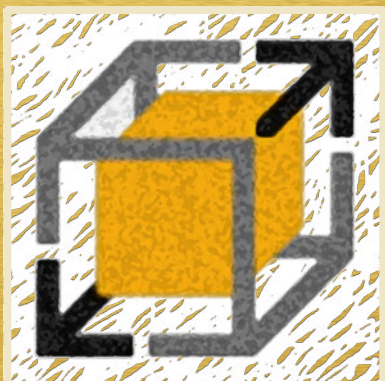
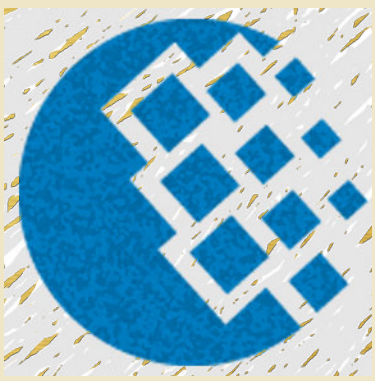


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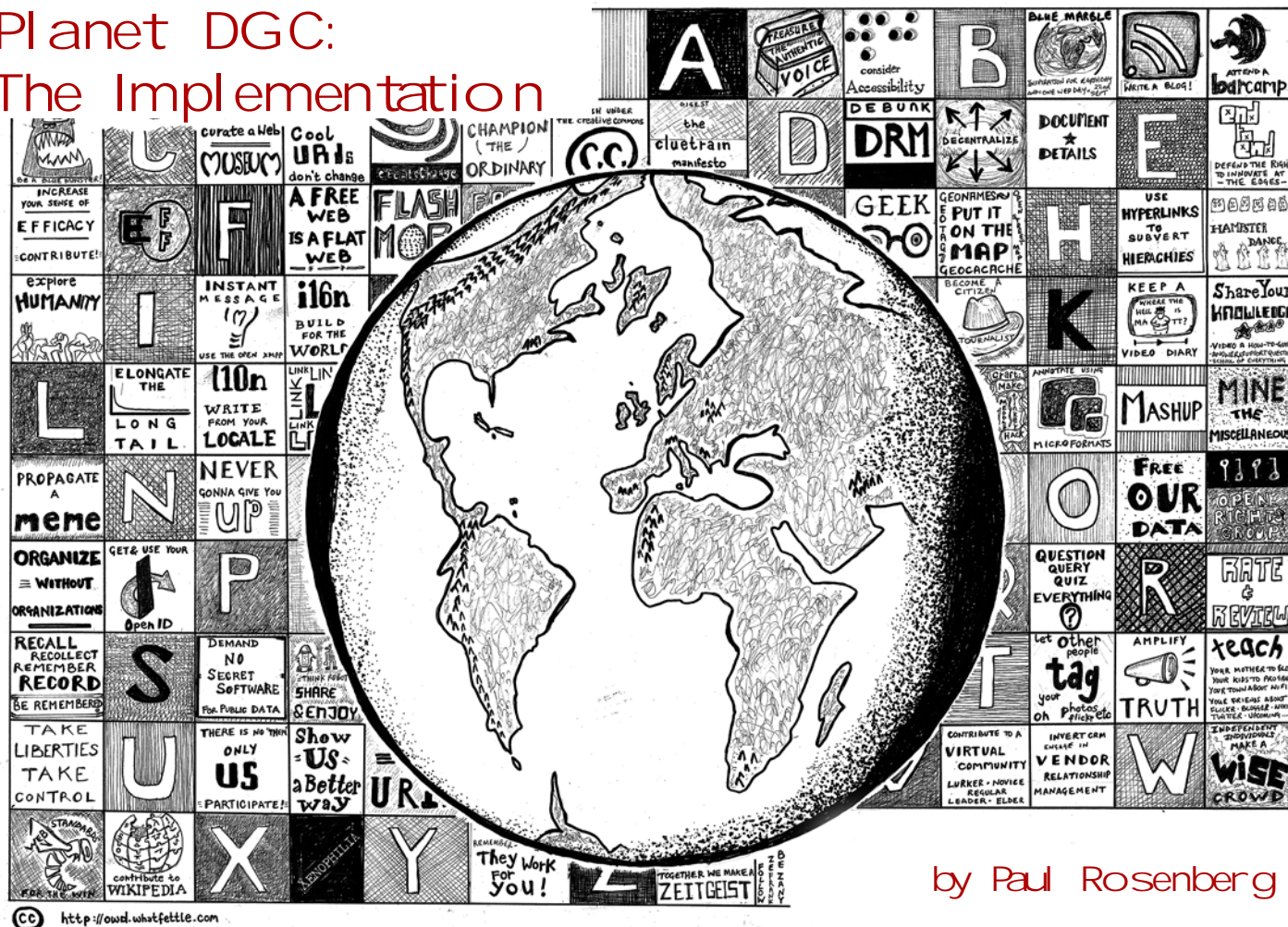
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Planet DGC: The Implementation



by Paul Rosenberg

A few months ago I wrote an article called Planet DGC, in which I described a new type of monetary system where all currency is based upon valuable commodities, owned and managed by businessmen, and with more or less currency being brought into use as the market demands. At every point in this arrangement, free-market competition is assumed and keeps everything in balance. There are no monopolies on anything, including currency creation, and all currency is convertible.

What I specifically did not do in that article was describe how all the players in such a system would be paid. This month I'll dig into that subject a bit. But

as I do, there are two things that you should remember:

1. These are merely my guesses as to what might happen. First of all, neither I nor anyone else would have any power to impose these ideas on anyone else under my scheme. Secondly, I am but one individual, among millions of other players in the system. It is super-certain that other people will think of things that have never occurred to me.
2. My Planet DGC system will be much, much cheaper for the users, but it will not appear so to ignorant, conditioned people, of whom there are very many. Under the current regime, the cost to the user is hidden. After

all, who pays for money? In my design, the costs of currency will be seen openly. This will, at least sometimes, be a barrier to adoption. Most people will notice that they are paying for currency faster than they will notice that the new currencies will not lose 90% of their value over a decade or two. Some will be short-sighted (and probably loud), and will be massively prodded along in this by the operators of the old system, who don't want to give up their game.

AN INTERESTING PROBLEM

A first question to be confronted is this: If we abandon all state currencies, how do we set values?

Anybody Seen Our Gold?



The gold reserves of the United States have not been fully and independently audited for half a century. Now there is proof that those gold reserves and those of other Western nations are being used for the surreptitious manipulation of the international currency, commodity, equity, and bond markets. The objective of this manipulation is to conceal the mismanagement of the U.S. dollar so that it might retain its function as the world's reserve currency. But to suppress the price of gold is to disable the barometer of the international financial system so that all markets may be more easily manipulated. This manipulation has been a primary cause of the catastrophic excesses in the markets that now threaten the whole world. Surreptitious market manipulation by government is leading the world to disaster. We want to expose it and stop it.

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If there is no inherent reference point in values, how does the farmer's ton of wheat compare to the miner's pound of silver? And if we define that relationship, how does that relate to a pack of bubble gum at the corner store, or to an airplane tire? Under the current regimes, we compare all things – even silver and gold – to dollars, euros or yen. What do we do when they are gone?

In all likelihood, gold will become the standard. But bear in mind that this will be entirely voluntary. One warehouse may tie the value of its contents to gold, another to silver and perhaps another to dried corn. It is easy to envision contract clauses like the following:

I transfer to you 4 tons of wheat, denominated in silver, the exchange costs between being evenly split between us. The speed of the transaction shall be at the discretion of the exchanger, but automatically settling at the best available rate in __ days.

