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A UNIVERSITY IS BORN!!

I was named "The Henry George University" after the famous economic philosopher of the last century, the proponent of the so-called 'Single Tax'. I say so-called 'Single Tax' because it is more than a fiscal reform. The socio economic philosophy he developed and proved so ably in his writing (the most comprehensive and inspiring being Progress & Poverty) has been and still is the one hope mankind has to attain "equality of opportunity" for every one - which I equate with "Justice". In fact the purpose of my being born is to promote the philosophy of Henry George through formal education in a University where research and learning will be the vocation of the young and to grant degrees in the fields of Economics, Politics, Philosophy and the Humanities, etcetera.

And you know! A University for the Henry George movement is long overdue considering all the Single Tax Clubs that were so prevalent in the last century and the beginning of this one, when Henry George was acclaimed the greatest thinker of the 19th Century - in fact he was called the "Prophet of San Francisco". And since then if we will but be aware of all the Henry George Schools that have been and are still now disseminating his teachings, the many books and pamphlets that have been and are still being distributed by various organizations about Henry George and his ideas and the foundations that have been formed to further his economic philosophy.

Yes, it's time a University came into being, simply because that is where the future economists, consultants and advisors to government can be trained to really understand the

philosophy of Henry George.

From here can come Mayors, Governors, Congressmen, Senators, Cabinet Secretaries and even Presidents - those who are empowered to make decisions. We have done the best we could trying mostly to attract the intellectually curious, and those looking for adventure, sociability and entertainment. However, very few have become knowledgeable dedicated Georgists - simply because so few of them took learning our philosophy seriously. In a University, Georgeism will be taught seriously as a full time job and accepted as such by both the instructor and the student. How many of those attending in our schools really studied or even read the weekly assignments in "Progress and Poverty"? Learning is a serious undertaking, requiring serious effort and concentration. That is the prime function of a University and which justifies it's existence.

And where more appropriate than in Florida, - the playground of the world and which is fast becoming one of the great cultural centres of America? Here in Sunny Florida, learning and inquiry can go on all year round; where the young can build their careers and where the mature can "renew their faith" so to speak in Georgism, in the most pleasureable environment, so mixing pleasure with learning. I, the Henry George University, could become the Mecca for Georgists from all parts of the world.

How did I come into being and who are my sponsors? It's a simple story. Bill Preston met Lou Weitzman through Arnold Kleiner. So what could you expect from such dedicated Georgists? Introductions are in order.

Bill Preston has been a Georgist since 1934, an instructor in the Henry George School of New York and a certified teacher in the State of Florida.

Lou Weitzman has been a Georgist since 1940, was trained at the New Jersey School where he went through all the courses including "Teachers' Training" and started teaching in 1941. Since then he has taught many classes both in New Jersey

and Florida, has given numerous lectures, had some articles published on the Georgist philosophy and in general will expound on Henry George whenever the opportunity presents itself. He is still on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey School even though he now lives in the Tangelwood area of Western, Massachusetts. However for the last few years since his retirement he spends the winters in Florida.

Mr. Willard Hubbell lives in Miami, was a Professor at the University of Miami for many years in the School of Engineering. He is a self-taught Georgist having become exposed to Henry George's ideas through the American Institute for Economic Research of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, who to a great extent espouse our fundamental economics philosophy. He is now on the Board of Trustees of the American Institute of Counsellors of Great Barrington.

Harry Oldermann is an associate of Bill Preston in their business establishment "Entrepreneurs Research and Development Corporation". He is becoming a Georgist by association..

Arnold Kleiner was a student of Lou Weitzman in 1941 and is still a Georgist doing all he can for Georgeism.

Bill Newcomb of Melbourne, Florida is and was a dedicated Georgist most of his life. He said his uncle made him study "Progress and Poverty" for his room and board.

Well, here I am just born, named and only legalized by a charter granted by the State of Florida, on April 26, 1972. What do I intend to do, how, when, and where?

So here is our program. For regular full time students we will have a comprehensive curriculum.

For adults we expect to offer weekly, bi-weekly or monthly courses or seminars with or without food and lodging and entertainment to attract Georgist from all walks of life. It would be for many a vacation with Georgeism to renew their faith and knowledge in Georgeism and have a good time in the bargain. The University could be the centre of the Universe for Georgist young or old or in between - a good time can be had by all. Pardon me! Do Georgist grow old? The inspiration one gets from Georgeism keeps them young. That's what this University is all about.

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Now that I have explained how, when, and where I came into being and what I intend to accomplish, reality stared me in the face. It's quite an undertaking for one just born! However I feel that I can count on a lot of friends who will help me grow to attain success and maturity. And I do need your help to get me started and keep me going. What do I need?

First, I need what is called "seed money" to start me off. The original sponsors gave me some of their time and money to pay for the Charter and other out of pocket expense. We need much more.

Second, I will need your suggestions and personal interest to keep me growing.

Third, I will need students and your participation in our adult programs.

Fourth, I hope also that you will support me financially until I become self-supporting.

Fifth, You can help me immediately by spreading the word around about me to your Georgist friends - in other words- Publicity!!

Sixth, You could send me a list of people you feel would be interested in me and my program so we can circularize them - in fact send them a copy of this letter.

Oh yes, I am a non-profit corporation so whatever you contribute to my growth and development is tax exempt. I Thank You in advance for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Lou Weitzman, Trustee  
The Henry George University

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