

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE OF THE
SINGLE TAX.

MRS. GOLDZIER RENEWS HER EXPLANATION.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Christian Science is a method of healing human ills by Truth and Love.

Single Tax is a truthful and loving method of economics which will heal all poverty and sickness, and hence all crime, for more crime is caused by poverty than any other way. Human beings are naturally good, but the fear that their natural wants may not be satisfied makes them selfish, and selfishness causes all other sins.

Under the Single Tax no one would be afraid that he would not get all and more than he needs. A living could be made so easily that no one but a crank and faddist would think of accumulating a lot of wealth that neither he nor his heirs could enjoy.

Vast fortunes could not be made; but even if they could, they would not hold the present power of dominion over less fortunate beings. The power in vast fortunes today is the fact that what one holds the other is deprived of. Under the Single Tax this would not be so. As land is the source of all wealth, and as no one would be able to have more land than he was actually using, much land would be free, and no matter how much wealth one man owned, others could have just as much by making it out of land.

Only when land, the source of wealth, is monopolized and held out of use is the supply limited.

Single Tax would tax landlords out of existence. There would be but one Lord, and that, God, all his people acting as His agent—His Son.

We no longer worship gods many; it is time we rid ourselves of lords many, especially landlords many; that can be done by taxing the land to its full rental value. All a man wants the land for, is the rent. If the rent does not go to the man but to the State, the man will not care for the land. He will only take so much as he needs to live on, or what is necessary for the application of his labor and capital.

God is Lord of all, even of the land, and there should be no lesser lords—no landlords.

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Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other; hence Single Tax is equal to Christian Science.

A sum is equal to all of its parts. But if you omit some of its parts there is no sum.

Christian Science is equal to Single Tax and all its other healing qualities; but if you leave Single Tax out there is no Christian Science left, but only a very inadequate religion.

Single Tax without any other part of Christian Science contains enough Principle to carry the Children of God to eternal Life and happiness. But the other part of Christian Science is so beautiful that we want it too.

We want and can have all, but first and foremost is the Single Tax, for it gives us the earth which is the manifestation of God from whom all blessings flow.

"Whom" has for its antecedent "earth" or "God," just as the reader feels at the particular time of reading. But for the sake of the reader who has learned that all is God and there is no matter, I will add since there is no matter, the earth is not matter, but Spirit manifest; which makes Paul's quotation understandable. "In God we live, move, and have our being."

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PRIVATE PROPERTY, WHAT IS IT?

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

The discussions that have been going on in the last few numbers of the REVIEW regarding the question of private property in land have been very interesting to me.

Some of your correspondents appear to think that the Single Tax idea is to allow the land to remain as private property, or in private ownership, while its rental value is appropriated by the State. The Single Tax is interpreted as a tax which will not destroy private property in land, when its rental value ceases to be private income. This is equivalent to saying that the rental value of land and the land itself are two distinct things. This is surely an error. We cannot separate the value of a good thing from the good itself, when a productive good ceases to have any income value to the individual user. So far as he is concerned it ceases to be property. If we abolish the rental value of land, wholly or in part as private income, we abolish to the same extent land as "private property." In other words—when the state levies a tax on land values, it taxes the property itself—the tax is paid in property.

What I wish to call your attention to is this. I think that your correspondents misunderstand what the term "private property" really means, because, if we look at the meaning of that term as consistently defined by the Single Tax Economics, we will see that land is not really private property at all. We will see that because land being of such a nature that no part of it can be privately or exclusively owned by any individual, it cannot be private property any more than it is private wealth. To be sure, the common every day meaning of the terms "private property" and "private wealth" is "Anything whatever that can be bought, sold, exchanged or devised, and where value can be expressed in terms of money;" and this includes land; but we