

To the Editor:

*The Spirit of Henry George*, in the March issue [page two] touched an area usually neglected by Georgists. Henry George himself emphasized the need for justice in human relationships and he placed human values before the land values. He was motivated always by an unselfish desire for justice for all.

Unfortunately, "later day" Georgists frequently forget the spirit of George and seem to feel (perhaps in an over-anxious desire to be honest) that it is necessary to emphasize the negative side of George's thesis, namely, that man's motivation is greed. That, of course, must be kept in mind because if man were saintly it would not matter who controlled land values.

But, the point is that some of the people who might work most effectively to remove the basic injustice inherent in the private collection of land values, are repelled by the materialistic approach of many sincere Georgists. It is definitely time for Georgists to come of age and admit that man is essentially idealistic, as well as essentially selfish, and that it is necessary to release propaganda which will appeal to his emotions as well as his intellect.

Henry George's own idealism fed the emotions, as well as the intellect, and he had a tremendous following. More idealism, along with their down-to-earth realism, could draw into the ranks of the Georgists many who are now drawn to some of the so-called brotherhood organizations.

I also read with enthusiasm that promising article, "The Bridge of Sights," and shall look forward to future issues of *The Henry George News*.

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