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LET'S GET MAD!

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Georgists are too urbane! They should be roaring mad, and they go on saying, "The Georgist philosophy is right, so I stay with it and I play along." I refer to the symposium, "Why Do You Stay With It?" in GJ No. 34.

Henry George got mad - there are examples of his anger throughout his writings. The Biblical prophets got mad, Jesus got mad. What's the matter with Georgists?

Isaiah said, "Damn those that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no standing room and they are squatting alone in the center of the land!" (5:8) Micah said, "Damn those that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds. When it comes daylight they carry it out because it is in their power. They covet fields and take them by violence; and houses and take them away; so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage." (2:1-2)

The land is the heritage of the people and anybody who claims more than one 4-billionth of the arable surface of the globe is a thief - unless he is paying society the rent for it! Leviticus 25 says you can sell only up to 50 harvests - you can't sell the land. All the bloodshed on the globe today - from Ireland to El Salvador, from Lebanon to Afghanistan to Africa - is over land.

Jesus said, "Damn you, Bible scholars and religious conservatives, you pay your tithes to the last penny and leave undone the important things of God's law - justice (= land rent), mercy (bailing out the victims of injustice) and loyalty... You are the sons of those who slew the prophets."

Come on, Georgists - get mad!