

The Spirit of Henry George

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This is not a man-made world. Whenever we read the impressive documents of the astronomers we realize the earth is part of a marvelous system, but so wonderfully set in motion that predictions can be made with accuracy.

A power and purpose in the universe keeps it in unity, and points to a mistake that we have made about the earth, or land, which we regard as a human possession.

We have failed to consider what human life is—what it is for—and what part the earth is to play in its development. If a person will try to see the purpose of life in its fullest measure—from birth to death—yet knowing that this is only a fragment—then will take the findings that bring understanding of human life on every level (science of mind, science of the spirit, and science of the body, which includes economics), he will come to a broader view and understanding of human nature and the purposes of the Creator. If men lived according to the principle that; human life belongs to the Creator, and the land belongs to the Creator—there would be no economic inequality because the only value would be human value. The intrinsic human value would be expended in such a way that things rather than being our masters, would be our servants, and they would be kept in that place.

First Things First

The trouble often is that economic values *have us* instead of us having and using the values in the service of human life as it is meant to be. It is good to go back to first principles now and then.

When a person comes into an awareness of the creative power which the astronomers have charted in the universe, he comes into this creative sense for himself and for all human life. Only then will he be moving in his earthly life with the same power that keeps the planets in their courses.

We have created the confused, irritating and unjust conditions in the world because we have looked more to the earth at our feet than to the measureless firmament. We have held *things* too much for ourselves, and not for all. Because we have tried to treat our parcels of the earth as though they were not part of the created universe, we have unsatisfactory and purely human results. We need to be reminded that to the the degree that we, too, are creators, we are also responsible.