

# HENRY GEORGE

The birth of one man, and of one man only, is celebrated the world over by Jew and Gentile, Mohammedan and Christian, Buddhist and Parsee; by men of the most diverse faiths, races and creeds.

That man was an American, born in Philadelphia, September Second, 1839.

Sixty years ago he was an unknown printer. Today his books are an inspiration to the highest ideals in every country in the world.

Thrones topple, dynasties go down in the dust, but his proclamation of the inalienable right of all men to the bounties of the Creator, to all God-given natural opportunities, goes on conquering throughout the world. And wherever honesty, eloquence and self-sacrificing devotion to humanity move the hearts of men, the name of Henry George is revered.

No one should pretend to be well informed who is ignorant of Henry George's proposals. Nor can our over-burdened taxpayers afford to neglect the relief he offers. He asks that all earned incomes be entirely freed from taxes, and that all taxes be taken from unearned incomes.

Henry George's books have had a circulation of more than six million copies in English alone, and have been translated and published in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Finnish, Danish, Swedish, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Hungarian, Portuguese and Italian.

They have profoundly affected thought everywhere and legislation in many countries. No fundamental reform has ever before made such world-wide progress in fifty odd years and its growth today is more rapid though more quiet, than ever before.

John Dewey, hailed in Europe and in America as the greatest living educator, ranks Henry George as one of the six greatest philosophers of all time and says of him. "It is the thorough fusion of insight into actual facts and forces, with recognition of their bearing upon what makes life worth living, that constitutes Henry George one of the world's great social philosophers."

Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, New York, said in a public address that Henry George had compelled a recasting of accepted theories of political economy.

Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, David Lloyd George, Louis D. Brandeis, Leo Tolstoy, George Foster Peabody, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, 2nd and 3rd, Newton D. Baker, Philip Snowden, John W. Davis, and Sun Yat Sen, are a few of the followers of Henry George.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

But Henry George laid his life down for strangers, for the poor, the oppressed, the disinherited of all the earth.

To those who have read his immortal works it will seem fitting and proper that the words Henry George used regarding Moses should be applied to himself.

"Leader and servant of men! Law-giver and benefactor! Toiler toward the promised land seen only by the eye of faith! Type of the high souls who in every age have given to earth its heroes and its martyrs, whose deeds are the precious possession of the race, whose memories are its sacred heritage! With whom among the founders of empires shall we compare him?"

"To dispute about the inspiration of such a man were to dispute about words. From the depths of the unseen such characters must draw their strength; from fountains that flow only from the pure in heart must come their wisdom. Of something more real than matter; of something higher than the stars; of a light that will endure when suns are dead and dark; of a purpose of which the physical universe is but a passing phase, such lives tell."

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