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His view, anchored in the quantity theory of money, is that excessive money creation spawns inflation. Our research suggests that there is value in adopting a monetary framework to assess the long-term inflation outlook. We have examined data from a cross-section of countries, as well as nearly a century of US data, to find that inflation usually accelerates when money supply growth exceeds the growth rate in the economy for an extended period of time. Too much money chasing too few goods has not yet translated into accelerating inflation. Well, it might be because the excess money is not doing much chasing at all - or, as an academic would say, the velocity of money is declining. Cash hoarding by corporate America over the past few years in response to a heightened sense of geopolitical and economic uncertainty is evidence that this might indeed be the case. An alternative, and more accurate, explanation is that money metrics are not helpful in forecasting inflationary turning points with precision; rather, they provide a roadmap for what will probably occur at some point within the next few years. We are convinced that excessive money creation in the US over the past several years will ultimately arrest the year trend decline in inflation, if it has not already done so. We have and will continue to dedicate a good chunk of our thematic research to this topic because it carries the potential to dramatically alter long-term investment strategy. Feeling the Winds of Change In the lates, I began writing about what I thought was the making of an important shift in the conduct of monetary policy. The Federal Reserve was flooding the world with dollars in an effort to deflect shockwaves originating from the Asian currency crisis. Not long after that, they organized a bailout for Long Term Capital Management and then printed a mountain of money to safeguard against any potential disruptions stemming from the Y2K changeover. These reflationary steps all occurred in phases of the business cycle when the US was in good shape. It seemed like unusual Fed behavior when placed in the context of the past 20 years. The focus for the monetary authorities in the prior two decades was to stamp out incipient inflationary risks. It all started back in the lates, when then Fed Chairman Paul Volcker severely curtailed money supply growth in an effort to check the uptrend in an inflationary cycle that was spiraling out of control. The product of this acute tightening phase was a reversal in trend inflation, but at the cost of the deepest recession in post-war history. By the mids, it was pretty clear that the policy steps adopted by the authorities had helped to win the war against inflation. By the lates, however, a few Board members started to hint that their battle against inflation might be too successful; that well-entrenched disinflationary trends were at risk of turning deflationary see the chart above. Here is an enlightening quote of the time from a speech given by Fed Governor Meyer: But with short-term rates now at zero in Japan and low inflation almost everywhere in the industrialized world, the problem [of a liquidity trap] is taken more seriously by central banks--to the point that it was one of the topics at Jackson Hole. One only has to look back at the Japanese experience in the s to realize that falling price levels, combined with excessive leverage, can produce a corrosive economic outcome. Furthermore, they acknowledged that inflation and economic activity were to be treated as separate risks. We have been believers that this Fed tightening cycle would lag the inflation cycle for quite a while in order to keep the real cost of debt service low, and to attempt to inflate away a big debt problem. The real funds rate is still negative, but there has been little evidence in the way of an upturn in general price inflation i. We have never suggested that a big wave of accelerating inflation is imminent, but we do think that a bottom in the long-term inflation outlook has been set and that accelerating inflation will be more common than decelerating inflation over the next several years refer to the next section. The Equation of Exchange Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize winning economist, once said that "inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon". We believe that there is validity in his statement if one examines economic trends over a sufficiently long time span. The basis for his monetary view of inflation is anchored in the equation of exchange that is highlighted below: Transforming each variable into a growth rate and rearranging the terms results in the following equation: Or, said another way, inflation will increase when money supply growth exceeds the growth in real economic

activity, assuming that the velocity of money remains unchanged. We have taken these theoretical underpinnings and applied them to economic data for the US since 1970. The results are shown in the chart below. The latter development has indeed been the case since 1970. The time we last saw a similar turn of events was back in the 1930s, which ultimately paved the way for the inflationary 1970s. So why have we not yet experienced much inflation? Well, it could be that the velocity of money has declined by enough to swamp the impact of disproportionate monetary growth. Velocity might be in retreat once again. It is important to note that the strong link between money growth and inflation is not just evident in the USA. It is a robust relationship. We have examined data from a cross section of countries and found that higher rates of inflation typically surface in countries with faster money supply growth rates refer to the next chart. If we are right about the link between money and inflation, and that inflation is likely to rise modestly on a trend basis over the next several years, then the way to think about investment prospects needs to change. We have written about the implications of rising trend inflation in detail in past strategy reports, and will briefly touch upon a couple of key themes once again. The chart above shows the relationship between government bond yields and trend inflation. We will no longer be looking for opportunities to buy the dips, rather we will probably become more focused on when to sell the rallies. A change in the long-term outlook for inflation will also affect equity market strategy. This will probably turn around. Since the late 1970s, the Fed has been flooding the system with money. Our work shows that inflationary trends mirror monetary trends, findings that are consistent with the quantity theory of money. If the past is prologue, then it seems reasonable to anticipate a trend reversal in inflation sometime within the next few years. Myles offers an interesting explanation for why we have not seen a dramatic increase in inflation and why he still expects it to come despite the recent raises by the Fed. And then there are the few in my camp that think stagflation is in our future. But we need to constantly test our theories, as we do this week in Outside the Box. Your keeping a look out for inflation analyst, John F.

