

The “LAND” RENT FOR REVENUE & JUSTICE

Association (International) *

Pay for what we Hold or Take, not what we Do or Make

*Private Enterprise must not include private ownership of the elements of life.
Free trade must not include the freedom to 'invest' in owning others' natural resources
which should rightfully be their source of revenue*

16.3.15

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Georgists - hijacked by half-baked heretical nostrums.

An alarming number of high profile Georgists appear to have at some stage embraced the Douglas Social Credit theorem. They couple L.V.T. / R.R.R. with interest-free Govt. funding for the shortfall in the Socialist Nanny State. Taxes on wages depressed by privatised Rent can never compensate the depressed wages.

The injection will be captured in the land values causing the problem. The remedy will compound the malady. The good impact of L.V.T / R.R.R. is ignored. And the good will be thrown out with the bad by our opponents.

The exposition of Georgist dogma in the diagram ¹ is perhaps too succinct.

The inherited mistakes of the U.S. and Europe do not exist here and yet somehow we get plastered with their presumptuous antidotes. A case in point is the rot that the Reserve Bank's statutory requirement is to address "Headline Inflation" - wages / prices. "Underlying Inflation" - caused by 'non-tradeables' - land price, is beyond their purview - and is obliquely referred to as such. So we get screeds of arcane, convoluted comparisons of wages / prices, ignoring the reality that wages are prices, and prices are wages. We accept these authoritative pontifications, cross ourselves and say Amen! 'Thus saith the Reserve Bank !'

The Douglas Social Credit case was dismissed by a Royal Commission here in 1958. The concerns about Banking practice in North America, then, are still true there today. Hence the strife. We here have long had constraints they might well copy. Banks here may lend only 90% of their Deposits, not 8 or 9 times.

Intergenerational borrowing for intergenerational infrastructure at Govt. stock interest rates is valid capital formation and superannuation saving.

The sharemarket too is a valid means of capital formation for commerce, but without the rogue element of owning natural monopolies ². The capital subscribed should be the savings from the wages of labour, not the privatised Rent of landlords.

¹ Economics in One Lesson Diagram

² Natural monopolies are rights to land, water, airwaves, minerals, fisheries, hydro-power generation and supply, any public utility such as a port, airport, or the monopolistic rights to reticulate wires, pipes, rails, roads, and the like; even the right to pollute - "Economics In One Lesson."

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