

THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE HENRY GEORGE MOVEMENT

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The ultimate aim of the Henry George Movement may be described as the unleashing of a great symphony and the continuous rising crescendo as it draws more and more players to its ranks.

Imagine a great conductor leading an orchestra in the city square and each person that passed by could play a musical instrument of some sort. They hear the symphony and want to join in. They are so attuned to the reactions of the conductor and so eager to increase his response that they are easily accommodated. So the orchestra grows and the rising crescendo draws in more people until the positive reactions of each player to the vibrations around him are so perfect that the conductor can retire from his labour and take up his fiddle too.

This analogy to our proposed social order is, I believe, complete. Each human being has an individual awareness. Each individual, because his awareness is unique, will want to play a different musical instrument, that is, he will want to react to his awareness in a unique way.

We as free thinkers and free traders believe that the uniqueness of individual awareness should be allowed to materialize or react in a positive manner - positive being defined by the harmony of the orchestra or market place and leading onto further positive reaction. For this unique individual awareness to express itself, its actions must be voluntary as far as possible.

Because our reactions can only take place in the world of matter and space and the enhancement of our lives depends on increasing the positive reactions in which we participate, the opportunities to react positively existing in any place give relative value to that space or land compared to any other portion of space or land.

Thus those who own or have dominion over the portions of space or land giving access to more positive reactions can participate in more positive reactions and are usually wealthier. Because some people already have access to more valuable land they can more readily acquire dominion over more land, so the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

Thus the Life Force generated by positive reactions tends to flow to those already placed to maximise their positive reactions and the life-enhancing possibilities of more and more people are reduced or eliminated. Gradually, the reactions between the people comprising society lose their positivity or potential to sustain reaction and there is a dwindling down unto death.

By placing a tax on people in proportion to the value of the space they hold, will make the acquiring of dominion over space a more difficult task which will only be attempted by those seeking to expand their enterprise through positive reactions. Those who wish to use dominion over space to demand tribute will no longer be able to continue such a negative reaction.

This is the fundamental negative reaction that denies the positive reaction the scope to increase, for a negative reaction merely repeats itself or dwindles down to cold and dying embers.

So we may say that the Ultimate Aim of the Henry George Movement is to encourage positive reactions and eliminate negative reactions thereby creating a positively functioning society of happy eager people.