Chapter 2 : Editions of The Phenomenon of Money by Thomas Crump

The Phenomenon of Money.. [Thomas Crump] -- First published in , this book concerns itself with the different ways in which money is used, the relationships which then arise, and the institutions concerned in maintaining its various.

Monetarists assume that the velocity of money is unaffected by monetary policy at least in the long run , and the real value of output is determined in the long run by the productive capacity of the economy. Under these assumptions, the primary driver of the change in the general price level is changes in the quantity of money. With exogenous velocity that is, velocity being determined externally and not being influenced by monetary policy , the money supply determines the value of nominal output which equals final expenditure in the short run. In practice, velocity is not exogenous in the short run, and so the formula does not necessarily imply a stable short-run relationship between the money supply and nominal output. However, in the long run, changes in velocity are assumed to be determined by the evolution of the payments mechanism. If velocity is relatively unaffected by monetary policy, the long-run rate of increase in prices the inflation rate is equal to the long-run growth rate of the money supply plus the exogenous long-run rate of velocity growth minus the long run growth rate of real output. For example, investment in market production , infrastructure, education, and preventive health care can all grow an economy in greater amounts than the investment spending. In this view, while generally grounded in monetarism, future expectations and strategies are important for inflation as well. A core assertion of rational expectations theory is that actors will seek to "head off" central-bank decisions by acting in ways that fulfill predictions of higher inflation. This means that central banks must establish their credibility in fighting inflation, or economic actors will make bets that the central bank will expand the money supply rapidly enough to prevent recession, even at the expense of exacerbating inflation. Thus, if a central bank has a reputation as being "soft" on inflation, when it announces a new policy of fighting inflation with restrictive monetary growth economic agents will not believe that the policy will persist; their inflationary expectations will remain high, and so will inflation. On the other hand, if the central bank has a reputation of being "tough" on inflation, then such a policy announcement will be believed and inflationary expectations will come down rapidly, thus allowing inflation itself to come down rapidly with minimal economic disruption. Austrian School and Monetary inflation The Austrian School stresses that inflation is not uniform over all assets, goods, and services. Inflation depends on differences in markets and on where newly created money and credit enter the economy. Real bills doctrine The real bills doctrine asserts that banks should issue their money in exchange for short-term real bills of adequate value. Currency and banking schools of economics argue the RBD, that banks should also be able to issue currency against bills of trading, which is "real bills" that they buy from merchants. This theory was important in the 19th century in debates between "Banking" and "Currency" schools of monetary soundness, and in the formation of the Federal Reserve. In the wake of the collapse of the international gold standard post , and the move towards deficit financing of government, RBD has remained a minor topic, primarily of interest in limited contexts, such as currency boards. It is generally held in ill repute today, with Frederic Mishkin , a governor of the Federal Reserve going so far as to say it had been "completely discredited. In the 19th century the banking schools had greater influence in policy in the United States and Great Britain, while the currency schools had more influence "on the continent", that is in non-British countries, particularly in the Latin Monetary Union and the earlier Scandinavia monetary union. General[edit] An increase in the general level of prices implies a decrease in the purchasing power of the currency. That is, when the general level of prices rise, each monetary unit buys fewer goods and services. The effect of inflation is not distributed evenly in the economy, and as a consequence there are hidden costs to some and benefits to others from this decrease in the purchasing power of money. For example, with inflation, those segments in society which own physical assets, such as property, stock etc. Their ability to do so will depend on the degree to which their income is fixed. For example, increases in payments to workers and pensioners often lag behind inflation, and for some people income is fixed. Also, individuals or institutions with cash assets will experience a decline in the purchasing power of the cash. Increases in the price level inflation erode the real value of money the functional currency and other