THE WAREHOUSE IS ALSO THE MINT

In Planet DGC, people will bring their surplus products to a warehouse to have them monetized. Thus the grain elevator becomes a mint for the farmer. He brings in his crop, has it examined, weighed, stored and insured, and receives a certain number of crypto-tokens in return. He could then drive home, happy that he has currency worth 20 tons of wheat in his e-wallet.

THE BROKER'S ROLE

Since redemption is the final safety of this system, this function is critical and must be done by someone. That person will likely be a broker. This broker will probably deal in a limited number of valuable commodities, probably breaking down along the primary commodity types. For example, there will probably be brokers that specialize in precious metals, and others who specialize in agricultural products. Perhaps there will be several other specialties as well.

Such a broker will buy and sell with a vig, like the NASDAQ dealers. (Vig is short for vigorish, a fee charged by a third party.) The dealer will make his or her money by setting his buy and sell numbers close enough to get business (combined with his quality of service, of course) and far enough apart to stay in business.

A VIG FOR THE WAREHOUSE

The warehouse, of course, will need to make money as well, or else why should they bother?

The warehouse will probably make most or all of its money in minting fees. You bring in 4000 bushels of wheat, but you only get currency worth 3900 bushels. The other hundred go to the warehouse as a minting and assay fee.

A second vig for the warehouse could come at redemption, from the dealers. But, if this vig were too heavy, the dealers would soon cooperate and cut the warehouses out, at least frequently. For

example, the dealer could talk to his fellow-dealer and then call his customer, saying, Listen, instead of taking delivery of that gold, I can get you 3% more silver than it's worth. The customer might be interested and the warehouse would be cut out of the deal.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the above – it is all voluntary – but paying an outgoing vig to the warehouses will be avoided in some cases.

There could be a sloppy period of time where the warehouses, in response to this, would coordinate and refuse to do business with dealers who do not pay them. Then, the dealers combine and buy the warehouses, one by one... and the warehouses would fight back... until the situation got so sloppy that it ruined efficiency and made way for the less-combative young guys to eat their lunch.

This may never happen, but it could. Sloppiness is to be endured and transcended, not to be feared and panicked over.

THE FEAR OF THE CARTEL

The funny thing about cartels and monopolies is that they never really endure without force being applied to staunch competition. Yes, they can endure in isolated places such as a very remote grain elevator, but as soon as some enterprising young guy or gal finds a way to sidestep the piggish operator, they are doomed.

The ultimate protection against cartel is open competition. It is

not a perfect solution, but it's a damn good one.

LETTERS OF CREDIT

There will doubtless be situations where one dealer or warehouse is short of currency for a transaction. In such cases, letters of credit, or some instrument of similar design, will be used to cover the difference. These may require another small group of dealers and bonding agents.

In a funny way, this will actually share some characteristics with the current "balance of trade."

Again, this will be fine, unless these letters of credit were turned into a currency. Then we would go back toward the current manipulative currency regime. You can easily imagine how this could be sold to ignorant people: Here's currency that you don't have to pay for, and it's backed by a legally-binding promise to pay!

Yes, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

FREE PROTOCOLS

One screaming necessity for this system is a free, open-source wallet application and a free protocol for P2P money transfer. The protocol would be expandable, giving each provider, mint, broker, or other player the ability to write their own extensions and allow their currencies to be used by anyone with Internet access and a decent cell phone.

At the moment, almost all wallet applications are rigidly

tied to what we might call the MoneyMatrix. We need something new, independent and stone free. Put it up on the torrents and let them go crazy with it.

For you programmers, here are a few things to think about:

1. The user interface should be account based, not certificate based – stay with what people are used to.
2. Consider options for the revocations of transactions. Possible have a "window of repudiation," so you can send money but get it back if it isn't accepted by the other party in a certain time.
3. Consider different activity levels. One login can see that transactions come and go, maybe for bookkeepers, but another login can do anything.

4. Clients should be able to "attract currency" to a certain backing. In other words, to publish, P2P, a standing order to buy up to X grams of silver at X price. This will create an automated, zero-cost market in the background. (Don't worry, brokers, they WILL still need you.)

5. Include a "forced settlement" to a preferred commodity for a prescribed cost.

Please discuss amongst yourselves, and start cooperating!

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It's always real treat for us when an agent shares their insight and knowledge about this business. Independent exchange agents around the world make up an important framework behind the Digital Currency Industry. Top quality agents like Swapgold ensure a future of strength and growth for the years ahead.

Today I am interviewing Wayne the general manager of Duxton Ventures Pte Ltd, a legally-registered company in Singapore. Duxton owns and operates SwapGold.com, one of the most popular independent exchange agents for digital currency.

I've know Wayne and others at SwapGold for several years and I interviewed him for DGCmagazine back in May 2009. We've posted that interview in flash format for our readers.

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SwapGold has been in continuous operation since January 2006. I know from experience with them they are always open and that includes holidays, weekends and late into the night. They are extremely helpful and courteous with their customers. Wayne stated during the 2009 interview that they gain and hold customers for the following reasons:

- **Fast order completion at reasonable fees.**
- **Responsive communication every step of the way.**
- **Absolute peace of mind that a very experience and trusted team is handling your orders, both large and small, with great care.**

Here is the interview:

At the time of our last interview your company handled exchanges for the following digital currencies.

- **c-gold**
- **ECUmoney**
- **iGolder**
- **Liberty Reserve**
- **PerfectMoney**
- **WebMoney**

As I visit your web site today, I see some new currency names and a few that are no longer mentioned. You've added these to the index page:

- **GlobalDigitalPay**
- **StrictPay**
- **Procurrex**

(Q) Is it possible for you to give us a basic arrangement of these in order of their customer popularity? Most popular on top.

We're privileged to be interviewed again. Many thanks for your kind support, Mark.

By far, the most popular e-currency with our customers is consistently Liberty Reserve. The other e-currencies share the rest of the market with various interest levels. Thus, it is hard to arrange them in any order due to the inconsistent trends of customers' exchanging volume for each of them.

(Mark) 4-5 years ago, it was digital gold currency that was very popular, but today I am finding that those customers are mainly interested in Digital Gold Currency accounts as a savings account for

gold and they hoard precious metal because of the economy. Digital Gold has gone from “the most convenient way to do business online” to “I’ve just closed my bank saving account and deposited all my money into a convenient Digital Gold online account”.

(Q) When I have looked at your web site one of the biggest changes I see over the years is less Digital Gold Currency and more plain Digital Currency accounts. What I am referring to is that fact that Digital Gold Currency might be on the decline when it comes to everyday retail uses, but plain Digital Currency which is backed by fiat currency seems to be more popular than ever! Companies like GlobalDigitalPay and Procurrex seem to be gaining in popularity with customers and everyday business. In your everyday dealings with customers would you agree or disagree with this possible trend?

We agree. This seems to be the trend now.

One possible reason could be due to the fact that the value of Digital Gold Currencies (DGC) fluctuates depending on the gold price, thus making it challenging for merchants to price any products or services due to this fluctuation.

The world economy is not accustomed to make payment by weight of DGC. If prices of products and services are set based on fiat value of DGC, then the fluctuation in gold price would require very frequent adjustments to the prices, thus making it tough for customers to accurately acquire the required amount of DGC to make payment.

(Q) What causes you to add a new method of payment to your business menu?

We add e-currencies due to both customers’ and issuers’ requests, and only if we find the e-currency suitable for us to include.

(Q) Are there other Exchange Agents you are aware of in Singapore....is it getting crowded there yet? :-)

Yes, just like in most other countries, we believe.

Margins are getting thinner due to the increased number of Exchange Agents. We believe more Exchange Agents will come and go. That’s part and parcel of any industry.

(Q) What methods of payment do you currently accept for buying Digital Currency and what has been your most popular method?

At this moment, we only accept payment via bank wires, and via other e-currencies.

(Q) How important for the direction of your business is customer feedback?

We value customers feedback very much. And we strive to accommodate and/or implement their suggestions whenever feasible.

