

Chapter 18

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOCIALISM? **Government Fains To Be God**

As Senator Robert F. Taft pointed out in 1949, "We have long had socialized primary and secondary education in the United States. The Government provides all education without cost to the student and supports the expense by taxation. Nearly a million teachers are on the public pay roll."³³² And therein lies the problem.

Most Christians have heard many bad things about socialism, and therefore if questioned will respond that they are against socialism. However, in reality they do not even know what socialism is, and in their ignorance they lend their willing support to socialism every day. For instance, most Christians do not realize that "public education" is simply a more socially acceptable way of saying "socialized education." The fact is, most Christians believe in, and support, socialized education. And since public education itself is, in fact, socialism, it should not be surprising that socialism is being promoted in our public school systems as the "politically correct" economic system. Our children are being taught that capitalism is wrong and socialism is right. The questions of the hour are, Should we be alarmed at that our children are being taught socialism? and, Should Christians support socialism?

Socialism Defined

Socialism is "any of various theories or systems of the ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution by society or the community rather than by private individuals, with all members of society or the community sharing in the work and the products" (Webster's New World Dictionary). In other words, under socialism the government owns all natural resources and businesses, and the government decides who gets the profits.

Government's Only Legitimate Purposes

"The powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). Government is ordained of God, and is the "minister of God" (Rom. 13:4), but government is not God, nor can government do for us what only God can do. For example, government cannot produce prosperity. There is a widely held misconception that all government has to do is pass a law to raise the minimum wage and instantly the poor will be lifted out of poverty. But if raising the minimum wage will bring prosperity, why raise it only a dollar or two an hour? Why not raise it \$50.00 per hour? Better yet, why not make the minimum wage \$500,000.00 per hour so that every American can live like a multi-millionaire? Raising the minimum wage never works because it forces businesses to increase the cost of their products to cover the extra labor expenses. The minimum wage earner then finds that the increased prices of the products he needs to live have increased at least as much as—and perhaps much more than—the increase in the minimum wage.

It is God that gives us the power to get wealth; government cannot do it. Therefore, it is foolish—even dangerous—to place one's trust in government instead of God for the provision of food, clothes, shelter and jobs. Here is what God says:

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee

³³² Senator Robert A. Taft, "Congress Should not Enact a National Compulsory Medical Insurance Law," *Congressional Digest* xxvii (March 1949): 79, 81 As Reprinted in Materials on American National Government (New York: Oxford University Press, 1952, pp. 522, 1949).

this day: lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*; and *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. ***But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth***, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, *as it is* this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God. (Deut. 8:10-20)

When a nation turns its back upon God that nation is asking to become poor, and no politician will be able to save that nation from the poverty it deserves. Government is good for mankind provided it does not get out of its place and try to usurp the authority, throne, and position of God. Let it be repeated that government is not God, and cannot do the things that only God can do.

Consider for a moment that the only reason government is needed is because humans are inclined to sin against each other. Were humans only kind and good to each other, always treating each other fairly and honestly, no government would be necessary. Consider also that becoming a politician does not suddenly turn a person into a saint—in fact, just the opposite is often the case. Government officials are sinners just like everyone else. But because of their government positions they are sinners with the power of deadly force. In this lies the danger of government. It is a horrible thing indeed when criminals can rob and rape legally because they have been elected to be the government. This is why the citizens of a country must be very careful to pick only men of high character to lead their government; all men are sinners, but some men are more sinful—and some less sinful—than others. We must pick only the men of highest moral integrity to lead us, realizing that even they are imperfect men, and therefore even their powers over our lives must be limited.

Our founding fathers realized that the only legitimate purpose of government is to terrorize evil doers. This principle is based on the teachings of the Bible of Christianity. The God-given purpose and authority of government is clearly explained in the Bible as follows:

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. (Rom 13.1-6)-

To fulfill this purpose of terrorizing evil doers, our *federal* government should provide a military to protect us from attack from without; and *local* government should provide a police force and judicial system to protect us from criminals within. The legislative branch of government should see to it that all laws passed do not step out of these bounds. All branches of government should confine themselves to supporting these two simple tasks, else it meddles in business not its own.

Free Enterprise Versus Socialism

The United States of America was founded upon the principle of free enterprise—that is, a majority of our founding fathers believed that God had so designed things that individuals and private companies are to produce the products needed for life (such as food, clothing, health care, charity, education, etc.) and that government is not to involve itself in such matters.

