

“America at the Crossroads”

Those Georgists who have been seeking a short work which might give some conception of the gist of the Georgist philosophy in simple terms can terminate their search. Gaston Haxo, a venerable Georgist who was born only eight years after *Progress and Poverty* was first published, has presented many of the essential features of Henry George's basic principles in a thoroughly readable forty-six page booklet entitled “America at the Crossroads.”

Not only does Mr. Haxo explain George's ideas so that anyone can understand them, but he sets them against an interesting historical background. For example, he outlines the effects of the land tenure systems of such civilizations as ancient Greece and Rome, and briefly discusses feudalism and the inclosures of the common lands in England, which began during the reign of Henry VII (1485-1509).

The author advocates an amendment to the Constitution which would, in substance, proclaim that while the earth can never be man's exclusive property, the private and exclusive *possession* of it is necessary to secure the right to the products of labor; and that society should collect the rental value of the land.

Mr. Haxo is a knowledgeable Georgist, who for many years has been a student and a proponent of the philosophy of freedom. He was secretary of the Single Tax Party when it was organized in 1916, and ran as its candidate for Borough President of Manhattan. He helped to found the Henry George School in 1932, and served as director of its Correspondence Course from 1937 until he went overseas in 1942. In 1940, he wrote and published an excellent book, *The Philosophy of Freedom*, which is a more detailed exposition of the fundamentals of Georgist thought. He retired to Florida in 1958, but has continued to maintain his active interest in Georgism.

The price of Gaston Haxo's new booklet is only One Dollar, postpaid, and it can be obtained by writing to him directly at 250 - 58th Street, North, (908), St. Petersburg, Florida 33710.

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