(Q) It seems to me that for this business niche, that retaining customers would be very important. Would you say that a large part of your business comes from repeat customers and their referrals?

Yes, very important. And that is the case for us since day one. We really appreciate these customers and their referrals.

The trust and relationship that is built between our customers and us is a key driving force behind our growth.

(Q) Do you have a referral program where you pay people to say good things and bring in new business?

Not at this moment. Our customers wrote all the testimonials and good things about us without receiving any benefits from us.

We believe such genuine praises from our satisfied customers would further enhance our image as an Exchange Agent with a trustworthy reputation and outstanding services.

(Q) Do you participate in any kind of paid advertising programs such as Google Adwords or Sponsored ads for search engines?

Not at this moment. Since the beginning, our growth has been primarily due to word-of-mouth by our satisfied customers.

(Q) I noticed that Webmoney Transfer has a ton of videos on YouTube. Everything from tutorials to full blown animated video ads. Do you think it would be helpful in your business to try and attract customers using YouTube ads or short videos promoting your service?

That is an innovative marketing channel indeed. We believe that such video and social networking tools will play an increasingly important role in marketing products and services. However, it is not yet our priority to adopt it at this moment.

(Q) Your web site also mentions wholesale or "large orders". May I ask what is the largest order or group of orders you guys have processed?

Over the years, we have processed many large orders. I'm afraid we're unable to provide details,

but 5-figure orders are not uncommon.

Having said that, we handled many smaller orders in the 4-figure range as well.

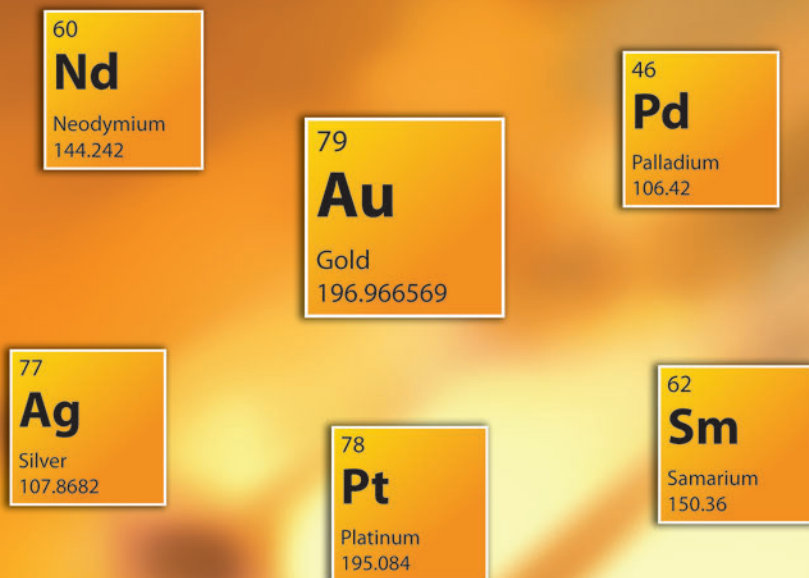
(Q) India is now gaining popularity with Digital Currency companies. Have you seen any growth in your customer base from India?

We hardly have customers from India due to their tight currency control. Until that changes, we do not expect to see any changes to our customer base from India.

(Q) We have talked to a lot of people, that have told us, because of the Financial Crisis are completely turned off to dealing with banks and won't use them anymore. This growing market segment is now seeking out bank alternatives and that includes digital currency. I know that you don't dig too deep into your customer's lives, but have you noticed any trends that might support the idea that consumers are moving away from

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banks and only using digital currency? That might mean more Western Unions and less bank wires or something similar.

We believe it would be difficult to live completely without using any bank's services in our day-to-day activities in the offline world.

E-currency is still 'new' compared to banks but in an increasingly wired world, e-currencies have certainly carved a niche for themselves as an instant, irrevocable and global payment mode for products and services.

(Q) Your company will buy, sell and exchange/swap digital currency. In the past couple of years, have you seen a rise in the exchange/swap part of your operation?

The volume of buy/sell versus exchange/swap is dependent on customers' needs, and it fluctuates greatly from time to time.

(Q) With your business expertise and experience

do you think that you would ever consider setting up a digital currency in Singapore?

We have no intentions to set up a digital currency. We believe our strength remains in providing exchange services.

(Q) Can you give us a prediction on where you see the industry two years from now? (more currency companies, more digital gold, more agents, more or less anonymity...etc.)

We wish we have a crystal ball to make a prediction, but we don't.

However, we believe the e-currency industry is still in its infancy stage, and its growth or lack of growth would be shaped by the changing needs customers and merchants in an increasingly wired world.

Thank you for taking time to answer my questions.

INTERVIEW BY MARK HERPEL

TODAY'S GOLD MYTH

By Alex Stanczyk

“Its topped, there is no inflation, get out now while you still can”

I am starting to hear this mantra parroted through ‘internet rumor’ that because there is no inflation, gold has hit its high, and you’re better off selling now while you still can, and certainly not buying any.

To address why this view is unfounded, let’s start off by taking a look at history:

“Prices in Germany temporarily stabilized and remained rock-steady during fifteen months in 1920 and 1921, and there was therefore no surface inflation at all, but at the same time the government began again to pump out deficit expenditure, business credit, and money at a renewed rate.”

-The Dying of Money, Jens O. Parsson 1974

These events preceded the hyperinflation of 1923 in Germany when the German Reichsmark plummeted in value versus gold to the point that an entire city block of commercial real estate in Berlin could be purchased for just 25 ounces of gold.

This entry sounds eerily familiar to today.

Clearly, a drop of inflation does not mean anything in terms of if it’s safe or not safe to buy gold - rather it could actually be a precursor to a hyperinflationary event.

In 2008 the Federal Reserve pumped trillions of dollars into the US economy in order to prevent a deflationary depression - just one week ago Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke went on record indicating he was willing to pump in trillions more. The reason he is willing to do this is because he has no other choice - the fact that there is no inflation is actually far more ominous for the global economy than many realize - it means the first few rounds of paper printing didn’t work. It means that if Bernanke pumps another two trillion dollars into the economy to prevent a deflationary collapse that it almost guarantees gold will continue to go up, not down.

This argument about “there is no inflation so don’t buy gold” also assumes that gold’s role is as an “anti-inflation trade” only, and does not take into consideration the primary reason gold is currently rising.

Simply put, gold is a currency. It is the ultimate currency against which all other currencies are measured.

The reason it is currently rising has nothing to do with gold being in a bubble, and everything to do with the fact that all paper currencies follow the same historic pattern, which is a pattern of debasement - when debasement reaches certain levels gold does not “go up” in price, currencies “go down” versus gold.

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Gold is not acting in any way like a commodity that is non-correlated to inflation. It is in fact acting like a currency, and the counter-balance to what the world sees as an inevitable devaluation of the dollar as Bernanke once again turns the Quantitative Easing pumps (aka printing more money) on full blast. This massive debasement of the currency will be quickly followed by other nations, not because they want to, but because they have to.

According to Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega, we are currently witnessing an “international currency war” - a war where countries continue to devalue their currencies against each other to improve their respective competitiveness in the global export market.

At AFE, we have spoken about this pattern for years, calling it the “Race to the Bottom”.

I have used this example to illustrate:

Imagine a group of ships in the ocean, these ships represent the various currencies of the world. In the middle of this group is ship, slightly bigger than the rest, that is currently the world's reserve currency.

The funny thing about the saying “rats from a sinking ship” is that the rats instinctively know when a ship is going down, and flee from it.

So in today's economy, we are seeing the rats jumping ship, and swimming to another ship as the big one in the middle sinks.

The problem here is, when they arrive at another ship, they realize that the ship they are climbing onto is also sinking...in fact its Captain and crew are sinking it on purpose in order to compete with how fast the big ship in the middle is sinking.

