

Many students were indoctrinated with this teaching. Churches desiring men who would preach to them the Gospel of salvation through Christ, often found themselves saddled with ministers who were propagandizing them to work and struggle for the complete change of our social system.

3. This other religion is powerless to accomplish its avowed purpose. In fact, its actual result is great harm, rather than good.

Preachers of the social gospel in this country often pointed with great interest to the experiment in Russia. While occasionally disassociating themselves from some of its aspects, they were constantly praising it as a forward step in the direction of their aim. The Soviet government has had about seventy years of absolute domination in Russia, and during this time has been free to use every instrument it might desire to forward its aim of introducing the universal socialistic society to which it is supposedly ideologically devoted. What is the result? Today the standard of living of the average Russian is far lower than that of the people of western Europe, to say nothing of those in the United States; furthermore, the difference between the standard of living of the top bureaucrats and that of the rank and file of the working class is actually greater than that between almost any two classes in any nation of western Europe, or the USA. In Germany, which is now divided into a section devoted to Russian communism and another in which western ideas are supreme, the standard of living of the two parts simply bears no comparison. People are constantly fleeing from the eastern zone to the western zone, and this movement is not only one from tyranny to freedom, but is also affected by the desire to enjoy the material benefits of a system so different from the socialist Utopia.