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"A NEW JERUSALEM" By DAVID CHESTER (Tel Aviv, Israel)

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Recently I happened to see an early unabridged edition of Henry George's Progress and Poverty and compared it with the later abridged edition. The striking difference is not so much one of logical presentation but of the moral approach originally adopted by George. Having seen a little more of his religious outlook - e.g. in his "Moses" - it is clear to me that in spite of the logic of his argument (which we generally tend to follow when introducing Land-Value Taxation), it is the more spiritual approach that is the mover behind this truly great idealist.

In this uncertain age, when popular religious values seem to be getting more attention amongst the wilder youth (e.g. the Beatles' "Love, love love", hippie flower symbolism and the pacifist "make love, not war"), it seems to me that we are being too logical. In propagating only the theories of Henry George, we are losing the most important part of his message. May I suggest that more attention be given to the original Progress and Poverty and that, as a minimum, the basic course should also mention the emotional background to George's writings?

We are quick to recognize how difficult it is to convince landowners of the ideas of our school of thought. Maybe instead we could turn more towards those religious institutions that see its practice in everyday life. There might even be a possibility of building a "new Jerusalem" somewhere.

"POLITICS is like witchcraft - either you must use it or it will be used against you." - DR. J.L. BUSEY.