items with an underlying monetary nature. Debtors who have debts with a fixed nominal rate of interest will see a reduction in the "real" interest rate as the inflation rate rises. The real interest on a loan is the nominal rate minus the inflation rate. Any unexpected increase in the inflation rate would decrease the real interest rate. Banks and other lenders adjust for this inflation risk either by including an inflation risk premium to fixed interest rate loans, or lending at an adjustable rate. Negative[edit] High or unpredictable inflation rates are regarded as harmful to an overall economy. They add inefficiencies in the market, and make it difficult for companies to budget or plan long-term. Inflation can act as a drag on productivity as companies are forced to shift resources away from products and services to focus on profit and losses from currency inflation. For instance, inflated earnings push taxpayers into higher income tax rates unless the tax brackets are indexed to inflation. With high inflation, purchasing power is redistributed from those on fixed nominal incomes, such as some pensioners whose pensions are not indexed to the price level, towards those with variable incomes whose earnings may better keep pace with the inflation. There can also be negative impacts to trade from an increased instability in currency exchange prices caused by unpredictable inflation. Cost-push inflation High inflation can prompt employees to demand rapid wage increases, to keep up with consumer prices. In the cost-push theory of inflation, rising wages in turn can help fuel inflation. In the case of collective bargaining, wage growth will be set as a function of inflationary expectations, which will be higher when inflation is high. This can cause a wage spiral. Social unrest and revolts Inflation can lead to massive demonstrations and revolutions. For example, inflation and in particular food inflation is considered as one of the main reasons that caused the 11 Tunisian revolution [57] and the Egyptian revolution , [58] according to many observers including Robert Zoellick , [59] president of the World Bank. Hyperinflation If inflation becomes too high, it can cause people to severely curtail their use of the currency, leading to an acceleration in the inflation rate. High and accelerating inflation grossly interferes with the normal workings of the economy, hurting its ability to supply goods. But when prices are constantly changing due to inflation, price changes due to genuine relative price signals are difficult to distinguish from price changes due to general inflation, so agents are slow to respond to them. The result is a loss of allocative efficiency. Shoe leather cost High inflation increases the opportunity cost of holding cash balances and can induce people to hold a greater portion of their assets in interest paying accounts. However, since cash is still needed to carry out transactions this means that more "trips to the bank" are necessary to make withdrawals, proverbially wearing out the "shoe leather" with each trip. Menu costs With high inflation, firms must change their prices often to keep up with economy-wide changes. But often changing prices is itself a costly activity whether explicitly, as with the need to print new menus, or implicitly, as with the extra time and effort needed to change prices constantly. Positive[edit] Labour-market adjustments Nominal wages are slow to adjust downwards. This can lead to prolonged disequilibrium and high unemployment in the labor market. Since inflation allows real wages to fall even if nominal wages are kept constant, moderate inflation enables labor markets to reach equilibrium faster. Mundell's Tobin effect The Nobel laureate Robert Mundell noted that moderate inflation would induce savers to substitute lending for some money holding as a means to finance future spending. That substitution would cause market clearing real interest rates to fall. In a similar vein, Nobel laureate James Tobin noted that such inflation would cause businesses to substitute investment in physical capital plant, equipment, and inventories for money balances in their asset portfolios. That substitution would mean choosing the making of investments with lower rates of real return. The rates of return are lower because the investments with higher rates of return were already being made before. Unless the economy is already overinvesting according to models of economic growth theory , that extra investment resulting from the effect would be seen as positive. Instability with deflation Economist S. Tsiang noted that once substantial deflation is expected, two important effects will appear; both a result of money holding substituting for lending as a vehicle for saving. Any movement to spend those hoards "once started would become a tremendous avalanche, which could rampage for a long time before it would spend itself. Moderate and stable inflation would avoid such a seesawing of price movements. Financial market inefficiency with deflation The second effect noted by Tsiang is that when savers have substituted money holding for lending on financial markets, the role of those markets in channeling savings into investment is undermined. With nominal interest rates driven to zero, or near zero,

from the competition with a high return money asset, there would be no price mechanism in whatever is left of those markets. With financial markets effectively euthanized, the remaining goods and physical asset prices would move in perverse directions. For example, an increased desire to save could not push interest rates further down and thereby stimulate investment but would instead cause additional money hoarding, driving consumer prices further down and making investment in consumer goods production thereby less attractive.

Chapter 3 : "Money Heist": Netflix Confirms Part 3 Of Spanish-Language Phenomenon | Deadline

The Money Phenomenon is an interesting, erudite discourse on the nature of money and how it functions in our society. Louis Russell's reference to Greek and Roman classical sources and etymological analysis of related monetary terms is a compelling reason to read this book, as well as his inclusion of more contemporary philosophers and.