Finally, as this pattern continues, the rats start to realize that none of the ships are safe, and instead start swimming over to a small island nearby, that isn't sinking at all. On this island as the rats arrive, they find a few very smart rats who have been there for a while already, sitting under a nice shady umbrella and drinking iced refreshments. By the way, this island is made up of gold.

History shows that towards the end of a fiat currency's life cycle, there is massive volatility in markets and currency values - we are seeing exactly that today.

As each country continues to debase its currency, gold will continue to rise against all currencies.

In the words of former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan speaking before the Council on Foreign Relations in September:

“Fiat money has no place to go but gold...If all currencies are moving up or down together, the question is: relative to what? Gold is the canary in the coal mine. It signals problems with respect to currency markets. Central banks should pay attention to it.” - Alan Greenspan

Until some sanity is restored to our monetary system, the fact that gold is acting as a currency will continue in trend. People might be wise to start thinking of gold not in terms of its price rising, but rather that all of the paper monopoly money of the world is actually devaluing against the ultimate currency.

Kind regards,

Alex Stanczyk

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FinCEN Proposes Regulatory Requirement for Financial Institutions to Report Cross-Border Electronic Transmittals of Funds

September 27, 2010 - The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) today announced that it has submitted for publication in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that would require certain depository institutions and money services businesses (MSBs) to affirmatively provide records to FinCEN of certain cross-border electronic transmittals of funds (CBETF). Current regulations already require that these financial institutions maintain and make available, but not affirmatively report, essentially the same CBETF information. FinCEN issued this proposal to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA). Section 6302 of IRTPA directed the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of “requiring such financial institutions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to report to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network certain cross-border electronic transmittals of funds, if the Secretary determines that reporting of such transmittals is reasonably necessary to conduct the efforts of the Secretary against money laundering and terrorist financing.”

“By establishing a centralized database, this regulatory plan will greatly assist law enforcement in detecting and

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ferreting out transnational organized crime, multinational drug cartels, terrorist financing, and international tax evasion,” said FinCEN Director James H. Freis, Jr. “FinCEN has examined the cross-border reporting issue, taking into account the exceptional benefit to law enforcement and the modest cost to industry, and we look forward to working closely with both as this rule moves forward through the public comment process.”

The proposal will produce valuable data for law enforcement agencies by having first-in and last-out depository institutions (those institutions that are the first to receive funds transferred electronically from outside the United States or the last U.S. institution to transmit funds internationally) to report all such transmittals of funds. MSBs that conduct CBETF will be required to report international transactions equal to or in excess of \$1,000. FinCEN estimates that fewer than 300 depository institutions and 700 MSBs will be subject to this requirement.

FinCEN conducted an extensive study of the technical feasibility to the government of imposing such a requirement and in January of 2007 published the congressionally mandated report; Feasibility of a Cross-Border Electronic Funds Transfer Reporting System under the Bank Secrecy Act that affirmed the feasibility of the reporting system. FinCEN, with the participation of both the financial services industry and law enforcement, then conducted a follow on study to determine and quantify both the benefits to the public of the system and the costs to parties affected by any such potential regulatory requirement. That study, Implications and Benefits of Cross-Border Funds Transmittal Reporting, has also been made available today on FinCEN’s web site. As required by the statute, FinCEN also will work to ensure that all technical capacity issues are addressed.

FinCEN is also proposing to require an annual filing by all depository institutions of a list of taxpayer identification numbers of accountholders who transmitted or received a CBETF. This additional information will facilitate the utilization of the CBETF data, in particular as part of efforts to combat tax evasion by those who would seek to hide assets in offshore accounts.

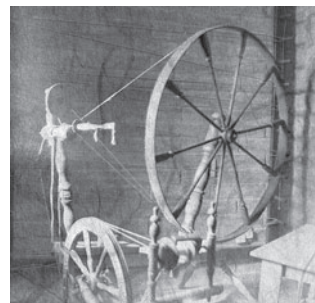
This proposed rulemaking encourages public comment for 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

[Updated: Comments should be submitted on, or before, December 29, 2010]

Fact Sheet: FinCEN NPRM; Cross-Border Electronic Transmittal of Funds (download link below)
http://www.fincen.gov/statutes_regs/files/CBETF%20Fact%20Sheet%20Final.docx
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FinCEN’s mission is to enhance U.S. national security, deter and detect criminal activity, and safeguard financial systems from abuse by promoting transparency in the U.S. and international financial systems.
http://www.fincen.gov/news_room/nr/html/20100927.html

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I released Version 101 of the open source Loom server code, and the operators of loom.cc have installed it on that server. This version enhances the interface to give users a little more guidance about what they can do on the Wallet, Contacts, and Asset Types screens. In particular I noticed that some users had a hard time claiming an asset. This was just a matter of clicking the blue asset link, but that was a bit too elusive and cryptic. So now the Wallet screen has an explicit “Claim asset” link. Also, to zoom in on the contact details from the Wallet screen, you would formerly just click the blue contact name. Again, too cryptic, so I’m showing an explicit “View contact” link there now. I think those potent action verbs will help users feel more confident. -- Patrick

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Why do ancient likenesses of King Tut portray him holding a rod and a staff? Perhaps he and his people saw him as a shepherd leading an empire of sheep -- a common description applied to monarchs throughout history. Indeed, this imagery was used in the Bible when describing the Lord as a shepherd guiding his flock with a rod and a staff. It also serves as the basis for the term "sheeple," used by some to describe those whose minds are so lost to modern day distractions that the global elite finds it easier to shear them.

It's a metaphor that can't be dismissed when considering society's latest push to track and trace every aspect of human life, and which makes a short report from the Farmer's Weekly Interactive this week quite symbolic.

The story covered how a company named Claas, through its IT daughter Agrocom, will be selling RFID chip earmarks to farmers in the E.U. to manage their flocks of sheep. Claas boasts that the chips are capable of storing a great deal of information, including a sheep's ID number, lambing record, tugging batch and veterinary history.

Months ago I wrote a report, "Video Game CEO Cheers Digital Tyranny and Technological Enslavement," which analyzed a lecture given by a video game company CEO describing a coming future in which RFID chips are placed on every item and monitor what we do -- restructuring society's reward system of currency exchange into one of receiving points for "good behavior," such as walking to work, brushing our teeth, etc.

The fact is, we already live in surveillance society. Some of it is enforced by the state, with intelligence run computer programs that read our emails, cameras mounted in the streets of cities watching us, body scanners at airports that see through our clothes, and now x-ray vans that can see into our vehicles. Meanwhile, one public school has been caught spying on students at home through their laptops, and another school in Connecticut is considering using RFID to track its students and teachers in the name of "protecting their safety."

But it's not just the state propping up the culture of surveillance. It is also being accepted willingly by most people through clever games and advertising campaigns playing upon their vanity and natural desire for convenience.

One example is digital money. With debit cards there's no need to carry all that cumbersome cash and no chance of losing your money unless a thief has your pin number. Though it sounds safe, it also allows the government and your bank to track every purchase you make. As debit cards and direct deposits become more widely used, paper money will eventually go the way of the doctor who makes house calls, and private barter will become the only means of trade that can't be monitored. (Although I imagine the IRS will somehow try).

Recently, the U.K. has begun talking about restructuring its government's tax collection procedures so that employers send their workers' wages directly to the government first (to make sure that it gets what it decides is its proper cut) before sending the rest back to the people who

earned them. Such a move in a nation like the U.K. would open the door for other countries like ours to do the same, establishing the precedent that the government has primary ownership over the labor of its citizens.

