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PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.

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The phrase "The Liberty Bell" appeared in *The Anti-Slavery Record*, Vol. 1, No. 2, published by R.G. Williams, for the American Anti-Slavery Society, in February 1835. The phrase is used on page 23 of the publication and reads as follows:

May not the emancipationists in Philadelphia, hope to live to hear the same bell rung, when liberty shall in fact be proclaimed to all the inhabitants of this favored land? Hitherto, the bell has not obeyed the inscription; and its peals have been a mockery, while one sixth of "all inhabitants" are in abject slavery."
“Men did not make the earth...it is the value of the improvements only, and not the earth itself, that is individual property...Every proprietor owes to the community a ground rent for the land which he holds.;...from this ground rent...I...propose to create a national fund, out of which there shall be paid to every person...a sum.”
Earth Rights Tax Policy

Pay for what you take (from the earth, the commons) not what you make (with your labor, efforts.)

Tax Land Not Labor!

Privatize Wages / Socialize Rent
Pay for Where you Park

Private Title to the Commons of Land and Natural Resources Conditional on Payment of Use Fee
BIG from Resource Rent:
(1) Addresses Wealth Gap at Source
Total Net Worth in U.S.: $42.3892 trillion ($42,389,200,000,000)

Since 1995 housing prices have risen nationwide by almost 35%.

In some regions, real home prices have risen by more than 50%.

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23% of all American houses bought in 2004 were for investment, not owner-occupation. Another 13% were bought as second homes.

*The Economist*
Land Values Correlate to Population Centres
The predictability of the "law of rent" - that land values will continually rise, and faster than wages - fuels frenzies of land speculation and the inevitable bust that follows the boom.
Distribution of Real GDP: Australia

Land Prices Compared with Other Housing Costs

- Residential Land Prices
- Wages of Construction Workers
- Building Costs
- Consumer Price Index

Source: Appendix B.
According to an Associated Press report, sales dropped by "22% in the West, the biggest decline in the region since February 1995."
(2) Affordable Land / Housing

Decreasing Taxes on Labor Increases Purchasing Capacity

Social Capture of Resource Rent Removes Private Profit Incentives (curbs land speculation) thus

(3) NO BOOM/BUST BUBBLE thus Maintains Land Affordability for Housing and Other Basic Needs.
(4) Better Health
OUR GREATEST HEALTH HAZARD is the economic "gap" between the rich and the poor. With greater economic inequality comes worse health — lower life expectancy and higher mortality rates.

The U.S. spends the most money on health care, but ties for 29th place in life expectancy.
HEALTH OLYMPICS 2003
TOP 30 FINISHERS
*Health ranked by average number of years lived.*

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(from [UNDP Human Development Report](https://www.humandevelopmentreport.org))
(5) Ecological Incentives
Current Pacific NW Tax Structure

- Property taxes: 27%
- Business, income, and sales taxes: 48%
- Existing environmental taxes: 18%
- Miscellaneous: 7%
Earth Rights Tax Shift Proposed for Pacific NW
Current and Proposed Tax Shift for Pacific Northwest
Military Expenditures
US Military Budget

- 1950: $13B
- 1952: $44B
- 1998: $265B
- 2004: $399B
- 2005: $500B
(6) Social Capture of Ground
Out of war nations acquire additional territory, if they are victorious. They just take it. This newly acquired territory promptly is exploited by the few - the selfsame few who wrung dollars out of blood in the war. The general public shoulders the bill...

- Major General Smedley Butler
Conquest of the Amazon – Corporate powers, working in part through missionary groups first to gain control of indigenous societies and then to gain control of their land, had been behind these destabilizations and genocides throughout the 20th century.

(See Thy Will Be Done: The Conquest of the Amazon: Nelson Rockefeller and Evangelism in the Age of Oil)
Indonesia — Rich in oil and other resources, was establishing an honest democracy... The CIA overthrew Sukarno, installed Suharto, and following “strategies-of-tension” the suppression of freedom resulted in slaughter of 800,000 people by the CIA’s own estimate.
Guatemala — In 1951, knowing that foreign-owned land had been obtained under unfair conditions, President Arbenz started the legal process of reclaiming several hundred thousand acres of idle land from United Fruit Company. CIA launched propaganda campaign that Arbenz was a Communist. Arbenz was overthrown, 200,000 were killed.
Whose Planet are we living on?

- Every inch of our planet is now owned by some person or organization.
- The majority population (60% to 90%) in EVERY inhabited country are landless - own no part of the planet whatsoever, not even their own homes.
- The richest 5% in every nation, rich and poor, North and South, East and West, now own between 70% and 95% of their own countries.
Chile – Salvadore Allende was freely elected in 1972 on a platform of control of Chilean resources for Chileans. Chile was embargoed and the CIA and America’s military, primarily the Navy, and Chilean military personnel trained at the School of the Americas (now in Fort Benning, Georgia) coordinated plans for Allende’s overthrow. Pinochet put in power.
Congo – The CIA with support from Belgium destabilized the Congo and assassinated the popular Patrice Lumumba. Control still could not be assured so Zaire was created to remove those rich copper deposits from the uncontrollable Congolese and Joseph Mobutu was installed as the Belgian/American puppet.
Earth Ownership

- 95% of the USA is owned by the richest 3% of Americans
- 60% of El Salvador is owned by the richest 2% of El Salvadorians
- 86% of South Africa is owned by the white minority
- 74% of United Kingdom is owned by the richest 2% of Britons
- 84% of Scotland is owned by the richest 7% of Scots
These latter day pharaohs, the planet owners, the richest 5% - allow the rest of us to pay day after day for the right to live on their planet. And as we make them richer, they buy yet more of the planet for themselves, and use their wealth and power to fight amongst themselves over what each possesses ~ though of course it's actually us who have to fight and die in their wars.
Essentials of Economic Rent and a War Economy

In a naturally just and harmonious society, everyone has fair access to the gifts of nature in order to procure their livelihood.
Privilege Fund Grows

When people must pay rent for access to land, exploitation of labor begins. Because of the Rent Leak, people cannot get capital without borrowing from the Privilege Fund lending system, and paying interest.
Collectors of the Privilege Fund invest in land and resources in “underdeveloped” countries.

To quell protests, investors call for military intervention.
Privilege Fund Enables War System

People → Rent → Land → Interest → Wealth → Privilege Fund → Armaments → Foreign Investment
Transforming the Privilege Fund

People → Land → Wealth

Resource Rent Fund
(7) Transforming the Privilege Fund  
(Reduce Military Budget/Peace Dividend)

- The Privilege Fund is equitably returned to society by public collection of land and resource rents.
- Workers, with their just economic opportunities restored, can now accumulate capital through their own savings.
- Economic Justice, abundance and peace restored.
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Solving the land question means the solving of all social questions.

- Leo Tolstoy
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Land is life.
The Earth Belongs to Everyone
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