

## Political Fallacy

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"The Urantia Book" states that:

"Modern civilized races are just emerging from ghost fear as an explanation of luck and the commonplace inequalities of existence. Mankind is achieving emancipation from the bondage of the ghost-spirit explanation of ill luck. But while men are giving up the erroneous doctrine of a spirit cause of the vicissitudes of life, they exhibit a surprising willingness to accept an almost equally fallacious teaching which bids them attribute all human inequalities to political misadaptation, social injustice, and industrial competition. But new legislation, increasing philanthropy, and more industrial reorganization, however good in and of themselves, will not remedy the facts of birth and the accidents of living. Only comprehension of facts and wise manipulation within the laws of nature will enable man to get what he wants and to avoid what he does not want. Scientific knowledge, leading to scientific action, is the only antidote for so-called accidental ills." (86:7.4)

Who has not heard a politician claim that some human inequality is caused by "political misadaptation", which can be corrected by enacting "new legislation"? Who has not heard a politician claim that some human inequality is caused by "social injustice", which can be corrected by imposing "increasing philanthropy"? Who has not heard a politician claim that some human inequality is caused by "industrial competition", which can be corrected by forcing "more industrial reorganization"?

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