You may have thought about investing in this cryptocurrency. If everyone is getting rich off of this investment why not invest and make money too? It seems like a sure thing, right? People are dumping all kinds of money into this with the hope of getting rich quick. So allow me to give a brief overview and history of bitcoin. First it should be noted that unlike the dinar, investors have made money with bitcoin. Investors have also lost money. This cryptocurrency has even been used in commerce. This paper was authored by Satoshi Nakamoto. The identity of Nakamoto remains unknown, but he implemented the bitcoin software as open-source code and released it in January of 2009. A cryptocurrency is designed to work as a medium of exchange. It is a digital asset that uses cryptography to secure its transactions. Cryptography is also used to control the creation of additional units, and to verify the transfer of these digital assets. Cryptocurrencies are mainly classified as a subset of real digital currencies. A reward of 50 bitcoins was included on this genesis block. Embedded in the coinbase of this block was the following text: Its launch was close to the meltdown. For this reason bitcoin is the first decentralized cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrencies use various timestamping schemes to avoid the need for a trusted third-party to timestamp transactions. These timestamps are added to the blockchain ledger. Bitcoin and currencies like it use decentralized control as opposed to centralized electronic money or central banking systems. One of the first supporters of bitcoin was a guy by the name of Hal Finney. He was the receiver of the first bitcoin transaction. He was also a programmer and a contributor to bitcoin. Some websites list other early supporters as well. They include Wei Dai, who was a creator of the bitcoin predecessor b-money, and Nick Szabo. He was the creator of the bitcoin predecessor bit gold. In the early days, Nakamoto is estimated to have mined approximately 1 million bitcoins. In 2011, Nakamoto handed the network alert key and the control of the Bitcoin Core code repository over to Gavin Andresen. This man became the lead developer at the Bitcoin Foundation. Nakamoto removed himself from any involvement with bitcoin. Gavin Andresen stated that he wanted to decentralize control, saying: So, if I get hit by a bus, it would be clear that the project would go on. Since then bitcoin has gained in value and popularity worldwide. A wallet stores the information necessary to transact bitcoins. A better way to describe a wallet is a digital system that will store the digital credentials for your bitcoin holdings. This wallet will allow you to access your bitcoin in order to spend them. Jordan Kelley is the founder of Robocoin. The kiosk was installed in Austin, Texas. It is similar to a bank ATM, but it also has scanners installed in order to read government-issued identification. By September 1, 2011, bitcoin ATMs have been installed around the world with an average fee of 9. In 2012, the number of merchants accepting bitcoin exceeded 10,000. More local businesses also started accepting bitcoin. Since the introduction of bitcoin many other cryptocurrencies have been released. The success of bitcoin has created a whole bunch of bitcoin wannabes. Everyone seems to believe that if Satoshi Nakamoto can do it, they can too. Numerous cryptocurrencies have been created. These are frequently called alt-coins. They serve as a blend of bitcoin alternatives. Today there are hundreds of cryptocurrencies out there and they are all trying to be the next bitcoin. Most cryptocurrencies are designed to gradually decrease production of currency as more is mined. The purpose of this is to place an ultimate cap on the total amount of currency that will ever be in circulation, thus mimicking precious metals. However, people still mine for bitcoin today. There is a lot of hype involved and as a result, there is a currency out there for almost everything. There is even a Ron Paul cryptocurrency. Consider all the variables to make this work. A tremendous amount of effort must be expended to create an alt-coin. There is the cryptocurrency itself and the electronic wallet that all possessors of a coin must have on whatever electronic device they may be using. This also means that the program must work on a wide range of computers and smart-phone platforms. There is also a marketing expense to get some people to start speculating in it. There are literally hundreds of these currencies out there and one estimate has the number of alt-coins around 1,000. The majority of bitcoin users are acquiring bitcoins not in order to buy goods and services

