

About forty years ago, when modernism began to enter with force into many of our ~~American~~ American colleges and theological seminaries, ~~people~~ people who were seeking to be trained for Christian leadership found their faith in the Bible destroyed. Many of them no ~~longer~~ longer believed that it was important that the world should be brought to know of the personal salvation available ~~through~~ through Jesus Christ, and of the necessity of receiving Him as Saviour of our souls and Lord of our lives. They no longer considered the Bible to be the infallible Word of God. This loss of faith created a vacuum in their lives. They were preachers and teachers, and they needed something about which they could become enthusiastic. Gradually the gap was filled with another religion, the goal of which, as I shall point out, is very close to that of present day Communism.¹

This religion came to be called the "social gospel". It ~~is~~ should be clearly pointed out that the Christian Church has always stood for amelioration of the suffering of this world. Philanthropic interest in those less fortunate than ourselves is common to all true Christians. It can safely be said that a far greater amount of true betterment of social conditions has come from the results of Christianity than from any other source. This "social gospel", however, was not simply a matter of suggesting that we do everything that we can to help others. It developed into a plan for complete reorganization of social life.

What the adherents of the social gospel advanced was, apparently, a very simple plan. It amounted merely to this. If any one possesses more than his fellows do, take it ~~away~~ away from him and give it to others. Establish a situation in which no human being has opportunity on account of what he owns, to direct the activities of others, but in which all will be ordered and organized in such a way that each will receive what he needs, and that all