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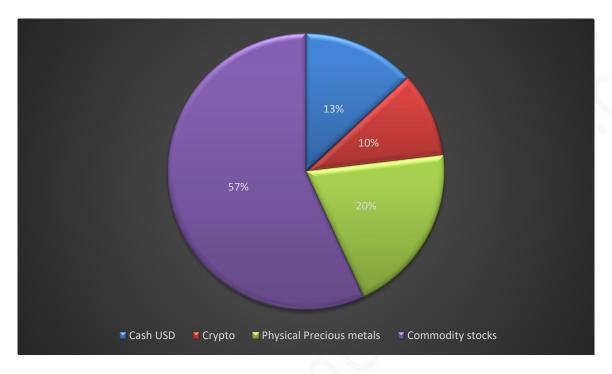
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# 1. Portfolio allocations By Kurt Corthout



We are selling 12.5% of our stock position of 65% stocks in our overall portfolio allocations.

This means we are adding 8.125% to our USD Cash position.

The selling we do is in the agriculture stocks, with the intent to buy back lower later.

The current market stays vulnerable, and it could stay this way during for the best part of the summer in my opinion. With mid-term elections on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and maybe a continued offense against human individual rights and freedom to take full swing by the autumn in the Northern Hemisphere, I think the odds for further summer doldrums (or an outright crash) are higher than normal. Therefore, we are raising a bit more cash right now.

More about the changes in individual stock positions in the Stocks section (paid subscribers only)

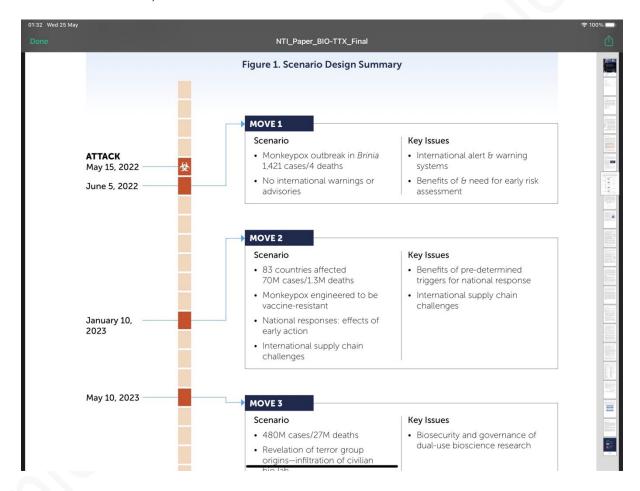
# 2. Our World Today By Kurt Corthout

Everything seems to be right on track, especially if we speak about the Great Reset Agenda.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Davos man has started rolling out their schedule, which they 'predicted' in November 2021. I am talking about the Monkeypox 'simulation' or should I say 'planned agenda'?

So far, they are only off by a day or 3.

Here is the schedule;



In the UK, on the 7th of June, MonkeyPox was made a notifiable disease in England.

And, in the US, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, <u>CDC raises monkeypox alert as global cases</u> <u>surpass 1,000</u>

While on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, the WHO reported the following 'Outbreak Update'.

The below table is from the referenced article.

**Table 1.** Cases of monkeypox in countries where monkeypox is not usually or had not previously been reported, 13 May to 8 June 2022, 5 PM CEST

WHO Region	Country	Confirmed	Probable
Americas	Argentina	2	
	Canada	110	
	Mexico	1	
	United States of America	40	
Eastern Mediterranean	Morocco	1	
	United Arab Emirates	13	
	Austria	1	
	Belgium	24	
	Czechia	6	
	Denmark	3	
	Finland	3	
	France	66	
	Germany	113	
	Hungary	2	
	Ireland	9	
	Israel	2	
Europe	Italy	29	
	Latvia	2	
	Malta	1	
	Netherlands	54	
	Norway	2	
	Portugal	191	table 1
	Slovenia	6	
	Spain	259	
	Sweden	6	
	Switzerland	12	
	The United Kingdom	321	
Western Pacific	Australia	6	1
Cumulative	28	1285	1

**Table 2.** Cases of monkeypox in WHO African Region reported since January 2022, as of 8 June 2022 [1]

Country	Confirmed cases	Suspected cases	Deaths
Cameroon	3	28	2
Central African Republic	8	17	2
Republic of Congo	2	7	3
Democratic Republic of the Congo	10	1356	64
Liberia	0	4	0
Nigeria	31	110	1
Sierra Leone	0	2	0
Ghana	5	12	0
Cumulative	59	1536	72

While nothing is being mentioned, of course, in the legacy media about news from the 25th May 2022, where <u>your Government quietly confirmed the Fully Vaccinated are developing Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome while they had you worried about Russia-Ukraine & the Cost of Living</u>

And also, nothing to see or hear about these findings:

The full Central Statistics Office data, published from the Govt for 2020 and 2021 - revelations abound! Graham Neary's CSO Data: <a href="https://we.tl/t-kqccozGUT5">https://we.tl/t-kqccozGUT5</a>

It seems like their goal is to keep you afraid and certainly not in the know...

I urge you to have a look through the above article, where one can clearly see this genocide unfolding...

Talking about genocide, you can read <u>Dear Friends, Sorry to Announce a Genocide</u> (<u>by Naomi Wolf</u>) on the matter (when I posted this on FBI book it was 'fact checked' in seconds ;-)).

Like my good friend Martin wrote on our Pandemic channel:

Naomi Wolf appeared on <u>thehighwire.com</u> Thursday. In her interview that starts at 1:01:20 and goes to 1:32:00, she first describes the media, government and pharma campaign to scare all pregnant women into getting vaccinated with assurances that it would be "safe and effective". Then she and a team of 3000 doctors, nurses, scientists, lawyers, etc... have been

reviewing the documents that Phizer was forced to disclose this year by court order after Phizer wanted the public to be blocked from seeing them for 75 years!

17 reports from that team reviewing the documents have been published so far. The most recent reports on pregnant mothers show: Despite assurances by the media, government and pharma industries that the vaccines would not cross from the blood and into the brain and other organs of the body, they were actually designed to do just that! Therefore, they went into the fetus during the gestation period. Also, that when Phizer claimed that the vaccine was "safe and effective" for pregnant mothers, the only basis they had for that assessment was a study of 44 pregnant rats in a French Laboratory over 42 days and the testing was ended before the rats gave birth without seeing if there would be any birth defects in the newborn rats. When Phizer started human trials, around 270 women in the study became pregnant. Phizer claims to have "lost" around 230 of their records of those women. Results that were not lost showed that out of 36 babies, 28 died either before, during, or just after birth. One of the babies that died after birth died from an "inflamed liver" after gastrointestinal distress & agitation after breast feeding from it's vaccinated mother. Studies showed that there were traces of Polyethylene Glycol (active ingredient in anti-freeze used in automotive cooling systems) in the mother's breast milk. Again, all of this info is in the actual reports from Phizer and they wanted it hidden from the public for 75 years

So what happens here in the US a few weeks ago? A shortage that has never happened before in the country where supermarkets across the country suddenly ran out of baby formula which would have forced many mother's to breastfeed rather than use formula to feed their babies...

