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Henry George (September 2, 1839 – October 29, 1897) was an American political economist, and the most influential proponent of the "Single Tax" on land. He is the author of "Progress and Poverty" written in 1879.

Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and where ever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power.

- George, Henry

The march of invention has clothed mankind with powers of which a century ago the boldest imagination could not have dreamt.

- George, Henry

Compare society to a boat. Her progress through the water will not depend upon the exertion of her crew, but upon the exertion devoted to propelling her. This will be lessened by any expenditure of force in fighting among themselves, or in pulling in different directions.

- George, Henry

Capital is a result of labor, and is used by labor to assist it in further production. Labor is the active and initial force, and labor is therefore the employer of capital.

- George, Henry

The methods by which a trade union can alone act, are necessarily destructive; its organization is necessarily tyrannical.

- George, Henry

How vainly shall we endeavor to repress crime by our barbarous punishment of the poorer class of criminals so long as children are reared in the brutalizing influences of poverty, so long as the bite of want drives men to crime.

- George, Henry



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