

TAXES, A TAX SYSTEM TO REACTIVATE THE ARGENTINE ECONOMY

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The author has published an interesting book, written in Spanish, for the concrete solution of the Argentine endemic crisis. Dr. Hector Raul Sandler has a background as lawyer, economist, professor and researcher, with a great experience in Argentina, United States of America (USA) and Mexico.

Through a rigorous analysis of facts and events, the author considers that the different tax regimens applied since 1935 have been paralytic factors of the national development in all orders. The worst is to charge taxes on labor, investment, production, consumption, sales and creation of richness in general, being that richness in all material goods is made by human labor.

Which is the way to arrive to the true solution? Dr. Sandler gives the summary in the first chapter to introduce the reader in this interesting book. A driver wants to park his car. It could be quickly or for a long time and depending on the location: downtown, important places in the city, etc. Land is an extension or fixed quantity and there are not enough places for all drivers.

With the payment of a "canon", represented by the coins inserted in the parkimeter, the driver can use an assigned portion of land during a determined time. This payment covers: (a) the maintenance of the parking lot, wages of workers, (b) the interest of invested capital (installations, etc.), and (c) the right to occupy that portion of land during a period of time. Prices in parking lots can differ according to supply and demand.

Dr. Sandler comments that the book has two parts. "The first part has titled 'Reflections for the citizens' and it contains the 14 letters that he sent to the representatives of the Congress during the year 1998. They are simple thoughts so that the common man understands the thought of George.

The second part has titled "Theoretical Foundations." There are 11 essays that explain: 1) The relationships among the Philosophy, the Law and the Economy; 2) How the law intervenes in the economic order; 3) Which economic order is determined by the Argentinean Constitution; 4) The relationship between the economy and the democracy; 5) The problem of the land-rent; 6) The relationships between contract, property, landvalue and the economic order; 7) The consumer's importance in the economy; 8) The question of the resources of the State; 9) The law like causing of social disorder; 10) the relationship between the taxes and the corruption; and 11) A change of system of taxes to revitalize the economy."