Years before his death from cancer, famed entertainment manager and activist Aaron Russo said he had inside information that the world's ruling elite planned to subversively implement a world government and a worldwide society in which everyone would have a microchip inserted under their skin, and that they wouldn't be able to buy and sell without it. According to Russo, who learned this information directly from Nick Rockefeller, in this society if anyone were to step out of line the state would be able to simply turn off that person's chip.



"LIKE WITH ANY NEW PRODUCT, RFID TRACKING IS BEING MARKETED AS TRENDY AND COOL."

Today, the notion of "chipping" human beings is no longer just a subject of speculation, but the focus of news stories in the mainstream media selling it as the next step in societal evolution, and an efficient tool with which humans can better interact. Giving lip service to privacy concerns, and making passing jokes about "Big Brother", pundits and so-called "experts" talk about the possibility of an RFID chipped world of sheeple with childish excitement, stressing the meager advantages of such a world so that they seem bigger than the obvious common sense disadvantages that tower over them.

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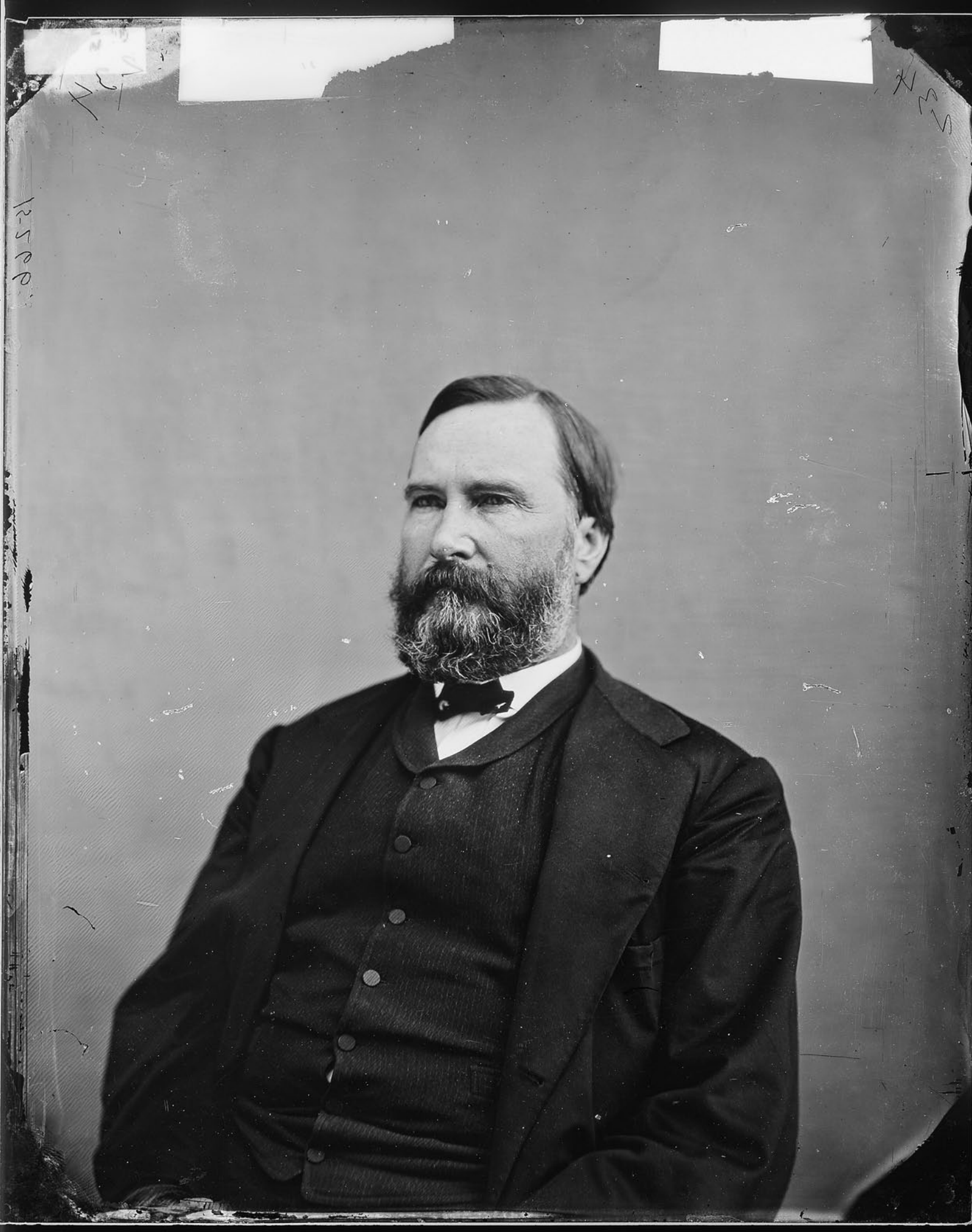
Facebook, as most people know, is a popular social networking site in which people voluntarily profile themselves, create picture albums in which they and their friends can be "tagged" (face-scanned to track real world associations) and post their random thoughts on personal message boards. In Israel, Facebook -- working together with Coca Cola -- put on an event in which teenagers wore RFID bracelets to the Coca Cola village, scanning them when doing anything there. With each scan a notice was posted to the teens' individual Facebook profiles, announcing what they were doing. The video of the event showed students happily holding up their tagged wrists with big smiles on their faces -- selling the message that surveillance not only makes life more convenient, but fun too.

As this continues, RFID surveillance and inevitable human chipping will further the existence of shepherds and sheeple, placing most of humanity in the second category and allowing a privileged few to oversee the lives of those beneath them. The reality of an entire world controlled by technological masters is here. Those who cheer it on fail to recognize a basic truth about power--that it will attract those who want it most, and will do whatever it takes to get it. When power -- in this case over the privacy and livelihoods of so many -- is concentrated, it becomes not a question of if it will be abused, but when? Human nature having been consistent throughout history, it will only be a matter of time before the society of convenience being sold to us transforms into a society of subjugation.

But then again, if you listen to the warnings of the late Aaron Russo and countless others like him, you'll realize -- that's the point.

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Gen. Longstreet Wars for Gold

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The Gold Standard Act of 1890, which officially established the gold standard in America, was the culmination of a twenty-year battle between inflationists, who favored unlimited government purchase of silver (the “Free Silver” movement), and the advocates of sound money based on the gold standard. The inflationists were led by Senator John Sherman, author of the 1890 Sherman Silver Purchase Act (as well as the monopolistic Sherman Antitrust Act), brother of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

A fascinating aspect of this debate is that one of Sen. Sherman’s most outspoken political opponents was none other than the former Confederate General James Longstreet who, during the War Between the States, was second in command of the Army of Northern Virginia, outranking even Stonewall Jackson, and whom Robert E. Lee affectionately referred to as “My Old War-horse.” Having defeated the elder Sherman on the battlefield on several occasions, Longstreet now took on his younger brother over monetary policy.

After Appomattox, Lee’s Old War-horse rekindled his friendship with Ulysses S. Grant, a West Point classmate who had married Longstreet’s cousin before the war. Longstreet had introduced the couple and was a member of the wedding party.

After the war, Longstreet became something of an outcast in the South after accepting a government post from President Grant, becoming a Republican, and assisting in the military occupation of the South (i.e., Reconstruction). Nonetheless, by pushing for the gold standard, he was doing the South a great service: nothing restrains a central government like sound money.

Longstreet was active in Republican party politics for many years until his death in 1904 at the age of 83. In his 1896 cross-country lecture tour, the General championed the gold standard against those who demanded unlimited coinage of any silver brought to the mint, which was a prescription for hyperinflation.

The 1873 Bland-Allison Act required the Treasury to purchase between \$2 million and \$4 million worth of silver per month, and the 1890 Sherman Silver Purchase Act required the government to buy increasing amounts of silver, paid for in Silver Certificates and Treasury Notes that were redeemable in gold.

