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**D**ear friends,  
On Wednesday, September 12, 2001 we all woke in a completely different world from what it was only one day before. The tragic events in New York and Washington confirmed that our planet is very small and it is practically impossible to shelter oneself from the cruel reality of the modern world. The tragedy is our common tragedy.

Huge resources of the richest country in the world are now being used in the search of those who are guilty. Yes, it is very important to know that. But no less important is the need to analyze and understand why the tragedy happened, why innocent people again and again in different countries have to pay such high prices for things that they did not do.

Something is very wrong in the existing world order that makes such events possible. Neither terrorism nor punishing blows is able to solve the burning problems of our contemporary world. More likely they could result in even higher tension in relations between the countries, between the West and the Islamic world, and create the risk of a new war.

But that is definitely not what people want and need.

We have contributed to the solution of the problems of the world, and understood that we have to unite our efforts and become more active. Georgists are among the best equipped to think about globally relevant solutions. Georgists do know that there is an alternative to the existing world order. Georgists also know that there does not exist any other real alternative.

Our International Union does not have great resources to organize major events that may bring great projects into life. But let us use what we have to the best effect. Let us give more thought to how to unite our efforts and the resources which are available. And let us think how and where we could find more support for our activities. We have to become better known in the world, for Georgist philosophy deserves being better known by people all over the world. Without this work there will be no common future. The time is right. — *Tatiana Roskoshnaya, President of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade.*