Yes, all this and more is coincidentally happening at the same time as <u>BIOMILQ</u> is <u>diligently preparing a solution by making artificial breastmilk available</u> within 3-5 years from now. How convenient, and what a foresight one investor in this start-up has. **Yes, Mr Gates is backing this company**.

#### From the article:

"Human milk" produced in a lab by a Bill Gates-backed company may be available in three to five years, cofounder Leila Strickland told CNN Business.

BIOMILQ is aiming to create human milk-producing cells in much the same way that some companies are producing lab-grown meat.

The North Carolina-based startup received a \$3.5 million investment from Breakthrough Energy Ventures, a fund started by Bill Gates, The Times reported in June 2020

Breakthrough Energy's board members include Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, and Virgin founder Richard Branson.

BIOMILQ's team is working on producing artificial human milk by using human breast tissue and milk donated by local women.

These donors then get a gift card for the department store Target in return.

Strickland (co-founder) said that the company is still between three and five years away from taking a product to market.

First, the company needs to grow cells at a larger scale and lower cost than they are currently doing.

BIOMILQ also needs to gain regulatory approval showing that the product is safe for infants.

Strickland was originally a cell biologist and came up with the idea after being inspired by lab-grown meat products.

She says that the artificial milk will provide a nutrient profile closer to that of human milk, compared to baby formula based on cow milk.

Breast feeding exclusively is recommended for the first six months after birth by the American Academy of Pediatrics, and then breast-feeding in combination with solid foods until the age of one.

Baby formula does not provide the same immunity-boosting elements of breast milk that only the human body can provide, according to the Mayo Clinic, which also said that breast milk is easier to digest.

Besides that, children in Wales have been told now to start eating 'Ze Bugs'.

But it is not all doom and gloom.

For one, more countries are breaking ranks and refusing to participate in the Global Pandemic Treaty, which, if implemented would give the WHO all power and deem

all sovereigns powerless in the way they want to handle any pandemic in the future that the WHO declares to be one, real or fake.

<u>Power-Grabbing WHO Pandemic Treaty HALTED by 47 African Countries, Brazil, China</u>, Russia, India, Malaysia, South Africa.

And, on the Covid front, this just in. <u>Doctors Suing Food And Drug Administration</u> Over Ivermectin

## 3. The Macro Picture By Kurt Corthout

Fear is rampant in all markets (except Gold and USD), especially since the latest US CPI inflation number which came in much higher than expected at more than 8%.

The overall (stock) market fear level though, has eased a bit from early June, where the indicator was still at 17 (the lower the number the higher the fear). The fear index for crypto is still at 12 (extreme fear level).

Markets have experienced a PAN-Sell Off, and some market participants now expect the FED to raise the FED fund rate with maybe even 0.75% during their next FED meeting.

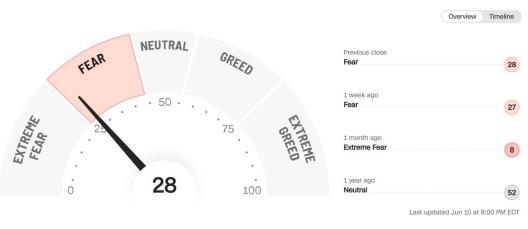
This fear will remain I think during the summer, and I speculate that before the summer is over, the tightening narrative of the FED will change towards a much more dovish stance since it is in their interest to issue debt and to 'buy it all'.

They still do need to find a reason though. One reason could be '*MonkeyPox*', I would not be surprised. Or China invading Taiwan. We shall see.

What we do see unfolding at the same time is a further attack on our individual rights and freedoms by now using the climate as a reason for people to be, and stay scared. While, at the same time, the 'animals are dirty and dangerous' for your health narrative continues in full swing.

## **Fear & Greed Index**

What emotion is driving the market now? Learn more about the index



Source: CNN



Source: Alternative

Meanwhile, the <u>Gregory Mannarino's Market Risk Indicator</u> has entered the HIGH RISK territory now.



The 10 Year Yield of the US Treasury has punched through the 3% mark (as expected). Money is flowing into the USD and out of the stock market. Also known as 'The Fear Trade'. This is creating a buying opportunity in my opinion, but, as I mentioned in our June newsletter earlier this month, not just yet. I quote 'First I think we will see some extra fear for reasons mentioned above (MonkeyPox fear phase is just getting started, new quarantines are already being installed to further destroy the markets and small and medium enterprises, creating more

despair and government dependence, so you'll take the New Technology like digital IDs, their CBDCs and whatever new form of vaccination (like the Pfizer pill with tracker).' What do we see now? Indeed, more MonkeyPox fear mongering, all according to plan and more lockdowns again in Shanghai where more than 2 million people have been locked down in their own houses, right after they just lifted covid restrictions.



The correction is happening now, so look out for some new buys over the next few weeks/months. Although, things can change on a dime these days, so do keep an eye out on the Stocks & Crypto Alert rooms on Element (paid subscribers only).

To summarize, let's have a look at where we think we are, as posted by our very own James in the Cryptocurrency room.



Personally, yes, that is where I think we are right now... one more dip to get people in the anger state, **ensuring the 95% of retail is throwing in the towel.** 

# 3. Stock Portfolio update By Kurt Corthout

What are we doing now?

Basically, we are reducing a bit of the exposure to Silver Mining companies and allocating the freed-up funds towards the energy sector, which recently saw some profit taking (Uranium, Oil and Gas, Coal related companies more specifically).

In USD terms, short term, I have become a bit more cautious on the price of Silver since technically the picture has changed a bit since we dropped below the 20.28 USD per ounce.

A further drop of more than 10% is not out of the question, and this could mean a drop of about 30% in silver mining stocks. I would change my mind if Silver would break above 22.5 USD though, but I think an 18 USD print is more likely in the short term.



We are **selling half of our China Coal Energy company** since we have a double, and we let the rest run. (Bringing the allocation back to 5%)

So, we are **selling half of our positions in Silver Mining stocks** bringing the weightings back to:

- 3% for Silver Wheaton (WPM)
- 2% for MAG silver Corp (MAG)
- 2% for Pan American Silver (PAAS)

And we are **selling half of our positions in Agriculture** to raise some cash and wait for the current drop to stall, then get back in later at better prices.