When government assumes tasks other than providing an army and enforcing justice it goes into direct competition with the private businesses of its citizens (generally destroying those businesses) and becomes socialist. Socialism, therefore, is the exact opposite of free enterprise, and socialism and free enterprise are mutually exclusive—an aspect of life cannot be both free and enslaved at the same time.

Socialism is based on the idea that there is no God, and that, therefore, the Bible is not true. Socialism endeavors to replace trust in God with trust in government. The logical conclusion of such thinking is that government should take a role in all aspects of life. Under socialism, punishing people who do bad things is considered unimportant. Since there is no God, socialists reason, then who is to say what is good or what is bad, anyway? So under socialism, instead of enforcing justice, the government gets into the trash business, the electric and gas business, the communications business, the automobile business, the farming business, the charity business, the health-care business, and every other kind of business, including the school business. It is the socializing of our government which has caused the skyrocketing crime in this country. It is because of socialism that many American youth feel they must carry weapons and join gangs to protect themselves. Punishing bad people protects good people. Since the socialist public school administrators—we must not forget that public school administrators and teachers are government employees—will not protect well-behaved students by administering effective discipline to unruly students, the well-behaved students are forced to protect themselves.

Socialism Stifles Initiative

Socialism says, Take from the rich and give to the poor. Yet in socialist countries the poor always get poorer, while a few corrupt government officials and their friends get unbelievably rich. Why? Because in order for socialist governments to provide social services, they must levy extremely heavy taxes. Remember, government can only give what it has first taken; and socialist governments always subtracts high administrative costs before returning anything. Socialist governments cuts off the citizens' arms, eat the meat, then give the citizens back their own bones, expecting appreciation and thanks.

Socialism is legalized robbery. The Bible says, "Thou shalt not steal" (Ex. 20:15), thus establishing the right to personally own property. Socialism, on the other hand, is based on the idea that all property belongs to the state. Even though you work hard for your money, socialism says that lazy people deserve to live equally as well as you. Therefore socialism takes from the diligent and gives to the sloths, so that everybody can be equal. Socialism sounds great to lazy and greedy people and to politicians who are thieves; but honest, hard-working people hate it.

Socialism Is a Humanist Religious Doctrine

That socialism is a doctrine of the Humanist religion cannot be denied, for *Humanist Manifesto I & II* says:

The humanists are firmly convinced that existing acquisitive and profit-motivated society has shown itself to be inadequate and that a radical change in methods, controls, and motives must be instituted. A socialized and cooperative economic order must be established to the end that the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible. The goal of humanism is a free and universal society in which people voluntarily and intelligently cooperate for the common good. Humanists demand a shared life in a shared world.³³³

That all sounds great, but it is based on a wrong doctrine about the nature of man. Humanists believe that man is basically good, and that man will do good unless the environment makes it impossible. Of course, no government at all would be needed if that were true, but socialists ignore that obvious truth, vainly trying to create a "free and universal society in which people voluntarily and intelligently cooperate for the common good" by being forced by the government to do so. The problem with this is that in reality man is depraved

³³³ Kurtz, *Humanist Manifestos I & II*, 10.

and will not voluntarily cooperate for the common good. In fact, without a profit motivation man will not believe that he is working even for his own good, much less for the common good.

Socialism Never Works

Socialism has been tried repeatedly in countries around the world without success. Socialism is the economic system that underlies Nazism and Communism. Nazi is short for "National **Socialist** German Workers' Party." The letters U.S.S.R. stood for the "Union of Soviet **Socialist** Republics." History shows without any shadow of doubt that socialism never works. One of the reasons the Soviet Union fell was because it was a socialist government, and therefore prevented the growth of private enterprise—which alone can provide for the needs of the people. Any time government attempts to provide any services other than military and police forces, the costs of those services skyrockets, while the quality of those services nose dives. Under the Nazis, Germany became a hell on earth.

For the sake of this book, let it be stated clearly that *socialized education never works*. Wherever it has been tried throughout the world, socialized education is more costly than private education, yet is far inferior to it. Even socialists like former President and Mrs. Bill Clinton realize this, and put their own children in private schools. Socialized education is what is wrong with education today, and until Americans take steps to desocialize education it is going to continue to be the greatest social problem Americans face. As Henry David Thoreau wrote many years ago,

this government never of itself furthered any enterprise, but by the alacrity with which it got out of its way. It does not keep the country free... *It does not educate*. The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would be somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way.³³⁴ [Emphasis added.]

