

girls that the methods of ~~fix~~ financing whereby every penny possible is obtained, although not violating any written law or accepted business customs, may be morally and absolutely dishonest and wrong, and, in effect, stealing.

We cannot expect absolute honesty as between man and man, either in business life or as between employers and workers when boys and girls have been trained from early life to ~~thaxxxx~~ believe that the present double standard in economics is right, and that it is a proof of their incompetency, their lack of ability and intelligence, the positive evidence that they are a failure and no good, unless they take every penny they can in business dealings. Trained to this belief, it is a rank injustice to expect them to be honest and to measure their actions by the rule of justice between men and man, either in business, politics, or any other phase of their lives, because gradually it has become part of their very being to think that it is right, and an indication of stupidity, not to get everything for themselves that they can, provided they violate no law or the accepted rules of the game. Their teaching has been that refusing or forbearing to take or make an opportunity to manipulate a business transaction in such a manner as to obtain the largest amount of wealth out of it is a sure indication that they are deficient in intelligence, ambition or spirit; in fact, inferior beings.

Christ taught, and real Christianity (not present day Christianity) teaches that to take a penny not rightfully belonging to you is stealing; wrongfully taking a penny from its rightful owner makes one a thief, and that is made clear without any qualification at all. Christianity doesn't teach that you can take a penny in that manner if you do it according to law, or according to the rules of the game.