#### As mentioned in our VIP Stock Alert room on the 27th of June:

**K&S AG (XFRA:SDF1)** 5% Sell half of the position for a 48% profit (27th of June 2022) - 2.5 % goes to our cash Position, we remain 2.5% in the stock (previous weight was 5%)

GOLDEN AGRI-RESOURCES LTD (OTCM:GARPY) 5% Sell half of the position for breakeven (excluding trading costs) (27th of June 2022) - 2.5 % goes to our cash position, we remain 2.5% in the stock (previous weight was 5%)

CRESUD INC. (XBUE:CRESD1) 5% Sell half of the position with a 56% profit on the 27th of June 2022 - 2.5 % goes to our cash position, we remain 2.5% in the stock (previous weight was 5%)

THE MOSAIC COMPANY (XNYS:MOS) 5% Sell half of the position with a 12% loss on 27th of June 2022 - 2.5% goes to our cash position, we remain 2.5% in the stock (previous weight was 5%)

Nutrien Ltd. (XNYS:NTR) 5% Sell half of the position with a 7% loss on 27th of June 2022 - 2.5% goes to our cash position, we remain 2.5% in the stock (previous weight was 5%)

We add the cash (12.5%) to our USD cash position for now (which is 12.5% of 65% which is allocated to our stockportfolio)

## While we are buying:

Genco Shipping and Trading (GNK) for 2% - profiting from overall shipping correction

**Pacific Basin Shipping for 2%** - Dividend yield currently more than 15%

Lithium Americas Company (LAC) for 2% - Battery Metals ESG play

And adding 1 % towards Mongolian Mining Company - Coal, needed for all the crazy 'Green' goals of ESG, Build back Butter program as part of the Great Reset

# 4. Technical Analysis By Kurt Corthout



The picture remains bearish overall, although we could experience one more uptick in the price of BTC towards the 24,000 USD area. After that, maybe as early as the first week of July, we may see the downward movement take hold again, in order to **find a lower low somewhere between the 20,000 USD and 13,000 USD area**.

To continue dollar cost averaging in seems the most prudent way forward to me.

Also, first let BTC take off again, and once BTC is back in bull mode, buying our favourite Alts over a 2 week period has proven to be the smartest thing to do in previous cycles.

In the following weekly chart, you can see where I see the next weekly resistance and support areas.

24,100 USD area = Resistance

19,100 USD area = Intermediary Support

And finally, the 13,000 USD area.



If we compare to the previous downturn, in duration and extent, we could go as low as 12,467 USD by the end of October 2022 before we see the tide turn. This would be a similar 81% drop from its high, over 352-354 days.





Now, since we didn't have that blow off top from 2017 this time, since we didn't see the Alts taking off as much and as long as in 2017, the time frame of the descent and the deepness may well be less severe.

Therefore, I do not expect us to see BTC printing much below the 21,000 USD area. Unless, of course, we have more PAN selloffs for yet more unexpected events (like another worldwide lockdown for MonkeyPox which the powers that be, seem to have 'predicted' in November 2021 and seem to be rolling out).

My strategy in brief therefore is:

➤ Start Dollar Cost averaging in BTC until end of September 2022 which may or may not bring us to the worst case scenario of 12,467 USD. But, since we Dollar Cost Average in, we do not care about the absolute bottom in time and price, which is unpredictable. DCA-ing helps us to buy more units when the price is low, and less when the price is high, automatically allowing us to, on average buy most at the low end of the price drop. The only thing we do have to be right about is the following bull market, which we still expect to unfold before year-end.

#### Monero

As correctly read early June, the picture for Monero is looking stronger but we could still see some more weakness especially if BTC would take another dive. This is exactly what is happening right now.

A retest of the previous low is now gaining more conviction.

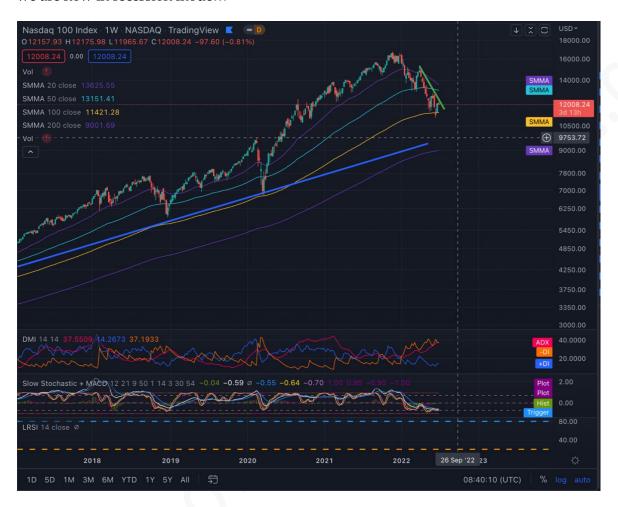
I see support at 120 USD (where we are right now at the time of writing) and 95 USD. The latter is still possible during a further BTC drop, so again, Dollar Cost Averaging in for the longer term seems to be the message here.



#### Nasdaq

No, change. The Nasdaq 100 Index has formed a sell signal and support may be as low as 9491 USD. So, we are staying bearish for now. We are currently at the 12,000 USD level which is a resistance level (see green line). If we would close above the 12,000 USD level, we might see a temporary bounce which may become a bull trap, as long as the *walk and talk* of the FED does not change (still hawkish and trying to crash asset prices to get the inflation number down). Eventually they will change their narrative, and then it is back to the races.

Note also though, that for both the Nasdaq and BTC we are touching the 100 week Moving Average (yellow line), which is as bad as during the Covid19 drop in March-April 2020. But, we are now in recession mode...



Those with hedges, I would keep them a bit longer out there. They should have rendered you some good returns so far.

# 5. The Reorg - Crypto Portfolio By James Allard

VIP subscribers will be aware that we are reorganising our cryptocurrency portfolios as we touched on this briefly in our mid-month newsletter. So, let me summarise:

We are dividing the crypto-space up into five sectors:

- Firstlayer
- Second-Layer
- Privacy
- NFTs
- Metaverse

Allocation for each sector is given, this maybe changeable as markets change – but for now here it is:

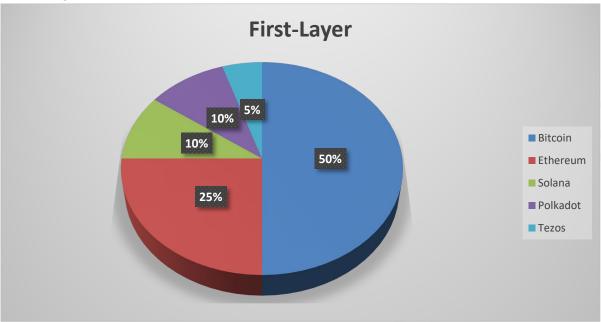


Each sector is then given its own allocation table, which again can be changeable in line with current market trends, project fundamentals and so on.

Right now, we are in a bear cycle of sorts, giving us a perfect opportunity to tweak our positions to perfection, ready for the next bull cycle.

For those sitting in cash waiting to jump in, just hold fire for now. Familiarise yourselves with the projects we include in our portfolio. To help with this, I will break down each of the assets over the next few weeks to help you understand 'why' we have chosen them.

## First-layer Portfolio



#### **Bitcoin**

While much of the cryptocurrency space now believes Bitcoin is an old and decrepit crypto that is doomed to lose its dominance in the space, I disagree. This sentiment is generally driven by a desire for their own preferred cryptocurrency of choice to prevail, it's a belief driven by greed and/or idealistic values that hold no rationale in the real-world.

