

# Land Value Taxation

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These conferences are good because they bring out information and discussion on these matters.

No reform, no matter how just or ingenious, can make headway without popular support. That is why the work of the Henry George School is so important. But a more activist program is also needed. From my brief sojourn

here, I feel that California is ripe for such an effort.

It has been most interesting for me to revisit California. It is a name to conjure with. It is the state forever associated with the labors of Henry George, whose ideas will work enormous good for the whole human family.

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## Let's Abolish the Income Tax

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The advice of America's founding fathers was good—that we should keep government simple. We make it too complicated. A legislator has to go through hundreds of bills, each one with many pages in difficult legal language. It's a hard enough job for the legislator. What about the people? How many of them understand the bills that are passed?

The founding fathers understood these difficulties and therefore proposed that representatives of the people be elected to run the government within the limits of the Constitution. No one should be given too much power. Even honest people abuse power. That is why our forefathers were so wise; they understood human nature.

The founding fathers limited the power of taxation and they did not permit an income tax. We will not restore freedom until we get rid of the income tax.

The income tax gives too much power to the collector. Nearly all our constitutional liberties are violated. It permits prying into our private

affairs. The income tax says, "You are guilty unless you can prove yourself innocent." It creates a government of men, not of law. The power of the collector can be used in a vindictive way, to ruin individuals who are not liked.

Most people agree with me about the income tax. Many say to me, "I'm for you, but don't mention my name." Isn't this one more proof that the income tax rules by fear?

The only two arguments I've heard in favor of the income tax are: 1, it is a way of taxing the rich; and 2, the government needs the money. As for the first, this is not true any more, as 83 per cent of the income tax comes from incomes of \$6,000 and under. As for the second, how much money does government really need? Fifty cents of every dollar collected by government is wasted money.

We must get back to a higher moral standard. We must find out about the income tax, teach it to the people and arouse them. When the people are aroused, the politicians will give them anything they want.