

"... God in the beginning did not make one man rich and another poor. Nor did he afterwards take and show to anyone treasures of gold, and deny to the others the right of searching for it: rather He left the earth free to all alike . . . Why then, if it is common, have you so many acres of land, while your neighbor has not a portion of it?"

3. St. Augustine, In Ioannis Evangelium, 6,25, PL 35: 1437.

"... By divine law the earth and its fullness are the Lord's (Cf. Psalm 23:1); the poor and the rich he sustains on one earth."
