

*Socialism, like all forms of collectivism, is full of flaws and inconsistencies, but the basic flaw is its deluded acceptance of the vicious doctrine that the end justifies the means.*

This is just as true of the so-called Fabian socialism, presently popular in English-speaking countries, which advocates a gradual and allegedly legal approach to collectivism, as it is true of the starkly brutal and revolutionary Marxian socialism, or communism, as it is more often called by others, although the Reds usually refer to themselves as Socialists.

*The end does not justify the means. All religions, and all systems of ethics worthy of the name, teach that it does not. But that it does is taught by all forms of socialism and that is where they first go astray.*

Law is force, resting upon policemen, judges, jails, and gallows. Therefore, law is justified only where force is justified. Force is justified only defensively, to protect person and property, and for no other purpose. Therefore, law is justified only defensively, to protect person and property, and for no other purpose.

*Force is not justified to compel one man to turn over his pocketbook, or any part of it, to another (that is highway robbery) or to compel one man to contribute to the causes favored by another, however apparently stupid the one or sophisticated the other. Therefore, law is not justified for any such purpose.*

You will note our President calls for "sophisticated" solutions to current problems. My dictionary defines "sophisticate" as "to deprive of genuineness." It has been my experience that only the immature are concerned with sophistication; the mature and balanced adult attaches no importance to it, preferring genuineness.

*If the chairman of your local Red Cross Drive should place a pistol at your head and forcibly extort a contribution, he would be guilty of a crime, despite the fact that nearly all would agree the cause a most worthy one and deserving of generous support. But, the end does not justify the means.*

By the same token it is equally criminal for a majority (large or small) to place a tax pistol at the head of the minority and forcibly extort contributions to projects the minority does not believe in.

*That which is criminal in man individually can not be right for man collectively. All the sophisticated sophistry of all the sophomoric Socialists in the world can not make it right. All the tears of the sob-sisters and all the blood of the bleeding hearts cannot erase the truth of that statement.*

Man has the right to defend his person, property and liberties; that is obvious. Therefore, he can delegate that right to government with the powers necessary to enforcement.

*He can not delegate to government rights*