

## Why Neither Gold Nor Silver Hold Any Answers



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For the last several months people have been wanting to argue over the pros and cons of silver versus gold standards to base monetary values on and so far as that goes, silver is the obvious choice. It's our traditional form of money and it is the least subject to manipulation. I have said that from Day One when the whole issue of precious metals-backed forms of money came up, and I still say so.

However, as I attempted to make clear in my discussion about The Goat Standard, nearly anything that has actual value can serve as a standard for exchange: a sin, a female goat, and \$200 have the same value in the current system of things, and it doesn't much matter how you cut it.

The ridiculousness of the whole concept should be apparent given that example, but judging from some of the responses I've gotten, there are still those who just don't get the joke.

They know that the present monetary system is bogus and can cite chapter and verse for why it is bogus. The "secret" of the Federal Reserve is now well-known: check kiting is what the rest of us call it. And insurance is revealed to be nothing but legalized gambling. In fact, the entirety of the banking industry is now known to be a criminal enterprise aimed at theft of various kinds, fraud of various kinds, and enslavement of various kinds.

So--- now you think that "going back to the gold and/or silver standard" is the answer?

Think again.

First, there is vastly more gold already mined than the rats are admitting. Tons of it. Miles of tunnels filled with it. Huge, vast, mindless quantities of gold. You haven't seen it, but I have.

Second, there are now means to extract endless additional quantities of gold from common materials. Gold can be extracted from sand, from crushed glass, from sea water--- you name it, and gold can be extracted from it. There is an endless supply of gold available now, just as there is an endless supply of paper money. And again, you haven't seen that, but I have.

The rats in charge are all ready to spring this new twist on gold and have you buying in at over a thousand dollars per ounce. They will try to make you believe that gold is very scarce and valuable. They won't tell you how much of it they already have stored up. They won't reveal how easily they can extract more on demand. This is all designed to make you think that gold has value because it is supposedly rare and in finite supply, when it's not.

It's just a slightly different version of the same old schtick. And, the same kinds of processes can be applied to producing silver. So there is no long-term cure to be had from precious metals. Or from paper. Or from goats.

The take-home point is that we need to totally rethink the concept of money and the way we symbolize value and what we value.

When we value external things, we make ourselves slaves of those things. We have all seen this, we have all been victimized by it, and yet hardly anyone seems able or willing to look it squarely in the face. We have been living as slaves to pieces of paper and numbers in bank ledgers. Will we now live as slaves to little pieces of metal and more numbers in bank ledgers? Ah.....duh?

The essence of idolatry is that you take something in the external world and raise it up to be a god over you, whether it is a coin, a piece of paper, a goat, a religious relic or a dictator. It hardly matters what form the idol takes.

Somehow, we have to grow beyond this infantile condition of self-enslavement and delusion, this kink in our logic circuits. In order to do that, we must become aware of the problem and of the truth.

The problem is that we very easily lose track of the difference between the symbol of value and the value itself. The truth is that until we can come to a more sane and mature basis of symbolizing value, we will be prey to criminals who operate as middlemen controlling the perceived value of these symbols and limiting our access to them.

How many here want to spend the rest of your days bowing and scraping to criminals? Doing their bidding because they control the supply of "genuine" pieces of paper or pieces of metal, either one?

This is why I have said for a long time that we need to have a world standard coinage or currency or both, which is based on the value of all natural resources, all commodities in trade, and all labor on Earth. This is the only way to have "honest" money that is immune to hoarding and speculation and manipulation.

Imagine what would happen if we made goats the standard of value? Everyone would suddenly be raising goats and turning out goats as fast as possible, and as the market became saturated with the "value" of goats, the price of goats would go down.

It's the same with any commodity you can name including gold and silver.

The only answer that avoids all of this craziness is the answer I have given you--- base the value of your money on all goods and all services (labor) worldwide. Then the only way for such money to gain value is for us to take better care of the Earth and better care of ourselves and the plants and animals that share the Earth with us. Such money ceases to be an idol and an end unto itself, and becomes a motivation for good.

And that is what we sorely need on this planet--- motivation to do what is right and good.

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