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The trilogy of science, philosophy and economics, while representing three distinct fields of thought and endeavor, has grown into a unity in Georgism.

That unity has for its basic purpose the betterment of living conditions for more people. It is the recognition and the constant expression of this underlying purpose that will not only give fact or reality to the unity, but significance to each separate part.

To think of science in general is to review many improvements and advantages, but those results of science which are in terms of human welfare, have, as a rule, been the most wholesome and lasting. When the purposes have been otherwise there have been strong tendencies to failure or to destruction.

It is easy to be impressed by scientific knowledge and to take pride in it, but it is well to remember that unless such knowledge helps people live more satisfyingly it defeats the very meaning of true science. Pride goes before a fall, we are told. We invite the fall and are to blame for it if we forget our fundamental purpose and substitute ideas devoid of significance.

The same may be said about philosophy. It is desirable and necessary that one should develop a system of thought capable of producing the proper understanding and attitude toward his world. But if one's philosophy does not contribute in some measure toward bettering human conditions, near at hand as well as afar, the philosophy becomes merely a deceptive exercise, holding theories that never work, and taking the place of something that might be more creative.

Economics, Too, Must Improve Conditions

It is scarcely necessary to point out that economics, which deals with human values is not worthy of the name unless, beside its long range remedies for solving human problems, some present movement is definitely directed toward the improvement of living conditions.

Georgism is fortunate in having as its foundation *real* science, philosophy and economics, undergirded by the sole purpose of directing more good to more people. With this undergirding it may grow into a more effective influence—without it, it will be a gesture that never gets beyond a mere salute to the truth.