These two laws increased the U.S. money supply by more than \$500 million and created inflationary pressures. Big silver producers simply wanted the government to purchase their product at inflated prices, while farmers and other members of the free-silver movement--like Keynesians--mistakenly believed that inflation would cause prosperity.

Longstreet’s opinions are recorded in his published speech “McKinley on the Gold Standard vs. Bryan and the Silver Standard” (from the Helen Longstreet Papers at the Georgia Historical Society). Having witnessed firsthand the economic misallocations caused by government-created inflation in the Confederacy, Longstreet was an impassioned defender of sound money.

“The last breakfast I had in Richmond, before General Lee pulled us away from there” in 1865, Longstreet recalled, “was a small steak, plain biscuit, and warm water, that had a faint suspicion of coffee about it” and it “cost me twenty-nine dollars.”

“A depreciated currency,” Longstreet warned his audience, “will reduce nearly every home” to “suffering, and many to poverty.” No nation “ever lowered its financial standard without weakening the confidence of the people in their own government, besides incurring the distrust and contempt of the great family of nations.”

As to the “clamor for ‘cheap money, more money,’” we have a “forcible illustration” in the War Between the States. For “in 1864, when one-third of [Southern] states were under the control of the Federal armies, the volume of money in circulation...had climbed” twenty times. This “cheapened Confederate money to a degree from which it never rallied.”

This happened not only in the Confederacy, but in “various other countries that have tried the wild experiment of fiat-money.” “This silver craze merely points the arduous long way all Nations must wearily travel, who wrongfully see a night cut to prosperity by a money debauch.” Moreover, while under the gold standard the silver dollar is: “an honest one-hundred cent dollar,” under “free coinage” it “becomes a dishonest dollar.”

The 1896 election was the high tide of the free silver movement, characterized by William Jennings Bryan’s famous “cross of gold” speech in which he denounced the deflation that accompanied the gold standard and advocated inflationary finance as the key to prosperity. Bryan lost the election to William McKinley, the Sherman Silver Purchase Act was repealed, and the country went on the gold standard. Such was the final victory of Lee’s “Old War-horse.”

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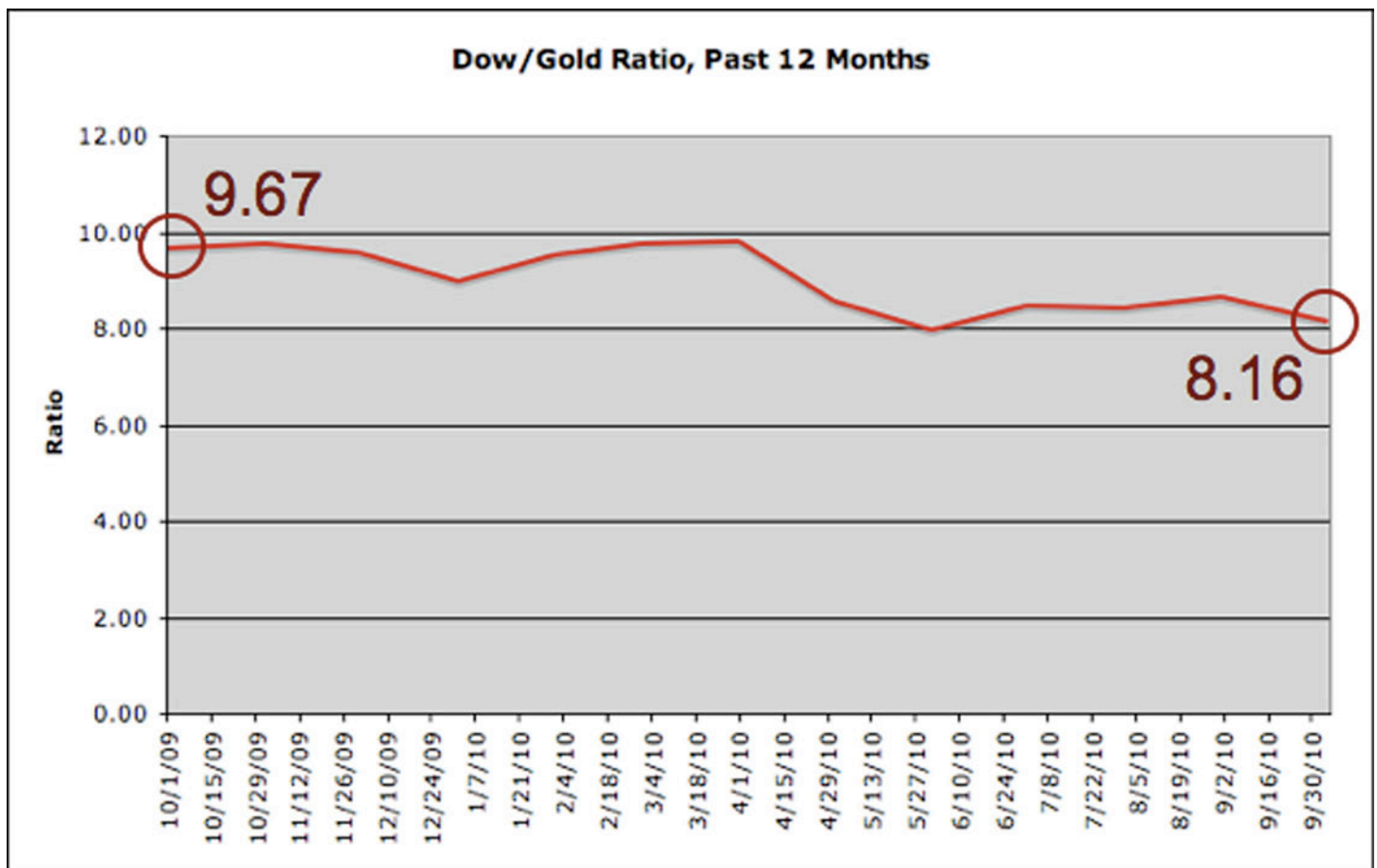
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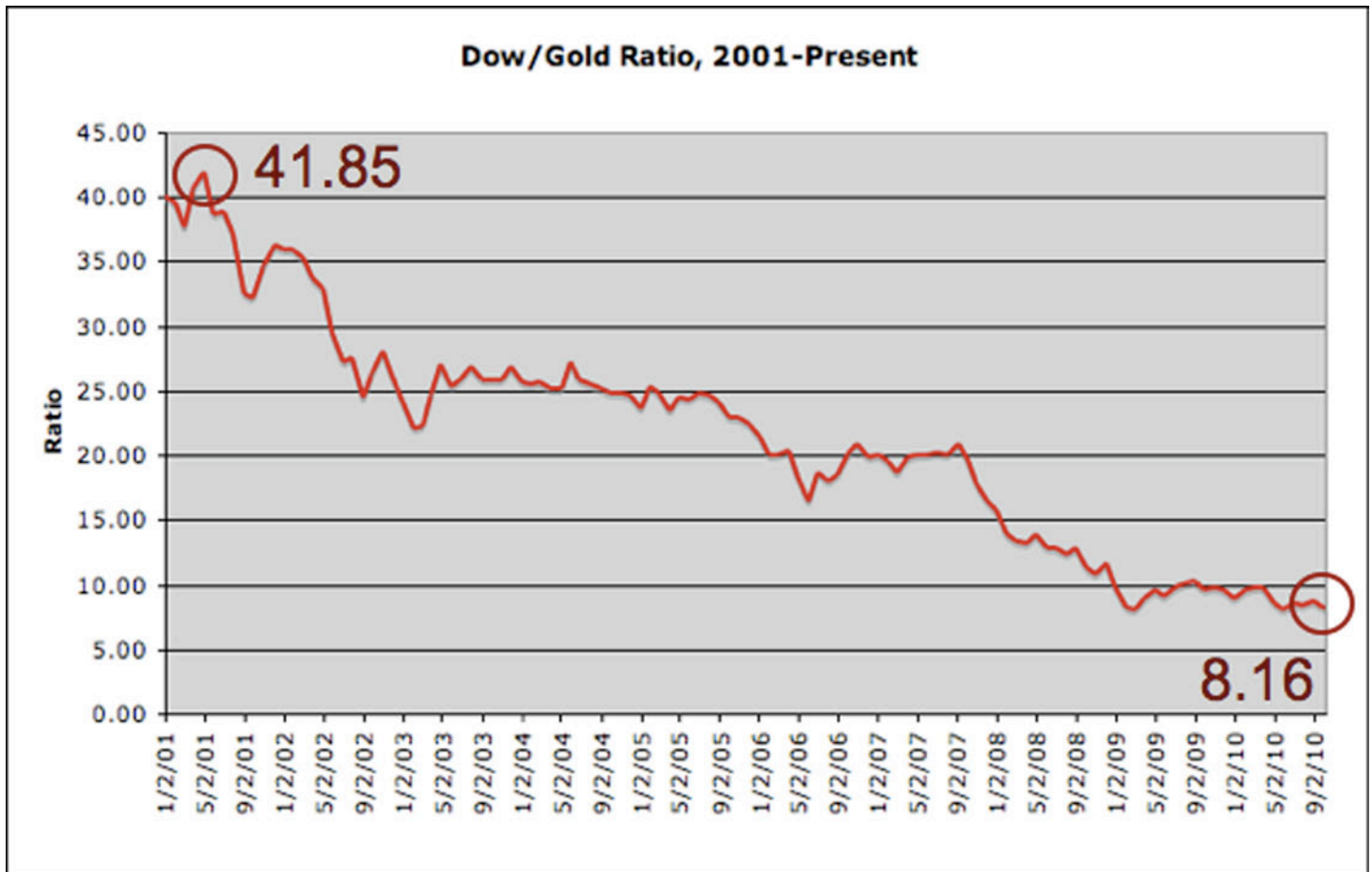
Rise in equities got ya bullish? Be cautious. Amidst the October push to 11,000, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has continued its calamitous descent against gold which began in 2001 and shows no signs of abating. The silent market crash is real, and the fall of this paper tiger is surreptitiously ferocious.