but to speculate. The main usage of bitcoin and similar cryptocurrencies is that they are seen as an investment. The problem with having the bitcoin economy dominated by speculators is that it gives people an incentive to hoard their bitcoins rather than spend them. This happens to be the opposite of what you need people to do in order to make a currency successful. Successful currencies are used to transact day-to-day business and lubricate commerce. Merchants accepting bitcoin ordinarily use the services of bitcoin payment service providers such as BitPay or Coinbase. When a customer pays in bitcoin, the payment service provider accepts the bitcoin on behalf of the merchant and then converts it to the local currency! They charge a fee in return for the service. We are led to believe that merchants accept bitcoin and then later on use it in other transactions, but this is not the case! Merchants around the world who accept bitcoin will get a government currency immediately deposited in their account during the course of the transaction. There are pump and dump schemes that artificially drive the price up on cryptocurrencies for a short period of time. Pump and dump schemes are where people collude to buy a small cryptocurrency at the same time, and thus push up the price by artificially inflating demand. Those involved collect a quick profit by selling to new investors who are attracted by the rising price. People involved in this make up large groups that will pour millions of dollars into a cryptocurrency at one time. These people view the currency like a stock. Once new investors are in they sell off the currency for a huge profit. Has bitcoin ever been involved with pump and dump schemes? The price of bitcoin has gone through many cycles of appreciation and depreciation. Many people refer to this as bubbles and busts. Here are a few notable examples. This event is known as the 2013 Cypriot Financial Crisis. Then in , the price sharply fell creating heavy losses with investors. As of April of that same year the price of bitcoin remained depressed. It was little more than half of prices. This is the analysis of Mark T. However, Forbes claims that there are some uses where volatility does not matter, such as online gambling, tipping, and international remittances. According to an article in The Wall Street Journal, as of April 19th, , bitcoin had been more stable than gold for the preceding 24 days. The article seemed to suggest that its value might be more stable in the future. So what is driving up the cost of bitcoin now? It is really a number of things. First, as the price continues to go up more speculators are jumping on board, and driving up demand. Second, the same Global Currency Reset nonsense that is used to sell precious metals and foreign currencies from third world countries is being used to hype the bitcoin as a viable investment, and the GCR propaganda is also attracting new investors. Third, Cboe, the options and derivatives exchange, is launching the first-ever regulated futures exchange for bitcoins on Sunday December 10, at 6 p. CME Group is scheduled to launch its exchange on Dec. This has caused wild speculation for the cryptocurrency. The coming futures exchanges have caused the price to skyrocket, but some investors jumped out on Friday. See link below Bitcoin Sell Off Conclusion Yes there are people making money with bitcoin, but there are many people who had big losses in the past. As of this writing, bitcoin remains super volatile.

Chapter 4 : Inflation is Always and Everywhere a Monetary Phenomenon | Gold Eagle

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Subjects Description First published in , this book concerns itself with the different ways in which money is used, the relationships which then arise, and the institutions concerned in maintaining its various functions. Thomas Crump examines the emergence of institutions with familiar and distinctive monetary roles: However, other uses of money - such as for gambling or the payment of fines - are also taken into account, in an exhaustive, encyclopedic treatment of the subject, which extends far beyond the range of conventional treatises on money. Table of Contents 1. The Phenomenology of Money 2. The Money Game 3. Money and Exchange 4. The Debt Relationship 5. The Supply of Money 6. The Role of the Corporation 7. Distribution and Redistribution 8. Boundaries in the Use of Money 9. The Monetary role of the State The Development of Commercial Banking Illusion and Reality The Pure-Money Complex and its Transformations Capital and Corporate State The Socialist States Scale, Inversion and Discontinuity Foreign Exchanges and International Finance Diverse Approaches to a Single Phenomenon?

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We all know that obesity increases your risk of developing certain health conditions, and that sugar can aggravate some chronic conditions. We also know that sugar is addictive, and that if you consume it you will find it harder to stay within your daily calorie allowance. In addition, it will cause an insulin spike, and likely make you crave more sweet food. Honey is a highly nutritious, anti-microbial agent that has a lot of health benefits. This guide that was written by Dr. Joshua Levitt will show you how you can use honey in a huge range of ways to improve your health. In the Honey Phenomenon eBook, Dr. Joshua Levitt shows you exactly how you can use honey in order to stick to your diet and get better weight loss results. Learn What To Avoid As well as helping you to understand how honey can help you and how you should incorporate it into your diet in an effective and efficient way, you will also learn what other sugars to avoid. So, cane sugar is bad, but what about corn syrup, or agave nectar? What about artificial sweeteners? With the Honey Phenomenon guide you will learn what to look for in the ingredients lists of supermarket foods so that you can make smart choices about your diet and health. Find Out Which Honey To Buy The Honey Phenomenon book will also help you to understand which honeys are the most effective for healing and nutritional purposes. Sadly, as with so many other foods on the market today, there is a trend towards intensive beekeeping, where the bees are fed glucose instead of nectar and their own honey. While any form of honey is better than sugar, the purest and most natural, ethically produced honey is the best. Honey that is intensively farmed or ultra-purified and then treated with sugar is not ideal. The good news is that in his Honey Phenomenon eBook, Dr. Joshua Levitt also covers this topic in great details. Not For Everyone There are some people who should be careful with honey, too. Very young children should not take honey either, because their immune systems are not fully developed but this is something that is covered in-depth in the guide. Joshua Levitt explains that this way he can sell the guide at a lower price, helps you avoid any shipment costs, and save the environment, all at the same time. If you prefer a hard-copy version, then your only option will be to print everything yourself at home! Conclusions And Final Thoughts The Honey Phenomenon guide is ideal for people who are serious about their health and nutrition. It explains what honey can do, why it is better than sugar or artificial sweeteners, and what exactly is wrong with the modern food chain. However, as a part of a generally good diet and sensible lifestyle, it could change your life. We really enjoyed reading it and learned a lot inside, and we are pretty sure that you will feel the same. A short video that summarizes some of the main health benefits of honey:

