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The inspiration for this book came originally from an American journalist-philosopher named Henry George.

Over one hundred years ago, Henry George published a book entitled: **Progress and Poverty**. In it, he examined the poverty and unemployment that often follow advances in technology.

Henry George saw a cause for these evils in land speculation - which increases the price of land and denies sites to many who would use them for farms, homes, factories, etcetera. He advocated an increase in land taxes at the expense of other taxes, and he visualized a situation in which all government revenue could be obtained from land - the so-called "single tax"*.

Henry George's memory is kept alive by Georgist societies in many parts of the world.

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* **Progress and Poverty**. First published 1879. 52nd Anniversary edition, produced in 1931 by the Henry George Foundation of Great Britain. 1943 reprint. Pages 186-197; 286-289.