

## Christian Economies

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The Covenant Weekly published the following letter of mine:

"There are two dangerous tendencies in the Christian church. The first is the attempted separation of the spiritual from the material. In all this universe can one show a single spiritual value not directly manifested by or through the material? Did not God make the whole universe? Are we so wise that we can weigh his work and think more highly or lowly of its various components?

The second tendency on the part of the church is to be either "reactionary" and "conservative" or "socialistic." In the Covenant Weekly, "Back to What Forefathers?" was evidently an attempt to justify government regulation and a smear of the saying, "That government governs best which governs least."

"Individuals can and do become as autocratic and powerful as governments when their wealth increases.

But why trust men with the far

greater powers of a socialistic government? It will then be maintained that the ballot can control such a government. To any one who will look it must be apparent that government can, through its patronage, control the very elections and will tend to increase its power and perpetuate itself.

"In all history, government has continued to hand out privileges to its favorites. Karl Marx in his "Das Kapital," after writing about 700 pages on capital as the exploiter of labor, had to admit that force alone could exploit, and that this force could only be achieved through the ownership of the earth, the natural resources. He wrote that labor could not be exploited until the lands were owned by the few.

"This great truth is recognized in the Mosaic Law. In the jubilee year the lands were again divided, not the cattle or the sheep. If these had been redistributed there would have been little to redivide, but the land is eternal and everlasting. Man is the slave of him who can control it.

"There is a simple and efficient method to achieve the condition of equality for all to God's earth, which can be found in Henry George's "Progress and Poverty," a "must" reading, with a course by mail."

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