

We've spent a great deal of time in this book identifying the source of many of the most unwanted and detrimental aspects of society, and what we found was that money and the need to acquire it in order to survive was at the inner core of just about every negative externality we can think of.

To recap one last time, it is not that money is evil, per se, but it is scarce. It is limited amongst the population, which means the game of money is a zero-sum game where if I want more, someone else somewhere in the world has to make do with less. And what's more is money acts as a barrier to the necessities of life. I can only access bread or underwear by first acquiring money from another player, even if those goods happen to exist in abundance. So, because money is limited within society and because it is needed to access survival, it becomes a vicious game where people are competing against each other merely to obtain money so that they can survive. And in this game of acquisition, as some of the players obtain the bulk of the money supply, other players get left in the dust, which then makes survival for those "losers" difficult. Many of the "losers" in this game, including children, end up starving and dying, even though

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Earth is abundant in life sustaining, regenerative resources, and even though enough food is currently produced to feed the entire world. As money becomes scarcer in the lower tiers of society, poverty grows, along with desperation, insecurity, and what our culture defines as criminal ideation and behavior. Also, because the “winners” of the game could lose their secure and comfortable positions at any time, which would threaten their lifestyle and potentially even their ability to survive, it is in their best interest to continue acquiring money, even if they have more than enough to last multiple lifetimes. And because continual money acquisition is in their best interest, the “winners” are also prone to unethical and unwanted behavior in society. So, not only does money’s scarce existence produce nasty habits amongst the “losers” of the world, but also the “winners.” No one is immune to the pressures of the game. It is not hard to see how our global monetary system has created the perfect storm for all of the negative, abhorrent, life-threatening externalities we are experiencing today.

In the words of Jacque Fresco, “This shit’s got to go!”¹

So, if we want to eliminate the negative elements plaguing society and keeping us in a perpetual state of anger and frustration, the first and one of the most important features of our future economic system is the emigration from and complete removal of money. I know such an idea sounds radical, mainly due to generations of conditioning that would have us believe that money is as normal and necessary as the oxygen in the air, but it’s not. Money is just a tool – an artificial and manmade one at that – but its presence has managed to muck up just about everything sacred to the life experience. I won’t argue the idea that it was an important step in our social evolution, but it has most certainly outlived its value in society and now acts purely as an impediment to what I define as true progress and true prosperity, while causing way more damage than good. Its scarce existence pulls us away from our natural gravitation toward a peaceful, cooperative coexistence by pitting us all against one another in a stressful, manic, trustless competition of survival. This endless and unnecessary competition has us living in an inverted world where fear rather than compassion rules the day. Where selfish and greedy behavior is often rewarded while selfless behavior can put one’s security at risk. The consequences of such an arrangement should come as no surprise then – the cancer spikes, lower life expectancy, stress-related diseases, poverty-related diseases, crime, war, civil unrest, ecological degradation,

homelessness, starvation, divorce, suicides, mental illness, mass shootings, and on, and on, and on. Money is at the heart of it all. So, I understand it might sound radical to leave money in the dust, but not only is it in our best interest for a happier and more peaceful life, I would say that it is imperative if we want to reorient the planet to a healthy state and ensure the long-term survival of the human species, as well as other species, too.

That being said, with our new economic system, all forms of money, including fiat money, cryptocurrency, gold, and all other mediums of exchange will be done away with – barter can be tossed in there, too. They all serve the same purpose. More advanced technology can better calculate supply and demand. More advanced technology can better distribute resources to where they are needed. And as we’ve discovered, money is not needed to motivate humans, as it’s been shown that we naturally seek and take on responsibility, create, and solve problems. Besides, money’s disappearing act is an inevitability; whether it is 50 or 5,000 years from now, money will eventually be phased out, because it is an unnecessary and inefficient middleman in managing and distributing resources.

So, moving beyond money is the first step in climbing out of the slimy depths of The Pit. However, if money is the mob boss of negative externalities, then “fear of survival” is its loyal muscle man – its Luca Brasi. Once we get rid of money, we still need to address and eliminate fear of survival, because it will continue wreaking havoc on the population so long as it persists. It’s this fear, this insecurity of being unsure of how we are going to survive day in and day out that leads us to feelings of distrust, worry, desperation, etc. which then leads to crime, scheming, warring, the coveting of material possessions, and all other forms of deplorable behavior. So, following that logic, the answer seems pretty simple if we want those negative outcomes removed from civilization. The answer seems pretty simple if we want to leave our children and grandchildren with a world of peace, prosperity, and environmental wellbeing.

We must design an economic system where every single person is secure in his or her survival. We must design a system where no one is unsure of whether or not he will eat today, or whether or not he will have a roof to protect him from a storm. By simply lifting that heavy weight off of peoples’ chests, the positive ripples will touch all aspects of society.

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Individuals themselves will feel significantly less stressed. The impoverished children of poor and stressed parents won't be subjected to such stress and would be given the opportunity to develop properly, both physically and mentally. Crime would be significantly reduced. As I will continue to point out, it is in the best interest of the entire population to develop an economic system where everyone's basic survival needs are met. And in a sane society, such statements would seem obvious. "Well duh, of course we should create a system so people don't have to die of starvation or live without a roof." However, in our present global society, such a statement is not obvious, and as I've alluded to, the conditions of homelessness and food insecurity are considered normal and expected. Needless to say, we do not live in a sane society.

"Okay Travis, a system where people don't have to worry about starvation or homelessness sounds great and romantic and all, but it also sounds idealistic and Utopian. How the heck do we create a system where people's basic needs are met without further destroying the planet?"