

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In accordance with the philosophy of Henry George, the Henry George Institute holds that all persons have a right to the use of the earth and that all have a right to the fruits of their labor. To implement these rights it is proposed that the rent of land be taken by the community as public revenue, and that all taxes on labor and the fruits of labor be abolished. The Institute believes with George that "liberty means justice and justice is the natural law," and that the social and economic ills besetting the world today are the result of non-conformance to natural law. The Institute pledges itself to bring this philosophy to the attention of the public by all suitable means.

Henry George (1839-1897)

Born in Philadelphia, Henry George went on to San Francisco and became a newspaper editor who addressed the social problems of his day. On a visit to New York, he was shocked by the contrast between wealth and poverty. He resolved to find a solution, if he could, and the result was *Progress and Poverty* in 1879, which is said to be the all-time best selling book on economics. George believed that economics was too important to be left to specialists. He sought to make economic principles understandable to any thinking person.

George's fame led him to be drafted by the United Labor Party to run for Mayor of New York in 1886. He lost to Abram Hewitt (and Theodore Roosevelt came in third). He traveled and lectured extensively around the world, and wrote several more influential books, including *Social Problems*, *Protection or Free Trade* (which was read in its entirety into the US Congressional Record) and *The Condition of Labor*, an open letter to Pope Leo XIII in response to his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. George died in 1897 at the height of his second campaign for Mayor of New York. His last book, *The Science of Political Economy*, was published the following year.

Political economy has been called the dismal science. As currently taught, it is hopeless and despairing. Yet, in its proper symmetry, political economy is radiant with hope.

— *Progress and Poverty*



The Henry George Institute

is established for the purpose of promoting the philosophy of Henry George, in the conviction that this philosophy has important answers to today's urgent problems.

In his book *Progress and Poverty* and other works, George analyzed the crucial economic problems of the day and offered a solution

that is in accord with the traditions of liberty. While Georgist influence has been considerable, the basic philosophy and remedy have not been adopted by the world. The Institute aims to bring the Georgist philosophy more fully to public attention, and to provide a vehicle for interested persons to join in this endeavor.



The Henry George Institute, founded in 1971, is incorporated not for profit under the laws of the State of New York.

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Our Work

The Georgist economic remedy is needed everywhere. Our membership is international and our work is global. Among the ways the Institute performs its work are the following:

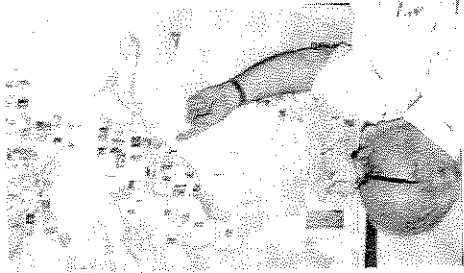
✉ Correspondence courses in the Georgist philosophy, by regular mail and via the Internet.

✉ The *Georgist Journal*, an international quarterly of news and commentary — and other publications relating the Georgist philosophy to problems of the day.

✉ Letter-writing and speaking engagements to explain the philosophy, and consultation on public collection of land rent.

✉ Distribution, in print and online, of suitable books and other literature.

✉ Periodic meetings of members to review aspects of the work and philosophy.



HGI founder Robert Clancy (1914-1995) points to a map bearing a postage stamp from every country in which the HGI has had a student.

How to Join

The Institute is a democratic organization. Directors are elected and programs decided by members. Widespread involvement of members in programs is encouraged.

The Henry George Institute invites interested persons who are in accord with the Georgist philosophy to join. Membership form is attached. Annual dues are \$20. Contributions above this amount are welcome. Dues and contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

Members Receive

a membership card, copy of the By-laws, publications as issued, notices of meetings and other communications; and a subscription to the *Georgist Journal*. If you agree with the Institute's aims and would like to join, fill out and mail the form to us with your dues. If you know of others who would be interested, we would be glad to send them an invitation.

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I hereby apply for membership in the Henry George Institute. I am in accord with the aims of the Institute as stated on the reverse side of this form and agree to support them. I enclose dues of \$20.

Additional contribution \$ _____ Total \$ _____

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