

Is It Enough?

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In response to the question raised by Jan J. Pot and answered in part by Robert P. Willis in GJ No. 46 - "Is land value taxation sufficient to cover current expenditures in the USA at all levels?" - may I remind both writers that the question overlooks one fact. This is that a vast amount of current expenditure would cease under a Georgist administration.

Consider the cost of the bureaucracies dealing with the existing tax systems. Think of the cost of the legislatures which currently waste so much time and money in fruitless debate of unnecessary bills for regulation of life at all levels. Think of the criminally inflated cost of present living by manipulation of the money supply. Think of the enormous cost of the welfare system which would be eliminated by adoption of the true welfare which the Georgist system of freedom and justice would introduce.

No wonder George said, in effect, that the rent would probably produce a surplus over the needs of government which could be available for social projects to improve the life style of the whole community in art and recreation.