Socialism Is Not a Christian Practice

There is no end to the lies that Humanists will tell to try to promote socialism. Consider, for example, this quote from Patrick McCallister in the July/August 1995 issue of *Socialist*, the voice of the Socialist Party USA:

No leader in the conservative Christian churches would deny that the Christians of the 1st century lived cooperatively, according to Acts IV. . . . But when challenged to justify their embrace of capitalism with this Biblical example of the socialist model, they resort to theological contortions instead of truly examining the relationship between Christianity and socialism. Paul, in the 6th chapter of his letter to Timothy emphatically states that "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. . . ." ³³⁵ The love of money is better know today as "economic incentive." In the famous parable about the rich man (Luke 16) Jesus warned of the negative effects of wealth accumulation, and the hardened attitudes towards the less fortunate it can cause. But capitalism has a declared need for enough wealth seekers to keep the economy working. There is in fact no defense of capitalism's premises to be found in the Bible. Capitalism promotes the pursuit of personal wealth, but the Bible states that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." (First Corinthians) The idea that the earth and its resources can be subject to personal ambitions cannot be made to fit with the Bible. Perhaps someday this will be understood by the conservative Christian community, and they will join with the rest of us Christian Socialists in the struggle for economic justice.³³⁶

If what McCallister said above were true—that socialism is taught by the Bible and is "economic justice"—, then I would want to be a socialist. In his article, McCallister also refers to Acts 4:32-35 as proof that the Bible teaches socialism. However, does the Bible really teach what McCallister says it teaches? Here is Acts 4:32-35 so we can examine it for ourselves:

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resur-

³³⁴ Jonathan Messerli, *Horace Mann: A Biography* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1972), 280.

³³⁵ McCallister misquotes this verse. It actually says, "the love of money is the root of all evil." The words "kinds of" are not in the verse and give a slightly different meaning.

³³⁶ Patrick McCallister, "Answering the Biblical Right with Biblical Socialism," *Socialist*, no. July/August (1995): 12.

rection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. (Acts 4:32-35)

Some liberal theologians even claim that these verses teach communism (which is a particularly radical form of socialism). However, the context of these verses reveal some truths that are very much the opposite of socialist ideas.

Government Didn't Force This Benevolence

The first glaring difference between socialism and what the church at Jerusalem practiced is that the members of the church at Jerusalem were willingly, out of the goodness of their hearts, sharing all that they had with fellow Christians whom they personally knew and who were of like beliefs, practices and goals. Socialism, on the other hand, forces people against their will (by taxation backed up by gun-toting police and soldiers) to give their hard-earned money to strangers whose beliefs, practices and goals are often very offensive. For instance, under the present socialist welfare system of the United States, hard-working, god-fearing people are being forced to support drug addicts and prostitutes. Furthermore, they are being forced to support the anti-God doctrines of the Unitarian Universalist church (commonly called Humanism) in public (socialist) schools.

These Christians Owned Property

In verse 34 (quoted above), and also in verses 35-37, we read of people selling their land and other possessions, and donating the proceeds to be used as the church saw fit. This would not be possible under socialism, for under socialism the government owns all property, and private ownership of property is banned. Furthermore, in Acts 5:1-11, we read of a couple named Ananias and Sapphira who sold a possession, kept part of the price for themselves, then donated the rest as though it were the full price, thus lying. For this lie God killed them both (which shows what God thinks about lying). Peter's final words to Ananias before Ananias fell down dead were:

Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. (Acts 5.3-4)

Note that Peter said that "while it remained," that is, before Ananias sold the land, it was his "own." This is not true under socialism where the government owns the land. Note also that Peter said that after they sold the land it was in their "own power." In other words, the money they received as the price of the land was also their own property, and they alone had the power to decide how to use (to give or not give) that money. Their sin was in lying about how much they had given, not in refusing to be a socialist. Since the other members in that church had sold everything and had given all to be shared in common, Ananias and Sapphira were also being thieves by partaking of the commonly shared goods without contributing their fair share. Socialism, on the other hand, teaches that wealth should be distributed to everyone equally—even to those too lazy to work and who therefore contribute nothing to society. Thus we see that there was no socialism practiced in the church at Jerusalem at all—just Christian charity.