Chapter 6 : 20th WCP: Philosophy of Money

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People openly begging, in public places, is yet another telltale sign of the progressive deterioration of our civilization. When I was growing-up in the s, public begging was something rarely seen in America. In fact, Americans took great pride in the fact that public begging was a unsavory activity, mostly confined to third-world countries, like Mexico. Curiously, state-run lotteries used to fall into the same category. Americans were always too proud to stoop to such squalid, dishonorable ways of extracting money from citizens. Mexico had state-run lotteries, but you would never find them here. All that just a distant memory now, as amoral, money-groveling leftist politicians piously insist that the end always justifies the means. Back to the modern phenomenon of public begging: I tell students that public beggars are mostly dishonest, and some are extremely dangerous. Your best interests are thus served by avoidance, particularly when you go armed. When that fails, aggressive verbal disengagement and rapid separation generally represent your best tactic. In fact, we practice all this in class during roll-playing exercises. Yet, some insist that an expression of charity giving beggars money, food, etc is appropriate, particularly for those of us who profess adherence to established religious beliefs. Giving beggars money, motivated by your own guilt, helps neither them, nor you! It is extortion, pure and simple, plus it exposes you to significant personal risk. Begging is neither an honorable, nor sustainable, lifestyle! Beggars need to be shown how to make an honest, upright living. Giving them money just keeps them where they are. Giving free money to beggars, out of personal guilt, is indicative of a pernicious neurosis! No good comes from it! You should, of course, also decide what preparations you should make in advance if any. Defense Training International wants to make sure that their students fully understand the physical, legal, psychological, and societal consequences of their actions or inactions. It is our duty to make you aware of certain unpleasant physical realities intrinsic to the Planet Earth. Farnam is happy to be your counselor and advisor. March 13, at 1: Hey if you can afford to smoke, you can afford to feed yourself. Another one is the fellow holding a sign saying that he is stranded and needs gas money, he has been on the same corner for over six months. I once asked a fellow holding a sign saying will work for food. I had some yard work I needed help with.