Just because I hold the view that cryptocurrency transactions should have privacy built in, does not mean Monero is going to become the new crypto of choice. Or, just because Solana is cheap, fast and has great smart-contract functionality, does not mean it will replace Ethereum.

If you want cheap and fast transactions, we have second-layer solutions to provide that like the lightning network, which I discussed in the last mid-month newsletter.

Those who criticise bitcoin for its primitive and simplistic nature fail to understand that it is this 'primitive and simplistic' nature that has kept it king all this time. While thousands of other projects experiment with new technologies and functionalities, bitcoin continues to plod along slowly, carefully and without urgency. The crypto space needs the stability of Bitcoin in order for other projects to try out new things. Bitcoin is the backbone of the ntire cryptocurrency space (unpopular opinion for many, but if you disagree, I'd love to hear from you).

But it's more than this. There is also the infrastructure already firmly in place that promotes bitcoin as king. BTC is the most common base asset for any trading pair on any cryptocurrency exchange. BTC has been accepted in the mainstream financial space with

future markets, options and perpetual swaps. And while these things are all what we were trying to get away from when Bitcoin grabbed our attention in the first place – it is what it is and the facts care little for our ideologies.

One common issue raised about Bitcoin, is its power intensive mining infrastructure. However, this is a non-issue really when you consider how much energy the traditional banking system uses when you account for all the employees all over the world travelling each day to work, all the office buildings and infrastructure it requires to run. But also in the case of bitcoin, the market will naturally race towards the most efficient forms of power available, innovating new renewable energy sources as they go. Also, most who truly understand the benefits of sound money, consider the energy consumption a fair trade-off.

Now we shall take a brief look at some bitcoin technical data:

# \$1000

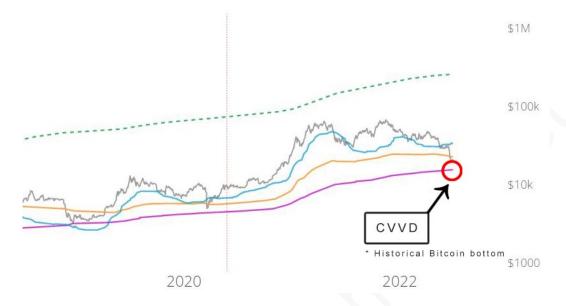
#### Bitcoin Price Models

In reference to the above chart, if you take a look a the bottom pinky/purple line, this is the Cumulative Value Days Destroyed (CVDD) which has historically picked the bottom of the market.

#### What is CVDD?

When coins pass from old investor to new investor, the transaction carries a USD value and also destroys an amount of HODL time by the previous holder. CVDD is the cumulative sum of this value-time destruction as a ratio to the age of the market and divided by 6 million as a calibration factor.

Based on historical bottoms (which isn't a certainty for the future, but indicates probabilities), the lowest bottom would be around \$15k in this cycle, if indeed we get a bottom in the next few weeks.

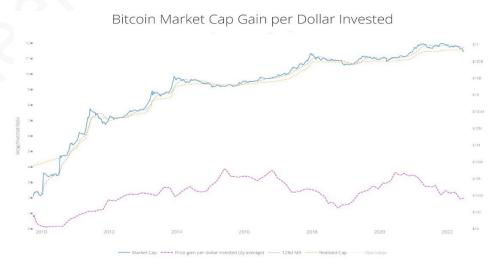


BUT, we should also note that the historical TOP was not met in this bull run. The dashed green line, called the TOP CAP is the Average cap multiplied by 35. This has historically called the top. The last bull missed the top cap by more than 40%.

With this in mind we should be prepared for an unusual play out at the bottom.

An automatic reaction is to think maybe the bottom will be less destructive than previous, because the TOP was less spectacular than is the norm - however, this assumes the TOP was missed because of it being cut short, rather than a real change in the dynamics of the crypto space and the greater economic climate.

Another interesting chart to look at is the **gain per dollar invested into bitcoin** (2 year average).

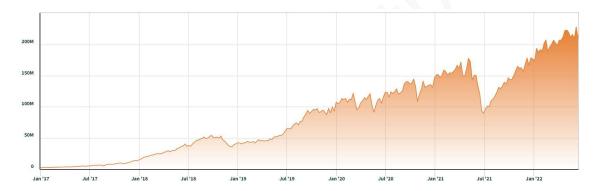


What this tells us is that in the past ten years, if you had invested at any point in the history of bitcoin, the worst return you would get over a two-year period was just 25%, and the best return you would have got was 385%. These kinds of returns are hard to find in just about any other asset. While I'd expect the gain per dollar average to decline over time as we move forward, I would expect this to remain a positive return for at least another decade.

I'd also just like to quickly recap on the bitcoin hash-rate, again I covered this in our midmonth newsletter for our VIP subscribers, so for you guys, apologies for the reiteration:

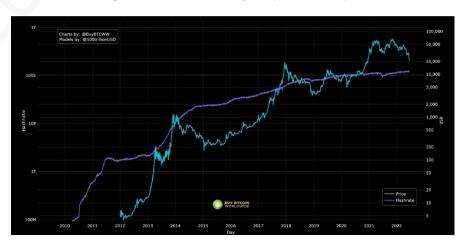
Price discovery in the markets is important, but it is also cyclic and driven by emotion, particularly in the short term. To get a better understanding of how price discovery may behave one year, five years and even ten years from now it may be better to take a look at Bitcoin at a protocol level.

So, let us take a look at the Bitcoin Hash Rate.



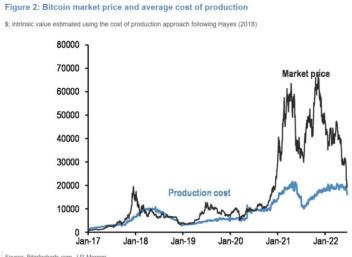
As you can see the Bitcoin hash rate has continued to grow steadily over the past few years with little sign of relief. Just a couple weeks ago on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 we saw the hash rate hit an all-time high of 231 EH/s, at the same time Bitcoin price began to plunge below \$25k.

Hash rate has little to no correlation to bitcoin price in the short term, it does however give us an idea of miner sentiment of the network looking forward. Just to show you how uncorrelated these two datapoints are, here is a pretty chart for you:

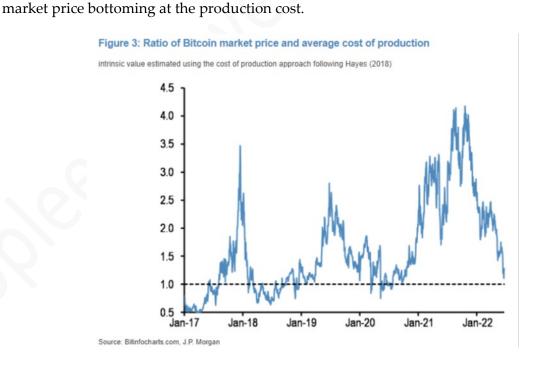


The only correlation here, is that over time, they both go up.

