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Albert Einstein, Sun Yat-Sen, Leo Tolstoy, John Dewey, G.B. Shaw, and Winston Churchill. What do these men have in common? They were all followers and advocates of the economic philosophy of Henry George.

Who was Henry George? He was a poor working man from California who struggled against the privileged interests of his time. After monopoly powers thwarted his attempts to start various newspapers, he vowed to find, if he could, the cause of and remedy for economic injustice.

He found the cause of poverty to be ultimately bound up with the private ownership of the land. Not that he was against private property; in fact he insisted on the absolute right of individuals to the full enjoyment and ownership of the fruits of their labors.

While advocating the private use of land, George held that through government collection of land rents, as its sole source of revenue, land speculation, the monopoly of the earth, and all the social ills that spring from them could be abolished.

Today we salute this great American thinker and reformer and urge all thoughtful people to study his philosophy of equality in freedom.

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