

CAN A CATHOLIC BE A SOCIALIST?

Before an audience that filled the spacious auditorium of St. Joseph's College, Rev. Timothy Brosnahan, S. J., professor of ethics at Woodstock College, lectured Wednesday evening on the question, "Can a Catholic be a Socialist?"

Timothy Brosnahan began by defining the terms Catholic and Socialist. By a Catholic he means one "whose Catholicity determines his intellectual convictions regarding conduct and theories affecting conduct; one who does not assert his intellectual independence of the Church in that province of thought over which by divine right it claims either infallibility or magisterial authority; one therefore, who gives intellectual assent not only to the definitions of the Church and to those beliefs which are clearly articles of faith, but also permits his mind to be directed by the teaching power of the Church in the practical solution of questions which arise in his time and country and which have a vital bearing on matters of faith and morals, even though the pronouncements of the Church on these subjects are neither explicitly nor implicitly contained in the deposit of revelation."

The question now is "Can he who thinks with the Catholic Church think with the Socialist?"

"With regard to Socialism, the word has become a cloak under which almost every species of ill theory on religion, philosophy, politics and social economy has masqueraded. Its adherents have used it as a stalking-horse to assist in propagating their theories of irreligion, license, revolution and hate, so that Leo XIII, in his encyclical on 'Christian Democracy,' deprecates the use of it, or its derivatives, as a designation of Catholic social reform."

"Froudon, one of the earliest Socialists, was asked what he meant by Socialism, said: 'Socialism is every aspiration towards the improvement of society and the removal of its injustice.'"

"Now, if Socialism is simply a movement, the ideal of which is to better our present social conditions, to bring about a reign of justice, to remove the abuses of political and capitalistic power, to afford the wage-earning an opportunity of living in a manner befitting the dignity of his rational nature, and of securing for those who are bound to him by ties of blood the rights of children of God and a reasonable share of the bounties of their heavenly Father, how is it, I say, this all that Socialism implies, then assuredly we are all Socialists."

"If this is Socialism, then the Catholic Church is the first and the greatest socialistic institution of the world. For it is beyond doubt that from the doctrines of Christ, of which the Catholic Church is the original and true custodian, every movement for the betterment of the poor and the suffering and for the emancipation and elevation of the enslaved has come."

The ideal outlined by the lecturer conformed, he said, to the teaching of the Church, as may be seen in the encyclicals of Leo XIII. on "The Condition of the Working Class," on "The Evils Affecting Modern Society," on "The Chief Duties of Christians as Citizens," on "Workingmen's Clubs and Associations," on "Christian Democracy," all of which are applications of principles and methods for amending, improving, and advancing the social conditions of humanity."

"If we wish to define Socialism," continued the speaker, "we must look at it under two distinct heads, and accordingly our question resolves itself into two distinct questions:

"First. May a Catholic recognize the existence of economic wrongs and advocate their correction through the intervention of the social and political forces of civil society, i. e., may he approve of the generic scope of Socialism?"

"Second: May a Catholic approve of the economic and political construction of civil society through which Socialists propose to attain their purpose?"

"The first question is answered in the affirmative, if stripped of all irrelevant and misleading side issues. Such has been the answer of the Church at all times, for she stands now, and has always stood, not only for economic and industrial justice, but for equality among men and human fellowship. The supreme purpose of the State, and the only reason for its existence, the Church teaches, is to secure for its citizens the fullest mutual liberty, opportunity for self-development and inviolability of rights and to promote the widest and most diffusive temporal prosperity."

"If the advocacy of the social reforms outlined by Leo XIII. is what men mean by Socialism, a Catholic not only may, but must proclaim himself a Socialist."

"But may a Catholic approve of the proximate aim of Socialism? May a Catholic approve of the political, social and industrial reorganization of society which Socialism declares to be the only remedy for existing political, social and industrial evils?"

"To answer the second question we must have before us the essential tenets, on which all forms of Socialism, properly so called, agree:

"(a) Then public ownership of all the resources and instruments of production."

"(b) The collective organization of all labor, so that everybody will be guaranteed employment."

"(c) Distribution of the product to each according to the productive value of his labor."

"Custom since the time of Karl Marx has sanctioned the use of the term Socialism to signify exclusively any theory of which the central doctrines just enumerated."

"There are two classes of Socialists. The first class designate themselves

'scientific Socialists.' Karl Marx and Frederick Engels are their guides and philosophers. The Masonic lodges of Continental Europe are the laboratories in which they prepare their remedies, and from which they distribute them. They came to this country from Germany. They are the leading spirits of the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party, and exercise a great influence in many trades unions."

"The second class are usually called pure Socialists. These pure Socialists differ from the scientific Socialists in rejecting the so-called philosophy on which scientific Socialism is based."

"The attitude of scientific Socialism towards religion may be gathered from a letter of George D. Herron, which appeared in the Advance, an organ of the Socialist party, published in San Francisco. In this letter he says:

"Every appeal to men to become Socialists in the name of Christianity will result in the corruption and betrayal of Socialism in the end. People cannot separate Christ from Christianity. And Christianity stands to-day for what is lowest and basest in life. The Church of to-day sounds the lowest note in human life. It is the most degrading of all our institutions, and the most brutalizing in its effects on common life. The Church is simply organized for the purpose of the degradation of the human race, and the presentation of a valuable gold-headed cane to the members of the House, including the members of the Government, are opposed to it as totally unnecessary, totally absurd and grossly offensive to the Catholic community.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal."

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