As I wrote earlier this year, gold is not an investment. Gold is money - real money (See: Aristotle). Today, the rise in the Dow is being shown for what it really is - a crash - by that golden bedrock of monetary stability.

In the past 10 years, gold has fallen in nominal value sharply at times. In 2008, it plummeted over 20% in six months. It may happen again. But the real statistic worth measuring is purchasing power.

Gold's real value is determined not in the price of a fiat currency, but as a ratio to other assets. The Dow/Gold ratio simply determines how many ounces of gold it takes to purchase one Dow Jones Industrial Index. Whether the economy suffers through deflation or hyperinflation, it's the purchasing power that matters.





I follow the Dow/Gold ratio closely as a measure of equity strength. It is worth noting that, in the two most difficult economic periods in the past one hundred years, the Dow/Gold Ratio approached 1. As of today it sits at 8.16.

July 1932 - Deflationary Depression
 Dow 41.22, Gold \$20.67
 Ratio: 1.99

January 1980 - Inflation
 Dow 872, Gold \$850
 Ratio: 1.03

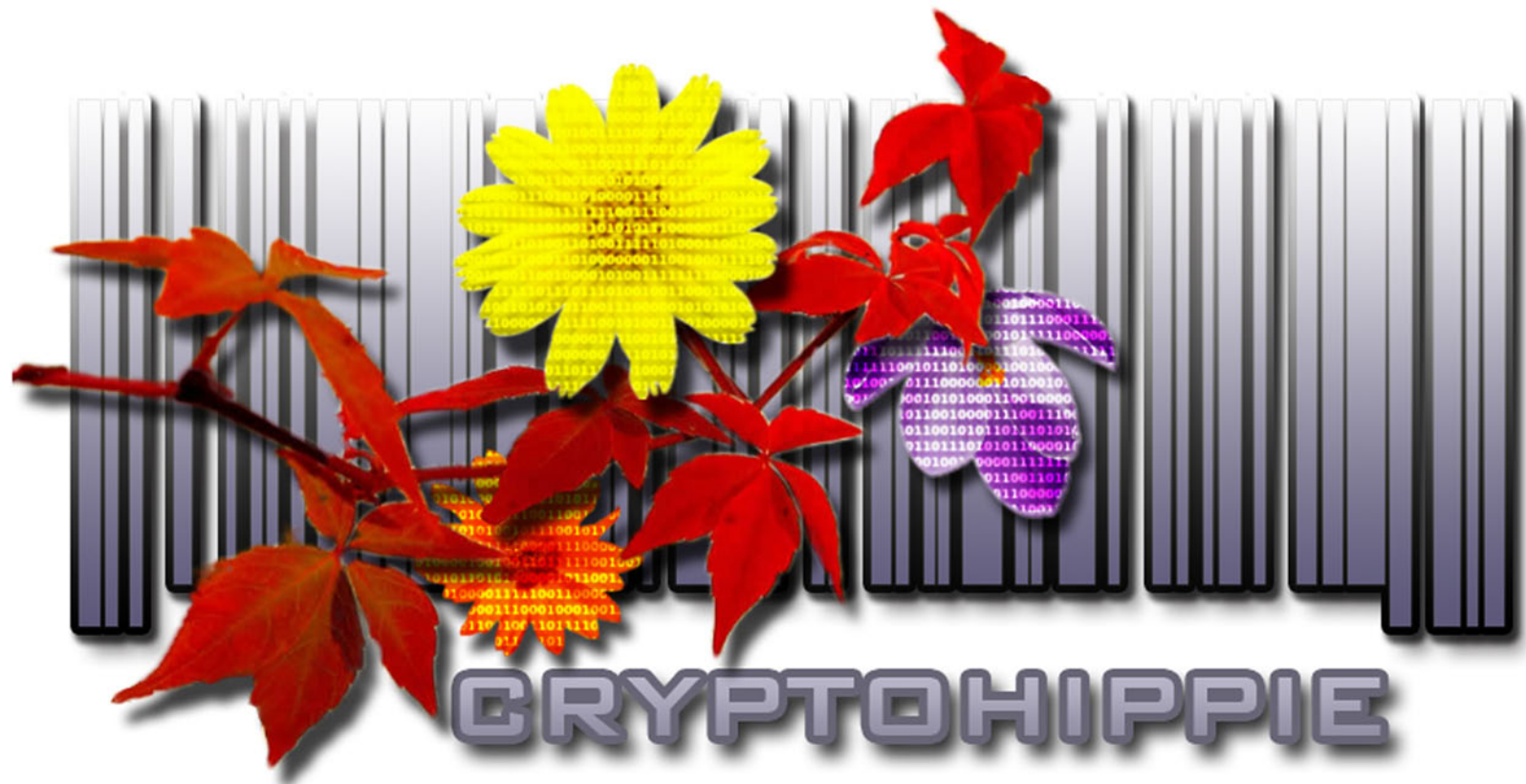
Will the gold price catch the Dow to the upside as a result of hyperinflation, or will the Dow plummet towards the gold price in a deflationary vacuum? There are well-qualified arguments for each scenario. Regardless of direction, what we do know is that the ratio is narrowing - and fast!

'Til next time, that's my Saab Story.