Chapter 7 : Modern Phenomenon Of Public Begging

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Description[edit] Monetarism is an economic theory that focuses on the macroeconomic effects of the supply of money and central banking. Formulated by Milton Friedman , it argues that excessive expansion of the money supply is inherently inflationary , and that monetary authorities should focus solely on maintaining price stability. This theory draws its roots from two historically antagonistic schools of thought: The result was summarised in a historical analysis of monetary policy, *Monetary History of the United States* " , which Friedman coauthored with Anna Schwartz. The book attributed inflation to excess money supply generated by a central bank. It attributed deflationary spirals to the reverse effect of a failure of a central bank to support the money supply during a liquidity crunch. Under this rule, there would be no leeway for the central reserve bank, as money supply increases could be determined "by a computer", and business could anticipate all money supply changes. Opposition to the gold standard[edit] Most monetarists oppose the gold standard. Friedman, for example, viewed a pure gold standard as impractical. Rise[edit] Clark Warburton is credited with making the first solid empirical case for the monetarist interpretation of business fluctuations in a series of papers from Friedman argued that the demand for money could be described as depending on a small number of economic variables. These excess money balances would therefore be spent and hence aggregate demand would rise. Similarly, if the money supply were reduced people would want to replenish their holdings of money by reducing their spending. In this, Friedman challenged a simplification attributed to Keynes suggesting that "money does not matter. The rise of the popularity of monetarism also picked up in political circles when Keynesian economics seemed unable to explain or cure the seemingly contradictory problems of rising unemployment and inflation in response to the collapse of the Bretton Woods system in and the oil shocks of On the one hand, higher unemployment seemed to call for Keynesian reflation , but on the other hand rising inflation seemed to call for Keynesian disinflation. In , President Jimmy Carter appointed as Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker , who made fighting inflation his primary objective, and who restricted the money supply in accordance with the Friedman rule to tame inflation in the economy. The result was a major rise in interest rates, not only in the United States; but worldwide. The "Volcker shock" continued from to the summer of , dramatically both decreasing inflation and increasing unemployment. Monetarist economists never recognized that the policy implemented by the Federal Reserve from was a monetarist policy. Nevertheless, the influence of monetarism on the Federal Reserve was twofold: Monetarists not only sought to explain present problems; they also interpreted historical ones. Milton Friedman and Anna Schwartz in their book *A Monetary History of the United States, "* argued that the Great Depression of the s was caused by a massive contraction of the money supply they deemed it "the Great Contraction " [9] , and not by the lack of investment Keynes had argued. They also maintained that post-war inflation was caused by an over-expansion of the money supply. They made famous the assertion of monetarism that "inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon". Many Keynesian economists initially believed that the Keynesian vs. By the mids, however, the debate had moved on to other issues as monetarists began presenting a fundamental challenge to Keynesianism. Many monetarists sought to resurrect the pre-Keynesian view that market economies are inherently stable in the absence of major unexpected fluctuations in the money supply. Because of this belief in the stability of free-market economies they asserted that active demand management e. The basis of this argument is a relationship between "stimulus" fiscal spending and future interest rates. Callaghan had adopted anti-inflation policies during his tenure as Prime Minister from , reducing public spending in response to high inflation and national debt. However, by the time of his election defeat barely a year later, inflation had risen to This is because of events that many economists interpreted as being inexplicable in monetarist terms: Greenspan argued that the s decoupling was explained by a virtuous cycle of productivity and investment on one hand, and a certain degree of " irrational exuberance " in the investment sector on the other. There are also arguments that monetarism is a special case of Keynesian theory. The central test case over the validity of

these theories would be the possibility of a liquidity trap , like that experienced by Japan. Ben Bernanke , Princeton professor and another former chairman of the U. Federal Reserve, argued that monetary policy could respond to zero interest rate conditions by direct expansion of the money supply. In his words, "We have the keys to the printing press, and we are not afraid to use them.

Chapter 8 : Inflation - Wikipedia

Calling inflation "a monetary phenomenon", does not help us understand the causes of inflation and how to deal with it, it merely identifies an obvious relationship between the social mechanism (money) and productivity.

This article is an attempt to sketch a philosophical view of money as a social phenomenon. I show that the way to understand the substance of money is to analyze its meaning as a medium of exchange in connection with its meaning as a purpose of exchange, thereby providing an investigation of its social value. This approach has been used by many of the great philosophers and economists of the past, but not today. Modern economics is a policy oriented theoretical discipline and concentrates its efforts on solving practical tasks. I hope to contribute a philosophical approach to economic research. Money is a reality, a permanent feature of our everyday lives. Money creates problems when we do not have it, and yet more problems when we do have it. But it is only an illusion that we are in control of our money: Money makes us both master and slave. Our power over money is real only inasmuch as we are able to understand its power over us. Man has sought to understand the essence of money for many centuries. Philosophers and economists, statesmen, writers, even poets have written about money. What is money - good or evil? It brings stability and instability and makes people looking for and running away from it. Money is capable of creating and destroying, of uniting and disuniting. It makes people partners and rivals and can influence the fate of individuals and whole nations. But what does money bring - freedom or dependence? People obtain money working hard and playing and spend it with joy and sadness. Man makes money, and money makes man: Money is capable of invoking the whole range of emotions. Money as the object of cognition enter the realm of a special branch of knowledge, economic science, which, like every other science, has its own subject matter, methods of inquiry and pursues its own goals. The methodology of modern economics is a matter for both philosophers and economists, and is a subject of heated debate. Economics, as a science, has practical application and selects methods which will enable to get the goals. Herein lies its strength, caused by its expediency, and its weakness as manifested in the limitations of knowledge. Economics, and monetary economics as its integral part, serve the purpose to substantiate the economic and monetary policy. But considering the importance of the analysis of money flows and market situation we should however agree that it is not enough to unravel the mystery of money and to understand its role in the life of society. For this we need a philosophical approach, we need the methods of intellectual inquiry which will help to embrace the whole picture of money as a social phenomenon. And in this sense we have every right to speak of the philosophy of money. As a means of exchange money has helped to develop trade, accelerate and extend the movement of goods and services, and form economic ties in the society. As an end of exchange money has exerted huge influence on the development of man himself, his purposeful activity, his attitude to work. It has altered the value orientation of man and his ideas of moral standards. Aristotle considered the first role of money to be necessary and conforming to the nature, but the second one to be the opposite - unnatural and devoid of any boundaries. It was from this standpoint that K. Marx analyzed the essence of money and showed how money being an end of exchange can be transforming into capital. Simmel emphasized the great influence of money on the human actions when money becomes an end. Money has altered the system of humans values, assigning itself a central role as a universal value. Money is a value, but what does it consist in? It was possible to speak of the real value of money only when money existed in the form of noble metals, in its full-value form. But the transition to other forms of money - coins and notes - with only a nominal value, made money into a token, a sign, a symbol for information. Nevertheless, money remains the highest value, thanks to which it is able to serve as both a means and an end of exchange. People living in the society may appropriate the goods only by alienating money and may appropriate money by alienating goods or labour. This is the social order for redistributing of social values and allocation of resources. The continuous alternation of alienation and appropriation means a mode of human co-operation and creates the social connections of the economy - a single socio-economic organism based on the mutual dependence of each. The continuous alternation of alienation and appropriation is the mechanism of social interaction of private interests, is the way how the individuals can realize their aims, desires and