It is also worth noting that the cost of production for a single bitcoin has just dropped by about 20% in the past few weeks as old mining technology gets switched off and new, more efficient rigs get turned on. For most of 2022 the cost of mining a single Bitcoin has hovered around the \$20k area. This has dropped in the past few weeks to \$15k, allowing miners to continue to sell Bitcoin as a profit.



You would be right in assuming that the production cost of mining a single Bitcoin typically guards the floor market price for bitcoin. In the past this has been true at least, with the



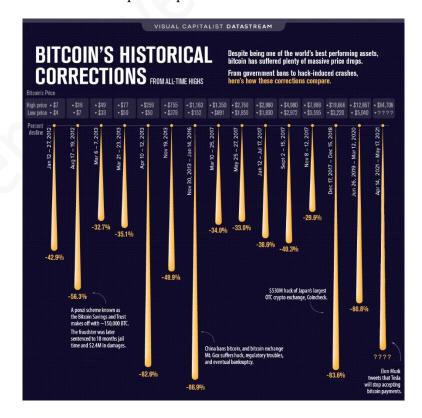
We should also bear in mind that the next Bitcoin rewards halving is less than two years away. Production costs will double once more as mining rewards get cut in half to 3.125BTC

per block. While much of the media is in panic mode over the mining situation hitting breaking point, as market price pulls down ever closer to cost of production, I believe the network is as healthy as its ever been. These cycles ensure the mining infrastructure stays as efficient as possible, culling those that over-leveraged themselves in the bull market and forcing older and less efficient tech-miners to switch off

Finally, let us take a look at how this correction from bitcoins ATH compares with historical corrections.



As you can see from the chart above, the value of bitcoin is currently down 70% from its all-time high. So, how does this compare to previous corrections?



Based on historical corrections from all-time highs, we may not be that far off the bottom. The largest ever correction ever, was 86.9%, if we were to repeat this again now, bitcoins bottom would be at \$9000.

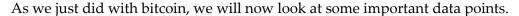
With this in mind, DCA-ing into bitcoin right now would be a good strategy. Indeed, we may go lower, possibly as low as \$13k, but if your time preference is greater than a year for investing, than the risk to buy here is extremely low.

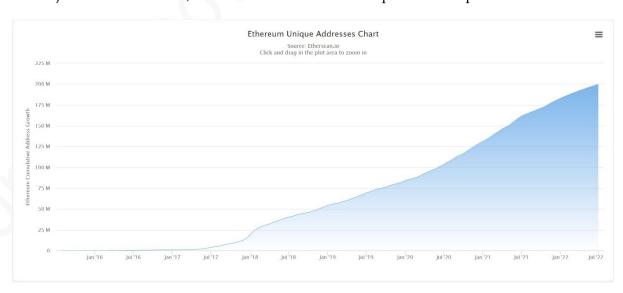
We have allocated 50% to bitcoin in the First-Layer sector of the crypto-space, and we may increase this over the next few weeks depending on where and when the bottom looks to be (if it's not already).

#### Ethereum

Next up, Ethereum. Again, this often comes as a surprise too many. Just as Bitcoin was the first mover in the entire cryptocurrency space, Ethereum was the first mover in the smart contract space. As with bitcoin, Ethereum suffers from many of the same criticisms, such as high fees and slow transaction speeds. But, it doesn't matter. Ethereum has a large dev base, it has a long and complex development roadmap. It has thousands upon thousands of applications already developed on it and it is road tested for vulnerabilities. Not to mention the multitude of second-layer solutions built on Ethereum to circumvent the throughput issues, i.e Polygon, Binance ect.

I'm not quite as convinced as I am with Bitcoin that Ethereum will remain top dog long-term, but I don't see it going anywhere anytime soon.





The number of unique Ethereum addresses continues to grow steadily. Within the next 24 hours from writing this the number of active addresses will exceed 200 million. Which, put

into perspective, isn't actually that many. Baring in mind that most people have more than one wallet, and some have hundreds of wallets. To say Ethereum has already gone mainstream is a little naïve. It is also worth noting that there are only 40 million bitcoin wallets holding bitcoin.

These numbers are insignificant and really should reinforce this notion that 'we are still early adopters'.



If we take a look at the price charts, we can see that Ethereum has already corrected from it's all-time high by 77%. This is Ethereum's upper support, which will quickly become resistance if the level is broken. Ethereum's previous correction following the 2018 bull run saw a 93% drop, if repeated, this would take Ethereum down to the median support level of around \$700.

This, in my opinion, is the most likely floor price for Ethereum. But, if it is broken, it's a quick free-fall to the \$450 area.

There isn't anything particularly exciting to reveal about Ethereum, it works, it's the first mover in smart contracts, it has been widely accepted as a dominant cryptocurrency by financial institutions and mainstream financial analysts. Until I see reason to believe that its throne in the space of smart-contract platforms is threatened, it will remain the second largest allocation in the first-layer sector at 25%.

In the next newsletter (mid-month mailing) we will take a look at Solana, Tezos and Polkadot.

# 6. A Walk in the Metaverse By James Allard

We are back for another leisurely stroll through the metaverse. So, what's occurring?

HTC builds a "Metaverse" smartphone with NFTs – In reality they haven't. What HTC have actually done is produce yet another disappointing and rather generic android based smart-phone and tried to make it seem more appealing by associating the latest *buzzword* to it. The new HTC Desire 22 is just another terrible smartphone from the almost defunct HTC. There is nothing metaverse about it, other than the fact it comes pre-installed with an NFT app and some widely available android software called viverse.

<u>Samsung uses Discord to build out its Metaverse</u> – Samsung is actively trying to figure out exactly what people want. They are gently playing with every aspect of the space, from their times-square replica store in Decentraland, to live events in Roblox. In the past few weeks, they have created their own discord server to try and connect to the most likely first movers in this space (geeky nerds living in their mothers' basement). In just a few days, the new Samsung server has gained over 200k users. The purpose of the server is to get feedback and allow for open-discussion on exactly what people's expectations and desires are for the metaverse.

Samsung over the years have proven themselves as masters of social research, taking their smart-phone products to the top to compete with Apple. We would be wise to keep an eye on just where they go with this down the road.

Mark Zuckerberg envisions a billion people in the metaverse – 'CEO Mark Zuckerberg told CNBC's Jim Cramer on Wednesday that the metaverse could be a considerable part of the social network operator's business in the second half of the decade.' – Zuckerberg is still banging on about his metaverse dreams for META. Will they pull it off as the first mover into the mainstream metaverse? Maybe, though, they may want to try and fix the ever-buggy Facebook first. Facebook is going to be the potential client base for META, however in recent years the entire platform has become a mess of bugs and poor design. While the platform still boasts publicly that it has over 3 billion users, just how many of these users are still engaged in the platform?

## **Render Token - Processing the Metaverse**

It's all very well to have this vision of virtual worlds where we can all interact in real-time in a virtual reality, but good luck to most trying to get their low-end PCs to generate these worlds quickly and smoothly. Have you ever tried playing Decentraland on a low-end laptop using an integrated graphics card? It's not fun, it's a glitchy mess and more often than not results in your browser crashing.

