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An Appreciation of HENRY GEORGE by JOHN DEWEY

The following Essay by the most famous of living American educators and philosophers, appears as an Introduction to "Significant Paragraphs from Henry George's Progress and Poverty," compiled by Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown of the University of Missouri, and published by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

It was a happy thought of Professor Brown to select and arrange passages from Henry George's immortal work that give the gist of his contribution to political economy and social philosophy, while the pages which follow show that the task has been executed with a skill equal to the idea. The fact that Henry George has an ardent group of disciples who have

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a practical program for reform of taxation has tended to obscure from the recognition of students of social theory that his is one of the great names among the world's social philosophers. It would require less than the fingers of the two hands to enumerate those who from Plato down rank with him. Were he a native of some European country, it is safe to assert that he would long ago have taken the place upon the roll of the world's thinkers which belongs to him, irrespective, moreover, of adherence to his practical plan. But for some reason we Americans are slow to perceive and celebrate intellectual claims in comparison with the merits of inventors, political leaders and great industrialists. In the case of the author of "*Progress and Poverty*" the failure has doubtless been accentuated in academic circles by the fact that Henry George thought, wrote, and worked outside of them. And in the world at large, in spite of the fact that no works on political economy have had

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the circulation and reading obtained by his writings, discussion of the practical merits of his plan of reform of taxation has actually tended to blur his outstanding position as a thinker. This has been the case because the enormous inertia of social habit and the force of tremendous vested interests have depreciated his intellectual claims in order to strengthen opposition to his practical measures.

I do not say these things in order to vaunt his place as a thinker in contrast with the merits of his proposals for a change in methods of distributing the burdens of taxation. To my mind the two things go together. His clear intellectual insight into social conditions, his passionate feeling for the remediable ills from which humanity suffers, find their logical conclusion in his plan for liberating labor and capital from the shackles which now bind them. But I am especially concerned in connection with Professor Brown's clear and well-ordered summary, to point out the claims which his social theory has

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upon the attention of students. No man, no graduate of a higher educational institution, has a right to regard himself as an educated man in social thought unless he has some first-hand acquaintance with the theoretical contribution of this great American thinker.

This is not the time and place, nor is there need, to dwell upon the nature of this contribution. Henry George is as clear as he is eloquent. But I cannot refrain from pointing out one feature of his thought which is too often ignored:—his emphasis upon ideal factors of life, upon what are sometimes called the imponderables. It is a poor version of his ideas which insists only upon the material effect of increase of population in producing the material or monetary increment in the value of land. One has only to read the third section of these extracts to note that Henry George puts even greater stress upon the fact that community life increases land value because it opens "a wider, fuller, and more varied life," so

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that the desire to share in the higher values which the community brings with it is a decisive factor in raising the rental value of land. And it is because the present system not only depresses the material status of the mass of the population, but especially because it renders one-sided and inequitable the people's share in these higher values that we find in "*Progress and Poverty*" the analysis of the scientist combined with the sympathies and aspirations of a great lover of mankind. There have been economists of great repute who in their pretension to be scientific have ignored the most significant elements in human nature. There have been others who were emotionally stirred by social ills and who proposed glowing schemes of betterment, but who passed lightly over facts. It is the thorough fusion of insight into actual facts and forces, with recognition of their bearing upon what makes human life worth living, that constitutes Henry George one of the world's great social philosophers.

JOHN DEWEY

October, 1927.

What Others Have Said

All the country needs is a new and sincere thought in politics, coherently, distinctly, and boldly uttered by men who are sure of their ground. The power of men like Henry George seems to me to mean that.

WOODROW WILSON

The Single Tax will wait, I fancy, for years, since it is so fundamental, and mankind never attacks fundamental problems until it has exhausted all the superficial ones.

BRAND WHITLOCK

I find it very difficult to disagree with the principle of Henry George.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

I am inclined to believe that no writer of our times has had a more profound influence upon the thinking of the world. I have read "Progress and Poverty" several times and have always felt that for beauty of style, elevation of spirit, and weight of argument, it is one of the great books written in my lifetime.

NEWTON D. BAKER

People do not argue with the teaching of George; they simply do not know it. And it is impossible to do otherwise with his teaching, for he who becomes acquainted with it cannot but agree.

LEO TOLSTOY

Economics has never been a dull subject to me. It is a science that affects every human being, yes every living creature. It is because Henry George steeped this subject in the splendor of his soul that we hear in his words an irresistible call for justice to all men.

HELEN KELLER

Henry George was one of the great reformers of the world. His conscience was active, his sympathies broad, his purpose indomitable, his courage unflinching, his devotion to principle absolute. These qualities, though rare, are not exceptional, but with these were united the passion of a great idea, the perception of a primal truth unrecognized, and the genius of language to move mankind.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON: 2d

Henry George was a master of English; one of the greatest that ever used a pen. . . . He was one of the real prophets of the world; one of the seers of the world. . . . His was a wonderful mind; he saw a question from every side; his philosophy appealed to every school. . . . Henry George wrote a profound book, the first book on political economy that people may read; the first and perhaps the last that was readable to plain ordinary men.

CLARENCE DARROW

My ambition is to repay my debt to Henry George by coming over some day (to America) and trying to do for your young men what Henry George did nearly a quarter century ago for me.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

We may be confident that the life of this brave son of a free and generous nation will be chronicled in its annals in letters of gold. Nay, beyond the limits of his native land his name will be known and respected as one of the hosts of God's servants, who desire to glorify Him in the eyes of men by establishing among them a reign of happiness, of justice, and of universal peace.

RABBI GUSTAV GOTTHEIL

Farewell, Henry George! Great, honest pure heart and brain, farewell! Two hundred years from now it will be known that an election was held only because you were one of the candidates, and now that you are gone, people will come to know that you are one of the few men of the age whose names are to survive.

WILLIAM J. GAYNOR

Henry George is greater than ever. Little by little, the world is feeling the influence of his noble thinking and appreciating the unselfishness of his aim. His great work has been translated into every language and has profoundly modified legislation in the last thirty years.

POULTNEY BIGELOW

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