

QUOTATIONS

“The first man who having enclosed a piece of ground, bethought himself of saying this is mine and found people simple enough to believe him, was the real founder of civil society. From how many crimes, wars and murders, from how many horrors and misfortunes might not anyone have saved mankind, by pulling up the stakes, or filling the ditch, and crying to his fellows, ‘Beware of listening to this imposter; you are undone if you once forget that the fruits of the earth belong to us all, and the earth to nobody’ ”. Jean Jacques Rousseau “On the Origins of Inequality”

“Discussion of the economy and of economic policy has become so abstract, so specialized, so dominated by statistics and rarefied concepts that the connection between it and the lives of ordinary people is in danger of being obscured if not lost sight of altogether”. Sir Zelman Cowan, Governor-General of Australia. The Bulletin 9.12.80

“For we must have happiness at all costs. Submission to unhappiness is the unpardonable sin against the spirit just as submission to poverty is the unpardonable sin against the body”. Rebecca West

“In a state of universal deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act”. George Orwell

“Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it”. George Santatana

“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist”. Dom Helder Camara