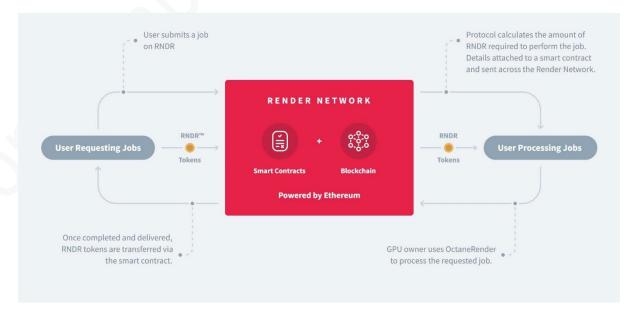
So, we can either wait for everyone to get better technology, or we could leverage excess GPU rendering power using blockchain. This is exactly what <u>Render Token</u> is attempting to do. For anyone that followed Richard Heart before he got side-tracked with his HEX token, they may remember that the project he was initially going to develop was exactly this. But he failed to deliver. Now it seems Render Token has taken the reigns.

#### So, how will this work?

I'll let the Render team explain this for you:

The Render Network is designed to connect users looking to perform render jobs with people who have idle GPUs to process the renders. Owners would connect their GPUs to the Render Network in order to receive and complete rendering jobs using OctaneRender. Users would send RNDR to the individual performing the render work and OTOY would receive a small percentage of RNDR for facilitating the transaction and running the Render Network.

Once they've registered their idle GPUs on the Render Network, these GPU owners become "Node Operators" and are able to earn RNDR Tokens. They do this by accepting jobs from users in need of rendering work, known as "Creators", who send their files to the Render Network, where they are assigned to Operators. Render receives a small percentage of the RNDR paid out in order to maintain the network and facilitate the transaction.



Essentially, people get paid in tokens to render others' 3D models, holograms, VR scenes, etc. You essentially have unlimited computing power at your disposal with the combination of tens of millions of gaming graphics cards in the world.

The metaverse cannot work without GPU power, and a lot of it. With entire universes to render, there will be no shortage of demand for processing power, and Render may just be able to offer a solution.

#### But it's more than that...

There is also something very significant about the Render Token. It allows anyone to monetize their processing power to a good use. The decentralization and redistribution of resources is game-changer for society. It creates a fair market for everyone. In time, I would hope to see similar projects trying to handle excess data storage, power production, food production, land.

If we could redistribute all unused and excesses each of us has in our lives to those that need it, while being rewarded – well, I'm sure I don't need to tell you how significant this could be.

The Render Token has already done pretty well since it's launch and currently is ranked at #152 on coinmarketcap.com, however its room for growth is potentially huge.

As we recalibrate our metaverse portfolio over the following few weeks, this one is a sure contender to be on the list.

## Other things to watch out for....

The Render token was the only project I thought desired some special attention, everything else is just speculation. But some speculative projects do at least look better than others. For example, here are just a few to look out for:

<u>Wilder World</u> - The project – which describes itself as a "5D Metaverse built on Ethereum", allows users to buy and build a variety of customized in-game items. This includes everything from land, condos, statues, and more. All of which will be represented by tradable NFTs. Nice website, nice promotion video, lots of NFTs and staking options and a relatively low-cap native ERC-20 token to boot called <u>WILD</u>.

<u>Voxies</u> - Voxie Tactics is a free-to-play, 3D turn-based tactical RPG game designed in a retro style. The developers of this virtual universe took inspiration from the classic tactical games of the 1990s and 2000s, but with modern game mechanics and updates in mind. The game

offers two main playing modes, called Exploration and Battling, which incorporate game mechanics inherent in RPG games.

Voxies in-game mechanics (market, gear crafting, PvP battles) is the main driving force behind the demand for VOXEL tokens. I often think these less than visually stunning games get a little forgotten and thus are underestimated for their potential, just look to Among Us if you want to see just how well a graphically primitive game can do. Gameplay is everything, visuals are just a bonus, and, in many cases, over ambitious visuals can destroy perfectly good gameplay.

Moving on....

<u>Somnium Space</u> - A virtual reality game that is hosted on the Ethereum & Solana blockchain. One aspect of this Metaverse that will help adoption is that you can stick to the standard less-intensive 2D mode or upgrade your experience to be more immersive 3D mode, thanks to VR technology; you can do this from either a desktop or your mobile device.

The project is working hard to capture an engaged community through the usual giveaways, special events as well as placing a large part of the decision making into the hands of its users. Somnium Space has also teamed up with Sony to help users develop their own unique avatars using Sony's 3D model creation technologies.

Somnium Space is currently ranked at #593 on coinmarketcap.

#### That's all folks......

That'll be it for this edition of 'A Walk in the Metaverse', while it's a little quiet here right now, I expect our future strolls through these virtual worlds to get more interesting as time goes on. Rest assured, this is early days!

# 7. What is Web3? - By James Allard

There is never a shortage of buzzwords in the world of cryptocurrency and the greater tech-space. Every new emerging start-up wants to use them, they build their whole god-damn advertising campaigns around them. In the earlier days it was 'Blockchain', every business wanted to somehow use the term in their business, regardless of whether or not it had any relevance to their business. In fact, companies saw their share price double, just by integrating the term into their name. An example of this was back in 2017 when the Farmingdale, New York-based beverage maker Long Island Iced Tea changed their name to "Long Blockchain Corp." and subsequently saw their share price jump by 200%.

Well, the world has moved on, 'blockchain is so 2017!'. The latest term to be thrown around is WEB3. Now, you maybe wondering what happened to WEB2, did we miss something?

Not really, you are using WEB2, we have been for years. Early internet adopters experienced WEB1, which was the simple set-up of static websites. Basic HTML pages, advertising their wares and services, listing directories of other websites and rambling blogs on alien abductions and time travel. I have referred to WEB1 in the past as Layer-1 internet.

Then came WEB2. Second-layer platforms like Google, eBay, Facebook and YouTube began to create autonomous gateways to other parts of the internet. Websites began interacting with each other, utilising functions and commands from a whole host of other platforms. Suddenly the internet was more than a just a place to advertise your business, it was the central hub of your business.

#### Welcome to WEB3

WEB3 goes one step further. WEB3 decentralizes the internet using blockchain technologies, effectively placing the control of data back into the hands of the users.

The vision for this new, blockchain-based web includes cryptocurrencies, NFTs, DAOs, decentralized finance, and much more. It offers a read/write/own version of the web, in which users have a financial stake in and more control over the web communities they belong to.

In a nutshell, here are the main features of WEB3:

- Verifiable
- Trustless
- Self-governing
- Permissionless
- Distributed and robust

- Stateful
- Native built-in payments

These features all combined together give the user full custody of their data and privacy. It removes the fat-cat middle-men from scraping profits from online interactions. Ultimately, it offers a fairer and freer internet where the free market can thrive.

WEB3 applications typically run on blockchains, decentralized networks of many peer-topeer nodes/servers. These applications are often referred to as dapps (decentralized apps). For anyone in the cryptocurrency space, the term dapps will surely be very familiar to you.

