

Dr. McGlynn's Eulogy of Henry George

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I do not think it is merely the enthusiastic language of a devoted friend to say that as the providence of God raised up a Washington to be the father of his country and endowed him with such gifts and gave him such experiences that we might well believe that without them the Republic would not have been achieved; as in a similar crisis the rare gifts and character of a Lincoln were so plainly providential that none but men with little faith in God could doubt that he had been prepared for and sent upon a mission by the Father in Heaven; and I have no hesitation in saying that Henry George by his extraordinary gifts and career showed that he was marked out by the providence of God to be a foremost leader and teacher in the work of emancipation of men everywhere from an industrial slavery too often worse and more galling than mere chattel slavery, and to hasten the coming and perpetuate the duration, not merely of a larger and more perfect American Union of States, but of the commonwealth or united states of the world.

Well shall it be for us Americans if we shall not be recreant to our opportunities, and if the masses of the American people shall accept the teachings of Henry George. The only alternative to

such acceptance is a constant deterioration, ever increasing political corruption, enormous increase of sordid monopolies, the building up here of an unprecedented and brutal aristocracy of wealth and the constantly increasing degeneration and impoverishment of the masses of the people.

If the wondrously beautiful philosophy of Henry George shall not be accepted in practice, later generations of Americans, if not our own generation, will surely be doomed to see the oppressed masses, brutalized by their poverty and enthrallment, rise up to a vengeance, and perhaps an unwise one, with abhorrent measures for the righting of their wrongs that on a larger scale, amid much greater numbers of men, might more than repeat the horrors of the French revolution.

I myself am no politician. I am a clergyman, and I hope not lacking in humanity and patriotism, and what I have said and my attitude toward Mr. George so far from being inconsistent with my religion, are largely dictated by my religion itself—namely, the religion of Him who felt compassion for the multitude, and who taught us to labor and to pray for the coming upon earth of a kingdom of peace and perfect justice and brotherhood, which He did not disdain to call the Kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.

(Note by Editor—Dr. McGlynn's prophecy concerning the repudiation of Henry George's remedy for the major ills of society was fulfilled just twenty years later in the Russian revolution of 1917, and is shown by the rise of Dictators who seek to still hold the masses of the workers of all lands in galling industrial slavery, and finally destroy the rule of the people—Democracy—itsself. The refusal of the world to adopt Mr. George's plan for raising wages has increased industrial strife and brought on a world of woes, with more to come. For a scan of George's plan see his *Progress and Poverty*, Bk. 3, chap. 3, par. 3, - Bk. 5, ch. 2, par. 2, - Bk. 5, ch. 2, par. 4, - Bk. 7, ch. 2, par. 1-5, - Bk. 8, ch. 2, par. 5-13 et seq.)

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