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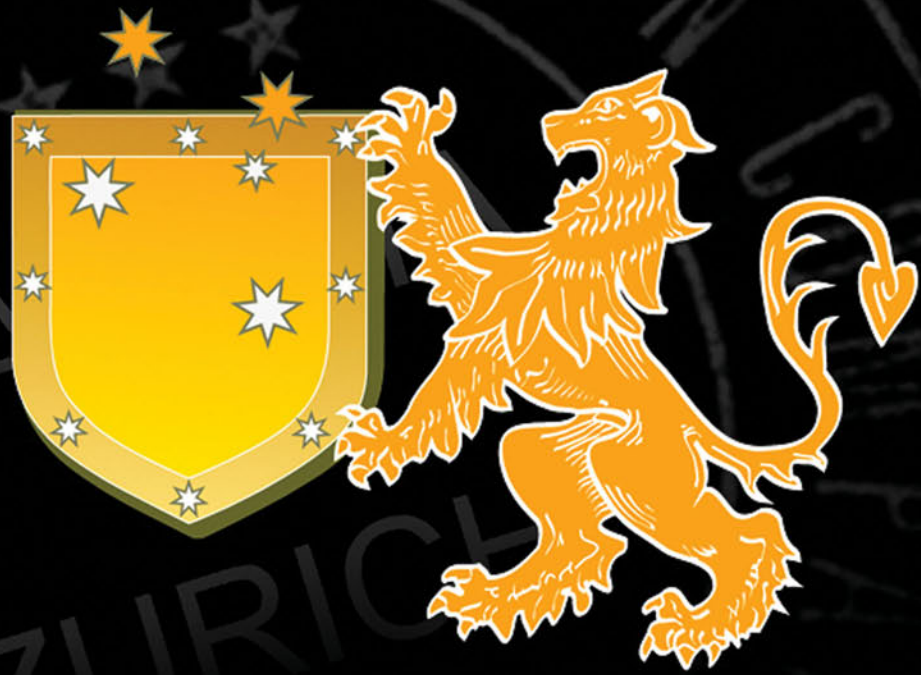
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September 19, 2010 by Lorimer Wilson

This little band of gold enthusiasts started out few in numbers a few years back but has made a parabolic move over the past year or so much like their projections for the future price of gold. They now number an unbelievable 95 who have stated, with sound reasons in their opinions, why gold could quite possibly go to a parabolic top of at least \$2,500 an ounce – to even as much as an unimaginable \$15,000 – before the bubble finally pops! In fact, the majority (55) maintain that \$5,000 or more for gold is likely. In this article I identify those economists, analysts and financial writers and provide the URLs of their articles so you can ascertain for yourself their logic for such parabolic moves in the years to come.

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1. Mike Maloney: \$15,000;

<http://www.goldbasics.blogspot.com/2009/09/gold-should-reach-15000-oz-mike-maloney.html>

2. Ben Davies: \$10,000 – \$15,000;

<http://www.thedailygold.com/commentaries/hinde-capitals-ben-davies-on-the-gold-market/?p=3905/>

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<http://www.24hgold.com/english/contributor.aspxcontributor=Howard+S.+Katz&article=2241359014G10020&redirect=False>

4. Dr. Jeffrey Lewis: \$7,000-\$14,000;

<http://www.silver-coin-investor.com/gold-and-silver.html>

5. Jim Rickards: \$4,000 – \$11,000;

http://www.cnbc.com/id/34038650/Gold_s_Money_Value_is_4_000_to_11_000_Market_Strategist

6. Roland Watson: \$10,800 (in our lifetime);

http://www.goldeagle.com/editorials_05/watson081605.html

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1. Bob Kirtley: \$10,000 (by 2011);

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12. Patrick Kerr: \$5,000 – \$10,000 (by 2011);
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Conclusion

There you have it. Who would have believed that so many distinguished analysts would maintain that gold, and by implication, silver, (see my article <http://www.munknee.com/2010/07/silver%e2%80%99s-historical-correlation-with-gold-suggests-a-parabolic-top-as-high-as-714-per-ounce/> for details) are likely to achieve such lofty levels as a result of the effects of our current financially troubled and volatile times? Their rationale is varied but each is sound in its own right.

Given projections from such a large number of analysts perhaps it is time to also get on the bandwagon and buy some physical gold and silver ourselves.

Yes, indeed, “Got Gold?”

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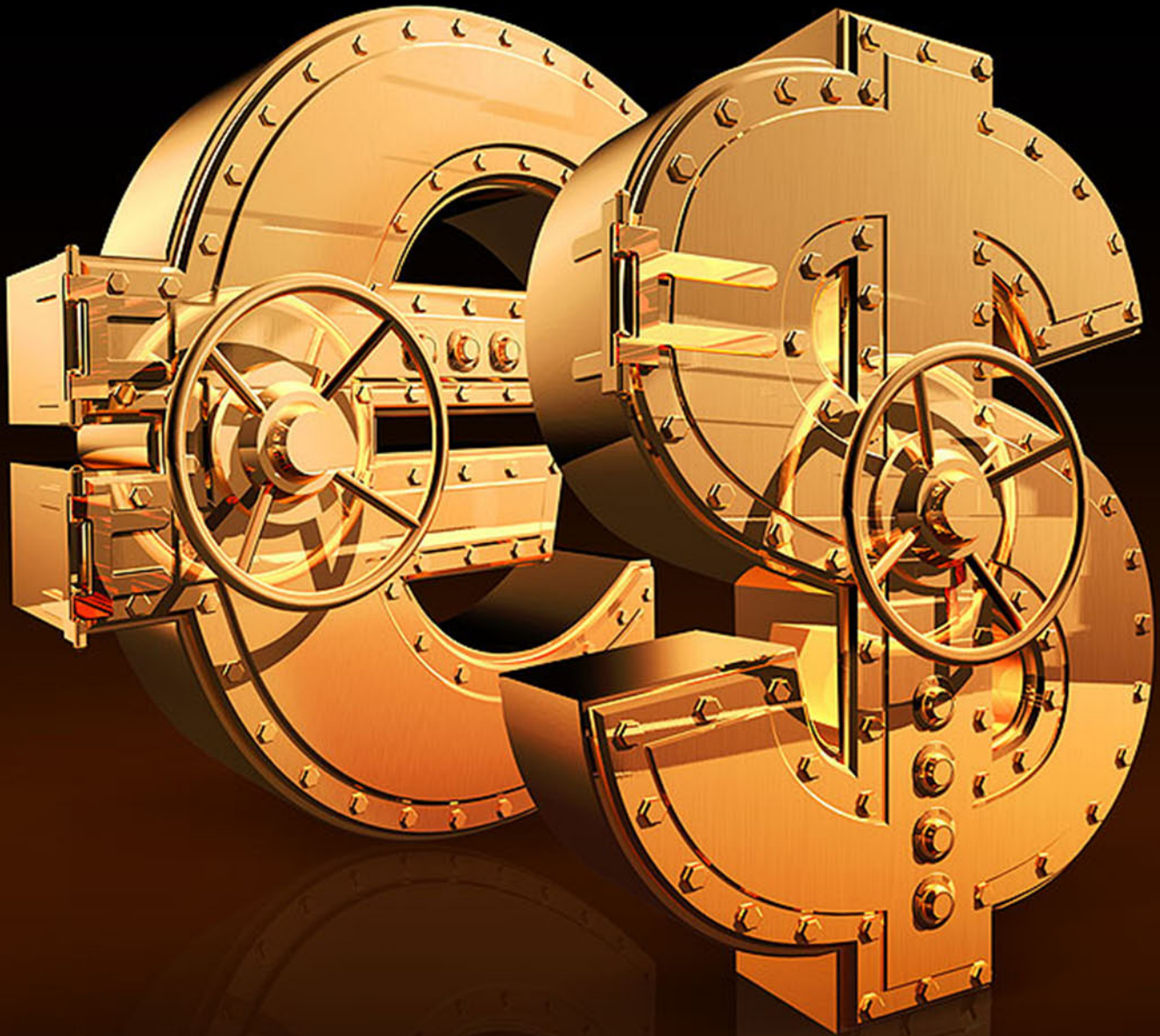
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