B. has exalted **Sunday keeping**, and in turn has, by this, been exalted as God with God. Even the recent pope—the very first Jesuit pope, has exalted Sunday in his statements. He recently said: "Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world ... Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest [Sunday], centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor." **Pope Francis**. While there are so many things wrong with this statement because it presents Sunday as parasitic to the benefits that reside only in the seventh day Sabbath (Saturday), the facts are, that **Sunday laws** have always been considered to be **common good**. Back in 1898 in the U.S.A. a speaker for the enactment of Sunday bills said:

"When we speak of natural rights it must be with limitations. Natural rights of the individual in the community are subordinate to the common good. Sabbath laws [Sunday laws] have been proved to be for the common good." April 21, 1898 A.T. Jones, **AMS** 243.7.

The current pope has been presenting this same "common good" as the need for society, he has been in a coded way calling for **Sunday legislation**. Observe what he said to the joint session of the US congress recently. "Your own responsibility as members of Congress is to enable this country, by your legislative activity, to grow as a nation ... you are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics." **Pope Francis address to Congress**.

In teaching the Catholic doctrine of the common good, the pope further said that Congress must overlook the individual best and concentrate on what is best for everyone. This is a debunking of **individual Rights and Freedoms** for the collective according to man's speculative ideas. The pope said. "The common good, on the other hand, is much more than the sum of individual interests. It moves from "what is best for me" to what is best for everyone." It embraces everything which brings a people together: common purpose, shared values, ideas which helps us to look beyond our limited horizons." **Ibid**.

He even told the UN General Assembly afterwards that "... we cannot postpone certain agendas for the future ... we need to set aside partisan and ideological interests ... and strive to serve the common good."

So while we know that the pope's common good is indeed **Sunday legislation**, an ancient command from God comes down to us today telling us. "And hallow my Sabbaths and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am YHWH your God." Ezekiel 20:20. My dear people, let us follow God rather than the pope. Amen.