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### A MAN SENT OF GOD

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"There was a man sent of God whose name was George". The speaker was the Rev. Father Edward McGlynn, speaking at a memorial service for Henry George, renowned economist, single-taxer and humanitarian; born 1839, passed on 1897.

The fame of Henry George is forever identified with his book "Progress and Poverty", first published in regular edition in 1890, republished many times, and translated in numerous languages. This book is the bible of the Single Taxers and widely praised by men of varied political faiths.

It is not easy to define the Single Tax in a paragraph or two. Mr. George advocated the abolition of taxes upon industry and the products of industry. In their place he would substitute the taking of taxation upon land valuations irrespective of improvements, the rental value.

Involved in the Single Tax is the matter of natural rights, equal opportunity, and economic theory of a just distribution. Mr. George argued that the Single Tax would enormously increase the productivity of wealth by removing taxes upon capital, production and consumption, which now discourage industry.

Moreover, such a system, he argued, would force into use land now held for purely speculative purposes. "The present system of taxation renders one-sided and inequitable the people's share in unearned increment".

Henry George drew about him and to his teaching a remarkable group of eminent and able men. Among there were Tom L. Johnson, Dr. Edward McGrath, Newton D. Baker, Brand Whitlock, Leo Tolstoi, and Louis D. Brandies, to name but a few.

"A man sent from God whose name was George". No, this is not irreverent. Surely, God sends into this world in every generation men and women who bring us more light and new truth, or help us to see old truth in a new light. Not to believe this is a form of infidelity.

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