## WEB3 is a bank in your pocket

Traditional finance relies on custodians to store and handle your wealth. These custodians effectively own your wealth, but a promise has been made to return the funds when requested, although they are not by law required to do so. These custodians are also required by law to reveal the balance and transactions of your wealth to the state. The state has the power to freeze and remove your funds from the custodian at any time, should they choose to do so.

WEB3 removes this issue by giving everyone the ability to store and transact their wealth personally. No government or legal body can stop you from investing your wealth into a new and exciting project; if you want to send \$500k to a business partner in Libya, go ahead; if you want to short the market with your life's savings (not recommended), go ahead; if you want to create a new economy of your own and allow anyone with a smartphone to transact with it, no problem!

WEB3 allows start-ups to raise money in minutes, without the hundreds of hurdles and dead-ends the traditional financial system has to throw at you.

When we think of current WEB3 based systems that already exist beyond cryptocurrency itself, think Decentralized Exchanges (DEX), think DeFi platforms like Aave, PancakeSwap and Compound where users can provide liquidity to exchanges in return for a cut of transaction fees.

**Finance is being revolutionised** and there isn't a great deal the legacy financial system can do about it, other than look on in horror and try and smile sweetly. Which they are, banning it was never going to work, they know this – which is why they are pretending to embrace it, while regulating it. However, their regulation requires one thing to remain constant, without this constant their regulation holds no power. This constant is that state economies remain the dominant transaction currency.

Policing WEB3 finance can only be done via on-ramps and off-ramps to-and-fro from the state fiat system. Policing within decentralized finance is futile if the funds remain inside this brave new world of finance.

## **Decentralized Autonomous Organizations**

Traditionally setting up an organization, delegating stake to each share-holder and managing the daily structure and decision making within an organization would require solicitors and accountants, as well as continual reporting to your government. All of this combined creates friction, inefficiency and loss of profits.

WEB3 fixes this with decentralized autonomous organization (DAO). Anyone can create a new organization, allocate shareholders and their stake in the business within minutes at almost zero costs.

Stakeholders can sell their shares in the business to anyone, anywhere. These DAOs are not subject to human corruption, unless the DAO code itself had corruption built in, but code is law in WEB3 and if one is to participate without verifying the code first, then the fault is with them. DAOs give voting rights to all shareholders of the DAO based on their stake in the organization, only when the coded consensus limit has been met can proposals move forward.

Alongside cryptocurrency and DeFi, DAOs are the final nail in the coffin for traditional systems. While DAOs have been around for some time, only now are we beginning to see them utilized as they were designed.

If you're interested in DAOs and how they work, please reach out to me on <u>Element</u> about the <u>DecentMinds project I'm working on</u>, I'll even send you over some shares in the DecentMinds DAO.

#### **Decentralized Domains**

Before you can appreciate the significance of decentralized domains, you really need to understand how the Dynamic Name Service (DNS) works for web domains. I'll try and keep this as simple as possible.

The Internet is a giant network of computers connected to each other through a global network of cables.

To identify them, each computer is assigned an IP address. This is a series of numbers that identify a particular computer on the internet. A typical IP address looks like this:

159.223.66.239

Not exactly memorable, is it?

So, to make these interconnected computers locations more memorable, domains were created. Domain Name Systems (DNS) were born.

How this works isn't as complicated as you might think. When you enter a domain into your browser, such as <u>peopleempowermentproject.com</u> the first thing your browser does is connect to a DNS.

The DNS holds a directory of all domain names and which IP address they should be directed too.

So, in the case of our website:

- 1. The user enters peopleempowermentproject.com
- 2. Browser sends a request to DNS asking where <u>peopleempowermentproject.com</u> points too.
- 3. DNS searches its directory, finds the forwarding IP address, which in this case is 159.223.66.239 and returns it to the user's browser.
- 4. The browser now heads over to the IP address and the website is displayed.

That is basically it. The problem with this is it relies once again on third-parties. You can never truly own a domain name through this system of allocation, you can only rent them. When you buy a domain, you are simply renting the directory entry on the DNS for a year or two.

'Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)' is the central authority that takes care of this entire architecture and overall system.

The three causes of concern for the traditional domain system are:

- Censorship: ICANN has the authority to take down any domain name it feels
  inappropriate. While this can be really handy to curb the spread of misinformation,
  there is a definite downside of giving this power to a single authority. They can
  succumb to pressure and lead to the spread of propaganda.
- **Permanent Ownership:** You are not the real owner of your domain name. You are merely renting it out for a limited period. Therefore, the ownership of your domain remains a cause of concern.
- Fraud/Single Point of Failure: Centralization always comes with a risk of a single
  point of failure. ICANN is no different. It also has a risk of being hacked or
  defrauded. In such a case, millions of users who are trusting this centralized
  authority will be impacted.

Well, guess what WEB3 has already resolved this issue. Companies like <u>Unstoppable</u> <u>Domains</u> have create a new system that stores Domain redirection data on NFTs. In order for this to work requires browsers to support them, but already most major browsers have already added support for NFT based domains.

#### So, how do NFT domains work?

It is quite simple really. In the same way our browsers ask DNS servers what IP address a domain name points, the browser will now check the Ethereum blockchain instead.

When you buy an NFT domain, it is yours for life. You can sell it if you wish, you can deliver whatever content you wish via the domain. If you own your private keys, you are the true custodian of your domain.

So, for example when we request to go to <u>peopleempowermentproject.dao</u>, a browser that supports NFT domains will check the Ethereum blockchain to see where it should head too.

In the case of this domain, it will simply get redirected to our traditional domain using the legacy system, however, in the future we can also host our website on decentralized servers, accessed by a decentralized domain offering services paid for using decentralized currencies and paying our employees using same decentralized currencies, while maintaining our organisation structure using a DAO. This would be an entirely unstoppable business infrastructure.

#### Decentralised Irrefutable Ownership of Digital Goods

Or should I say, NFTs. Ownership of digital goods like we just talked about with domains, can be applied to everything in the digital space, and to a certain extend the physical world around us.

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) are just strings of data held on the blockchain. These pieces of data can only be changed or transacted with, by the wallet holder (private key holder).

The biggest fad right now for NFTs has been digital art, mostly gimmicky rubbish of hash smoking monkeys and such-like. But while these fads will likely pass as quickly as they came, the concept of digital art being held on the blockchain via an NFT does hold some merit. Just as a traditional art fanatic will prefer to hold the original artwork from their preferred artist, often costing more than millions of dollars, while a perfectly indistinguishable replica of the same piece can be bought for under a hundred dollars; a digital art fanatic will pay he premium for original artwork released by the artist as an NFT.

Collectibles have always been part of popular culture, a man will pay insane amounts for an original vinyl release from their favourite artist of days gone by, while the same song can be

downloaded for free online. Collectibles come with bragging status. It doesn't matter if you think its ridiculous, people do it and they do it a lot.

