

The Meaning of Money - Part 1

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Today's news says the price of gold is rising fast as it's bought up quickly, the buying rush created by fears of looming economic trouble. As certainly as this could please existing owners, it could also create fear in others who don't have it and possibly a sense of relief in recent buyers who have bought at prices higher than recently available but nevertheless believe they've protected themselves. What's really behind this most recent symptom of economic movement? The Committee addresses the subject.

Q: Esteemed Committee, set aside precious metals, worth no more or less than what others would pay for them, and explain what's really happening.

C: Belief in money's value is no more than faith in humanity's continuance of its activities and systems.

Q: The news talked about debt.

C: Debt is an expectation, like money itself. The debt crisis can easily be erased; the central banks printing the money could do so and give it to the creditors. If money were given only to lenders, everyone else not a debtor or lender would complain, so they should all be given money also. This erases the debt, and makes everyone happy. There are only three classes of humans involved in debt crises, borrowers, lenders and neither. This system pacifies all three.

Q: I highly doubt this would ever be done.

C: We agree it is unlikely, but feasible and able to be accomplished in a short period of time. It is equally unlikely mass outpourings of affection would occur over the next three weeks, to choose a period of time easy to envision, but this is also equally feasible. All of you could choose one single person you know, who will accept your hugs, smiles, congratulations and words of appreciation for their existence, as you know it. You may choose the head of law enforcement for achieving reductions in crime, a friend for their help once given or a member of your family for past forgiveness and support. You can hug and congratulate any of these people. There are millions of reasons to show gratitude to others for their actions, and billions of humans able to either give or receive love.

This is no fantasy or imagined scenario, no more than our suggestion money be printed to eliminate debt as soon as it can be given. It is easily within human capability.

Q: My paradigm of understanding says we'd soon begin to incur new debt, as the worried lenders would begin seeking new returns on investment and attempting to make new loans or investments.

C: Another choice. If there are suddenly no debts, this might change the perception of money, itself a choice. Do you all see the power over your attitudes and ideas that you hold, individually and as a group?

Q: Having studied a lot of economics myself, I can already see pages and pages of analysis critical of such a move.

C: Habits perpetuate.

Q: You are suggesting the meaning of money is simply a habit?

C: Of course.

Q: If everybody with debt suddenly didn't have it, if every borrower were paid in full, all at once and everybody else had their money doubled overnight, there would probably be a lot of inflation.

C: The human habit of increasing prices in hopes and expectation of receiving more money, does not go away easily, does it?

Q: Many lenders would go out of business; there would be a lot less borrowers, so they'd collect a lot less interest and be unable to pay ongoing expenses, such as salaries.

C: The expectation of a salary is but another habit. Break it.

Q: We couldn't do that, how would anybody pay for things they need?

C: There are many planets where no medium of exchange such as money is used and the societies flourish. These models and economic frameworks could be adopted very easily on Earth, if enough of humans were willing.

Q: *I don't believe we are.*

C: You are, and will do so over time. In the meantime, as time has meaning on Earth, great lessons will be learned by all of you.

Q: *Have humans learned as much as we can about media of value exchange?*

C: No, although there remains but this one part of the current system for mankind to understand. Global change to the system seen as the proper and most efficient method, the one now used.

Q: *What makes the difference on other worlds?*

C: Transparency.

Q: *We don't have this on Earth?*

C: No. Humans attach great emotion to purchasing and many of you hide your purchasing ability. Others among you seek this information and then react in a way causing others, and eventually nearly all of you, to conceal it.

Q: *This isn't the cause of the looming financial contractions?*

C: No, disinterest in your governments is the cause. You have grown them very large and this size causes relative disinterest. To examine and understand all financial dealings of governments is simply too large a task, so elected leaders take control of this process. The people allow this.

Q: *What is the solution?*

C: Choose the effort you wish to insert into examination of government acquisition of wealth to match the amount of detail to be examined.

Q: *In other words, decide how much we want to look at taxes, government spending and borrowing.*

C: Yes.

Q: *Without much analysis, I can say for certain, that would mean very small governments, very few people want to put effort into this. Nobody wants to do it for nothing.*

C: Then your governments should be small, to match the small desire to watch the money you create for yourselves, take from yourselves and then give to yourselves. You can create then give and receive the monies directly, eliminating government from the process.

Q: *Is this what other worlds do?*

C: Yes.

Q: *How do they achieve it?*

C: One aspect is interplanetary trade. There is no ability to spend money from planet B on planet A, so exchanges between them are done for other things. Other consideration is offered and accepted. This can be done on Earth, between people of your civilizations.

Q: *We call that barter, and it's been proven inefficient.*

C: It was inefficient under the circumstances under which money served a purpose, the reasons it was created. Those circumstances are largely gone on Earth. What remain are the habits, without the same need for them.

Q: *Like consuming to coffee or tea to remain alert but tolerance to the caffeine has long since erased the effects.*

C: A good comparison.

Q: *So money will continue to be used because, like habitually consumed substances, we do it to avoid the effects of withdrawal.*

C: Yes, however there can be a change that avoids the withdrawal. The use of media of exchange are optional, not required. Many things can be exchanged without media, however we say, there is no need to eliminate the media of exchange. There is simply an opportunity to perceive and use them in a different way. The current system distorts the natural flows occurring from human choices, and the build-up of pressures from these distortions are what bring about the upheavals so disliked.

Q: *How do other societies achieve a lack of financial distortion?*

C: By placing little value on. The definition of what is excessive is voluntary and results from examination of need and want. Humans' excess still focuses on forcing others to conform to the ideas of a few applied to the majority. This approach is the source of eventual difficulty. Each of you individually can determine what is necessary for life and define what about life is good or otherwise.

The emphasis of what is better should be limited to basic behavior then education and understanding of good and unacceptable behavior. The desired behaviors should be reinforced and encouraged; humans can still improve significantly in this aspect of relations with one another.

Humans are much like all of your cousins across the universe, incarnated in physical bodies. You will respond to positive and active encouragement. This approach eliminates many of the frustrations and distortions which lead to undesirable behavior, and this reduces the notion of punishment as a corrective measure. In general, once correction of seriously undesirable behaviors becomes public policy, the issue is not under control.

Q: What about the excess part?

C: Material goods lose emphasis, thus excess efforts put into producing excess items or amounts come into focus, as greater groups of you question then reduce your desires to hold material goods and things you consider unnecessary.

How much housing, food, air or clothing does any of you need to be healthy? These are abundantly available. We understand the desire for fashion, and much of it is pursued for the effects it shall have on others observing. If you care less about others' reactions because very few do, then the amounts and types of clothing used will change.

To be continued....

Comments

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The invention of money comes from ego and inherently greed because all functions in society can otherwise be solved without it (money) with collaboration and trust.

The question is:

Where does ego comes from? Is it by design? Is it our mission to overcome it?

Or is ego a good thing, if balanced with morale and compassion?

I have long been thinking about this. Yes, I could imagine myself thriving in a society without money and greed, however, I'd still hate it if someone took my bed without asking.

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Says The Committee, "Who admits readily to greed? Easy to assign is this title, difficult is it to assume.

Greed must be permitted, allowed and encouraged and is independent of money itself. Greed only manifests in quantities of money, yet the desire, emotion and traits exist well before wealth becomes obvious."

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Thank you Patrick and the Comitée.