If we fail to understand that the involuntary, coercive nature of socialism and its state socialist programs is highly incompatible with the economic practices that some of the early Christians engaged in when they voluntarily "had all things in common" (Acts 2:44, NKJV), we may think that socialism is a good way to practice Christianity....[Yet] something that is done involuntarily or as a result of compulsion is no longer Christian.

—Dr. Alvin Schmidt—