dreams - their freedom in making a choice. Money expresses the quantitative definiteness limits of the possible in the actions of people. It measures the quantitative proportions of exchange and ensures that the principle of equivalence work. Money works as a means of the socio-normative regulation of the economic life. But money also expresses the qualitative infinity limitless of possible in the actions of people. Thanks to its universal value money acts as an unconditional stimulus and a driving motive for all kinds of activity, including the inhumane. It makes all work appealing, even work directed against man, and turns what ought not to be into an object of buying and selling. Being a seduction and a temptation it works as a test of human morality. Money fills the will of man with material strength, which can be realized through a social mechanism - market, but money remains indifferent to what that will is aimed at. This comes from sphere of reason. Money conscientiously caters to both the destructive and the constructive actions of man, and is only a means for exercising his will and mind. But in this role money is not passive. It either creates or destroys man himself as a personality, it exerts a strong influence on the building up of his individual system of values and on the alignment of his personal priorities and goals. Everything depends on the correlation between two forces - reason and money interest - in the purposeful activity of people. Money creates the necessity for a person to rationally substantiate his actions. Here one must agree with G. Simmel, who believed that intellect develops in parallel with the money economy. This can be achieved by combining the efforts of practically oriented economic science and philosophy striving to cognize the world as a whole the universe. Contemporary economic science can boast great achievements in the development of methods of controlling money flows, but many questions in theory of money remain unanswered. We must look for the essence of money not only in the regularities of market, but also in the regularities of social development. Money is both a product of civilization and an instrument of its further developing. It calls for a philosophical explanation. The philosophy of money is not empty theorizing. This is the key factor that determines the limits of freedom and equality of people in a society with the money economy. The definition of money in contemporary economics is that money is something used to effect exchange. Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy. Money is whatever money does. All that performs the functions of money is money. Translated from the English, 11th edition, Respublica, Moscow, , p. Cambridge University Press, , p. Enthusiasm for formal mathematical axiomatics inevitably resulted an oversimplified notion of economic world. Simmel, although the philosophical approach to the analysis of the phenomenon of money has been undertaken by many renowned thinkers, beginning from ancient times. People direct all of their capabilities towards the acquisition of money, as if this were an end, and no effort were to be spared to attain this end. Temnov, Mysl, Moscow, , p. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, ed. Economics does not give a clear answer, and value remains a subject of heated debate. There is no simple answer. There are many reasons why the concept of value is so complicated. The Philosophy of Money. Routledge, 16 We agree that fundamental theoretical research in economics cannot be effective without philosophy. Essays on philosophy and economic methodology.

Chapter 9 : The Honey Phenomenon By Dr. Joshua Levitt - Full Review

It's a bizarre phenomenon that many people wish they could experience: pennies, dimes, and quarters - and even bills - falling out of the sky. We're not talking about finding coins on the street. We're talking about money materializing seemingly out of nowhere, appearing mysteriously in houses and.