But while digital artwork is a worthy use-case for NFTs, it can go much further than that. Subscriptions and memberships to products and services can be stored using NFTs. For example, we could move our subscription packages over to NFTs. In doing so our customers would be able to sell their subscription to another user if they no longer want it. They can remain entirely anonymous, while still retaining the same privileges given using the existing centralized system.

But such a system would also benefit cross-platform benefits. So maybe the People Empowerment Project team up with another platform who offer help and advice on urban gardening (this is a hypothetical example). Subscribers would be able to sign in on the other platform using their PEP NFT. At the backend little work is required, no data sharing of personal information would be required between platforms. Its seamless and efficient.

But also, maybe 5 years from now we decide to give everyone who has ever subscribed to our services a free additional service, regardless of whether they are still subscribed – or, maybe we want to hold a conference where all PEP NFT holders are invited. All the hardwork of managing such things would be done, a simple signing using your wallet address holding the NFT would confirm your access.

These are just a couple of examples of how NFTs can be used, but let your imagination go wild, the possibilities are endless.

## Meanwhile, Jack Dorsey is building WEB5?

Whereas Web3 incorporates blockchain technology and tokenization to decentralize the internet, Web5 is being envisioned as an identity-based system that only utilizes one blockchain, you guessed it, Bitcoin.

Basically, Dorsey is just trying to sell a new platform by superseding WEB3 with WEB5, but actually there is nothing new. Dorsey's WEB5 is still WEB3.

Web5 is essentially a decentralized web platform, or DWP, that allows developers to create decentralized web apps via DIDs and decentralized nodes, according to TBD's prototype documents. Web5 will also have a monetary network centered around BTC, which mirrors Dorsey's belief that the digital asset will one day become the internet's native currency.

Great project, but by definition it's still Web3 – sorry Jack.

# 8. The Identity Trap By James Allard

When someone asks me 'Who is James Allard?', what should I say? The most common response to this for many might be 'I am a Devon born male from the UK. 43 years old, one failed marriage, one volatile rebound relationship shortly after and now happily married. Father of seven children. Worked in electrical, mechanical and software engineering within the manufacturing industry for two decades, early bitcoin adopter and crypto enthusiast.'

Descriptive, yes, is it me? errrm, no. The above is simply a statement on past facts and events about my circumstances and interests, but in no way does it tell you anything about me. It also doesn't tell me anything about myself.

Now, another answer that maybe given is, 'I am a socially anxious 43 year old white heterosexual male'. Again, true, but has no relationship to 'who I am'.

When we give ourselves labels, we create boundaries around our reality. If you consider yourself, 'a nervous person', you will most likely always remain 'a nervous person'.

The society we live in is full of labels to hand out to anyone that's willing to accept them and thus give them power. Children are given labels by their parents, teachers and peers. They are told they are lazy, a bit slow, clumsy, quiet, hyperactive, ADHD, dyslexic, shy, ugly, fat. We live in a world desperate to label everyone else as *something*, often with good intentions, but unfortunately for the most part, this label, this supplied identity that you never asked for, does little more than perpetuate the reasons behind why such a label was offered to you.

We are all unique and powerful miracles of life with limitless potential, all of us. Not a single one of us can be accurately categorized, for the self has infinite possibilities.

We've seen this problem of the identity trap growing even more so in recent years with the rise of 'wokeness'. Applauding those that take on the labels of being a 'transgender female or a 'black American', but the label is a deception, with it comes a disconnect from ones inherent uniqueness. Suddenly, you are not infinite power, you are not the superhero you can be and should be, but simply a black American, a statistic no more. Skin colour does not define you, nor does gender or sexual orientation.

These labels hinder us, they give us a limited expectation of what we are capable of.

The truth is, we can be whatever we want to be, anytime we want. Many feel as though they must be who they've always been in order to be honest with themselves and everyone else. But this is an unproductive thought pattern. Unless we can feel comfortable to change ourselves at any moment, we cannot be the very best we can be for any and every given

situation. Life is full of multiple roles, and each of these requires a different set of skills and emotional states in order to be the very best you can be.

We must throw away these notions of 'I am this' and 'I am that', and begin to think of what we are in terms of infinite possibility. So, let me rephrase my answer to the initial question in the opening of this article.

'Who is James Allard?'

'I am determined and powerful, my capabilities are forever evolving and infinite. I strive to wake a better and wiser person tomorrow, than I was today.'

Don't get trapped by an identity. These labels will eat away at you until you are little more than the label. Labels demand conformity in the individual, conformity to the label itself.

'I am an anxious person, therefore I am'. – The Identity Trap

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His passion for the financial markets kept him studying the financial markets to position himself and the people he trains on the right side of the trade, no matter which economic cycle we find ourselves in.



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As an entrepreneur he is focused on helping clients improve their delivery performance to reach their goals by delivering tailored, predictable and reliable solutions, currently mainly through his Mauritian company <a href="www.flip-management.com">www.flip-management.com</a> after moving out of Belgium 4 years ago where he successfully ran his company 1-2 Solve.

He holds a Master of Science (Techno MBA) at Hasselt University, former 'Limburgs Universitair Centrum – LUC' (Belgium) where he graduated with his paper 'Technical Analysis or Buy and Hold? A study on the Brussels Stock Exchange'. After his first investments in Bitcoin in Q4 2017 he decided to study at MIT Sloan Executive Education where he successfully completed the online Program 'MIT Sloan Blockchain Technologies: Business Innovation and Application'.

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## **James Allard**

James was programming and building PC's by the age of 12, for James computers were far easier to understand than people, the logic was calming. Once he recovered from the trials and tribulations of being a teenager, he studied engineering and C++/JAVA. For the next 10 years, James' work was primarily in the automation industry, repairing, servicing and developing automated systems in the automotive and aerospace sectors.



In his mid 20's James became increasingly aware of the highly corrupt World around him. The further he looked for answers, the more he realised much of what we were being led to believe about our history, about war and about our health were built around the agendas of others, rather than facts.

In 2012, James launched a website to begin sharing much of what he was discovering about the World. It was initially a place to let of some steam, a place where he could rant without personal judgement. For a time he teamed up with an old school friend, who was on the same wavelength as himself and over the next few years the website evolved into what it is today – ove.news.

This website is still active, and receives millions of visitors every month.

Around the same time as oye.news came to fruition, so did James' discovery of Bitcoin. It was Max Keiser who first brought this fascinating new technology to his attention. Within an hour of hearing of Bitcoin, James had purchased his first Bitcoin for around \$20. Within a month James had acquired some processing power to begin mining the asset and within a year this mining rig had grown to fill his entire back room of the house where he was living.

For several years, James mined Bitcoin and also many of the new cryptocurrencies that were popping up. Cryptocurrency was more than just a great investment, in fact, this aspect was not what excited James about Bitcoin at all, it was what it represented and its potential to disrupt the central banking cartel.

James now lives on the road with his wife and family, dedicating his time to exposing corruption and, more importantly, helping humanity to survive & prosper and bring light to what can sometimes feel like an ever darkening world.

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