

contrary, holds that singly and alone, man is able to fulfil all his duties, and, in acts if not in words, echoes the question of Cain—"Am I my brother's keeper?"

Socialism has been made to stand for a great number of widely different and often conflicting tendencies. It is used in a popular sense which renders it nearly equivalent to communism, although the two systems are skies and oceans apart. Communism demands a community of goods, or property; socialism does not necessarily do so. The central idea of communism is economic equality: the distinctive idea of socialism is distributive justice. The term socialist is, of course, the more inclusive. Every communist is a socialist, and something more: not every socialist is a communist; in fact very many sections and factions of socialists are bitterly opposed to communism in all its forms.

Socialism grades all the way from the astounding doctrines of Proudhon, who taught that property was theft and property-holders thieves, to the Christian socialism expounded by Lamennais which aims at a moral and intellectual elevation of mankind as well as a material one, and would make Political Economy a Christian Science and assign to the Christian religion an important part in the work of resolving the social question. Many other forms of Socialism there are, some of them sufficiently fantastic. It must be allowed, though, that during the last fifty years, the milder, less extravagant and more coherent socialistic doctrines have made great headway. Whenever the State—that is, the dominant politicians—steps in and attempts to do for the citizens what it is supposed they could not do for themselves without the help of such a union as government represents, there is unmistakable Socialism in practise. All civilized governments are, therefore, at this moment, more or less socialistic. So much of this sort of Socialism has already been inducted into the laws of England and Canada, to say nothing of France and the United States, that, were I to enumerate the instances, it would require a list lengthier than this article is likely to prove. If Socialism were really as destructive in its tendencies as our masters, the money-lords say it is, our civilization would ere this be driven out of existence.

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