

Caught in the Crossfire

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I keep finding myself caught in the crossfire between Georgists who believe in educational work and those who want political action. People keep urging me to give total commitment to one or the other course of action as being the only true hope for a meaningful reform.

My own feeling is that useful volunteer work can be done only by persons who are both morally committed and psychologically suited for the kind of action that they are attempting. Further, I think that the different kinds of activities are like the different legs of an animal and none can progress very far without the others.

As for my own personal inclination: it is neither of the above. I want to advance the understanding of economic science. Not like some strange religious cult on the fringes of society but to see the integration of land economics into the mainstream of economic thought.

What a pity that there is no body of economic studies of actual land prices and taxes, good clean statistics, from which one could deduce the effects of Land Value Taxation.