This Church Rejected Equal Wealth For the Lazy

The Apostle Peter taught that people who will not work do not deserve any wealth whatsoever, not even wealth in the form of food.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. (1 Thes. 3.10-12)

How totally different this is from socialism which advocates all the welfare programs in this country which are feeding the lazy at the expense of the diligent.

"Economic Incentive" Isn't "The Love of Money"

The Bible does not teach that "economic incentive" is synonymous with "the love of money." If I put in 40 hours working for an employer, I want to be paid for my efforts. This does not mean that I love money. It is simply recognition of the fact that I must have money to feed my family. My incentive for working for an employer is to obtain the money I need for my family. There is nothing wrong with such an incentive. "For the workman is worthy of his meat" (Mat. 10:10), and the "labourer is worth of his hire" (Luke 10:7). Even if a man starts his own business, he still is working for someone else, even if he himself has employees. He provides a product or service in exchange for economic compensation. It is unreasonable to expect someone to provide for free a product or service to people he does not even know or for people he knows are lazy. Economic incentive is not "the love of money" and is not wrong. As has been pointed out by so many Bible scholars before me, money itself is not the root of all evil; it is the "love of" money that is the root of all evil. Money rightly used is a marvelous servant. But money loved before God and neighbor becomes a wicked and fearful master.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Mat 6.24-34)

It Is Socialism That Is the Love of Money!

Socialists politicians obtain the votes of the lazy and the greedy by promising them a share in the booty they will rob from the minority by unjust taxation once they get into office. They teach people that it is the government that gives them the power to get wealth, in opposition to the Bible principle that it is God that gives the power to get wealth (Deut 8.18). This putting money before God and neighbor is at one and the same time a love of money and a hatred of God and humanity. Socialism is legalized robbery, and is therefore a sin against both God and man. A person that votes for socialism, whither it be in the form of socialized education, socialized medicine, socialized charity, or some other form of socialism, is participating in the crime of robbery. He is attempting to use the government officials as armed robbers to forcefully take money from other people against their will to pay for his own expenditures.

Socialism Enslaves Employees

Socialism robs employees of protection against unjust employers. The purpose of government is to enforce justice, that is, to punish those that misuse liberty to abuse (rob, steal, cheat, deceive, etc.) others. If an employer refuses to pay an employee his due wages, that employee should have the right to sue said employer, thereby forcing the employer to pay the employee that which is justly his. Under socialism the government itself becomes the employer, against whom there is no recourse. History has shown that in every country where socialism becomes the economic system, it is corrupt businessmen who become the behind-the-scenes political leaders. In their positions of power, they become the only "legal" employers, stamping out all competition from their competitors. Their employees then become their slaves. These slave employees have no one to turn to in time of grievance. They can no longer quit to go to work for a more fair

employer, for there are no longer any other employers. They cannot buy products made by other employers' companies, for all other companies are now out of business. It is under socialism that corrupt businessmen political leaders get richer and richer while the masses are stomped underfoot. We have only to look to any communist country to see that this is so. Poor working people need to realize that socialist leaders are not really on the side of the working man. To the contrary they are robbers who want to become our political leaders so that they can enact laws to force working people to hold still while they rape and rob them. After they cut off our right arms to eat for their own dinner, they will throw into our dinner plate our own bones, and expect us, like dumb dogs, to lick their hands in gratitude.

The Bible Condemns Class Warfare

While socialism calls workers to a class war against employers, thereby causing division in society, the Bible calls for employers and employees to unite in cooperation for the common good of all men. Contrary to what socialists would have us believe, neither the status of employer nor employee is sinful. Employees should remember that they may someday become employers, and employers are merely employees of their customers. Employees and employers need each other, and are together servants of God and of their fellow man. As Lord (Boss) over all, God has the authority to—and does in fact—tell both employer and employees how to act toward each other.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. (1 Pet. 2:18)

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Tim 6.1-10)

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. (Col 3.22-4.1)

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. (Eph 6.5-9)

Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2.9-14).

The Bible Says Man's Nature Is Depraved

The Bible disagrees with socialists concerning the nature of man. The Bible teaches that God created perfect humans, but that they sinned of their own free choice, thereby bringing a curse upon the earth and passing a nature inclined to sin on to their offspring (us). Therefore, people left to themselves will lazy around on the job, steal from their employer, and if they become the employer will defraud their employees out of their wages, subject them to unsafe working conditions, and abuse them in many other ways. There is only one cure to this sin problem, and that cure is the Lord Jesus Christ. To rescue us from the consequences of sin (death and Hell), God sent His only begotten son, Jesus, to die on the cross in our place for our sins. His promise is that whosoever shall trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be born again (permanently changed by becoming a child of God) and saved from Hell. The free enterprise economic system (commonly known as capitalism) which made America the most wealthy nation on earth, acknowledges the depraved nature of man by confirming the right to private ownership of property ("Thou shalt not steal," Ex. 20:15), and by rewarding the diligent for their hard work:

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. (1 Tim 5:18)

Furthermore, the free enterprise system punishes the sin of laziness by letting the lazy go hungry, thereby motivating them to work.

Would you trust strangers with your checkbook? If you would you are a fool, and a fool and his money are soon parted. Realizing that governments are made up of depraved men just like other men, the free enterprise system refuses to allow the government access to the peoples' checkbooks. Socialism, on the other hand, denies the depraved nature of man, and claims instead that the only reason men do wrong is because of their environment. If only people were properly educated, socialists believe, they would always do right. (Of course, socialists close their eyes to the fact that many criminals are highly educated people.) Furthermore, the hypocrisy of socialism is evident from the fact that socialists are generally also elitists. That is, they believe that they are by birth intellectually superior to others, and that therefore only they are capable of making decisions. Ordinary folk, socialists believe, do not even have enough sense to choose a doctor, or to chose a school for their children, or to decide if a street person is worthy of help or is just a lazy bum. No, they will chose a doctor for us. They will decide for us what school our children will attend and what they will be taught. They will force us to support that lazy, alcoholic, drug addict bum better than we support even our own family. After all, socialists say, it is society's fault that he is the way he is.

Conclusion

Socialism is not Christian; it is Satanic. It is exactly the opposite of what the Bible teaches. McCallister did (almost) make one true statement in his article:

Most conservative Christians believe that they are living today in the "end times"; they see socialists, and other progressives such as feminists and environmentalists, as being in league with the Devil himself, and themselves as the last vestiges of "God's Army" resisting the diabolical plot against God and themselves.

We conservative Christians do believe that this is the end time. While we realize that most of the followers in the socialist, phony feminist, and phony environmentalist movements do not know what evil they are espousing, we do believe that their leaders are in league with the Devil himself, and that they are conspirators in a diabolical plot against God and against Christians. However, we must point out that robbers aren't truly social, lesbians certainly aren't feminine, and worshipping the environment makes one an idolater not a true environmentalist. Furthermore, robbery, sodomy and idolatry represent moral putrefaction not progress. Socialists are not progressives; they are regressives. Giving their organizations deceptively grand-sounding names is typical of socialists; but it cannot mask the stench of their immorality. Socialism is falsely called "politically correct," but truly called Satanically incorrect. Isaiah 5:20-24 gives socialists good warning:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

I am quoting this verse over and over again on purpose—because it fits Humanists perfectly.



A picture of the Socialist International council which met in Geneva, Switzerland on June 29-30, 2007. "The Socialist International is the worldwide organisation of social democratic, socialist and labour parties. It currently brings together 159 political parties and organisations [including communists] from all continents. The Socialist International, whose origins go back to the early international organisations of the labour movement, has existed in its present form since 1951, when it was re-established at the Frankfurt Congress. Since then it has been increasingly active and grown considerably in membership, particularly in recent years doubling the number of its members during the 1990s. Labour, social democratic and socialist parties are now a major political force in democracies around the world. Numerous member parties of the International, in all continents, are currently leading governments or are the main opposition force" (<http://www.socialistinternational.org>). <http://www.michaelmoore.com> links to the Democratic Socialists of America, which links to the Socialist International. Michael Moore also links to the People's Weekly World, which is the official paper of the Communist Party USA. He also links to the ACLU, NOW, NAACP, and many other humanist groups. All these groups are of the humanist religion, and work together toward their goal of setting up a "New World Order" based on the humanist religion.