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Our Vision

Our mission is to help as many people as possible find meaning, purpose and the spirit to live an empowered and inspired life.

We believe that with the right knowledge and direction anyone can find the peace and freedom they so desire.

Through unconditioning and empowering practices, and with the knowledge we provide everyone can flourish in freedom and liberty and join us to help build together the World we want to be living in, creating heaven on Earth by taking back our responsibility and our God given freedom. We must be the change we want to see.

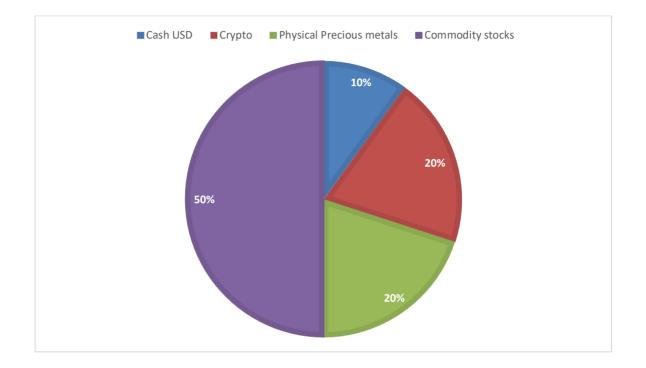
Power to the people!

Unfortunately for some, but fortunately for us (members and subscribers), we realise that *with great power comes with great responsibility* (the ability to act adequately to what is, not what was or what should be) and our voluntary acceptance of accountability for our actions and their results always be in sync with our principles.

In this project we share with you what we have learned so far as a financial professional, an employee, an entrepreneur and a free human being. We hope to be an inspiration and contributor to your own path of meaning and truth, and that some of our insights serve you well.

To freedom and prosperity!

1. Portfolio allocations By Kurt Corthout



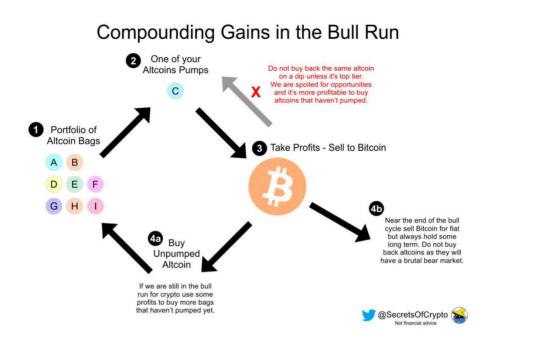
We allocated 10% of our previous cash position towards Crypto because of the recent bullish move in crypto, indicating we may well see further strength in the crypto space into year-end.

We keep 50% in commodity and high value stocks (those with strong earnings prospects and a good dividend)

We keep 20% in physical precious metals as a hedge towards a potential meltdown after this melt up in the overall stock markets (especially tech...)

The plan with regards to portfolio asset allocation is to go from risk-on assets (like tech stocks and other stocks that actually do not grow by adding value) towards more risk-off assets like commodity stocks (including energy and precious metals stocks). Most of the time we can just call value stocks, commodity stocks for now, since most of the value can be found in the commodities sector (with some exceptions like Banking, Shipping). Since the risk is in the overall legacy monetary system, we also regard the crypto asset class as risk-off assets since it resides outside of the current fractional reserve monetary banking system.

We agree with regards to crypto to play this market as depicted on the picture below from <u>@SecretsOfCrypto</u>



2. Crypto Technical Analysis by Kurt Corthout

As communicated on our Signal channel, I was expecting a drop in Bitcoin and the majority of coins since 18 September 2021 and earlier in August where I was thinking of all the potential risks coming up into the Autumn in the Northern hemisphere.

To summarize the risks I saw, and still see:

- Seasonal weakness in the overall markets historically into Sept-Oct
- More regulations and taxation risks
- An attack on everything non centralized by desperate governments trying to defend their masters (central banks and the Davos Elite's agenda 2030). Read more <u>here on the UN's</u> website
- Liquidity risks of some exchanges and the risk of exchanges being prevented from continuing their service if deemed not compliant with new regulations (AML/KYC...)
- Schemes and Frauds more rampant (like the recent story Opensea.io where the founder was frontrunning and pumping NFTs he bought...)
- The technical weakly chart showing sell signals as shown below
- A potential real or staged major cyber attack
- Digital Rock NFT picture sold for more than 1.3 millions USD (<u>https://cryptoslate.com/single-etherrock-sells-for-over-1-3-million-as-nft-mania-continues/</u>) indicating me that we have entered the mania-phase.

- China declaring to make all virtual currency transactions illegal, which you can read about <u>here</u>
- The issuance of CBDC's (Central Bank Digital Currencies), and how they will attempt to do everything to avoid free markets with free people, property and privacy to compete...
- And now we can add the risk of Governments locking up people again in their own homes because of BS Variants like Delta, Himalaya... you name it... All by design, as can be read <u>here</u> And a good article with the link to the above same document can be found here: <u>https://principia-scientific.com/2010-rockefellers-operation-lockstep-predicted-2020lockdown/</u>

Technical Analysis for BTC



As we saw in last month's issue, the weekly for BTC turned bullish as of the 5th of October.

The year-end rally may have already started, which could bring BTC above 100.000 USD before this year is over (providing no Cyber Attack, new lockdowns, climate lockdowns etc...)

That said, in the short term we may well see BTC falling back towards the 52.000 USD area, or in the worst-case scenario to somewhere around 32.000 USD area over the next couple of weeks in the former, months in case of the latter scenario.



Currently, as of today's writing though, I

am more convinced that the direction may be upwards until somewhere near mid- or end-November, followed by a bigger correction from around the +70.000 USD level, all the way back towards the 52.000 USD area, only to then kick of again into year-end and maybe all the way to February – March 2022. So an extended bull run, with targets between 100-120 K USD before this run is over.

The trick now I think is to stay invested, but to keep ammo on the side. Hence our cash position in our model portfolio.

As communicated in our private membership chat group, I have been reducing my short-term exposure quite drastically (but I am much more exposed than the above mentioned "Model portfolio") and have re-allocated some of the funds towards value stocks.



Another option I see as *quite safe*, is to park in RUB cash and/or in physical precious metals (or PAXG on the BlockFi, earning a bit of interest in the meantime).

At the same time, I do expect more supply chain disruptions created by the wrong measures of most governments worldwide to tackle the so called 'pandemic', which as we all know by now is not more dangerous than a moderate flu, with a 99.8% survival rate...

Governments have been blindly following other unelected institutions who are suppressing any other opinion as fake news, regardless of the scientific validity, making more and more people scared by the 'cases' they publish.

Remember a case means a positive test via a PCR test, which, should never be used as a diagnostic test and does not indicate that a person is sick at all (at least according to Nobel Laureate and inventor of the test, the late Kary Mulis.

For a more in-depth insight on the misuse of these tests, have a look <u>here</u>, where <u>Dr Sam Bailey</u> does a brilliant job in explaining what the truth is about the Covid 19 PCR Tests

I am afraid for now, they will keep on ignoring this factual science (as well as ignoring the factual data about the disease compared to what the prediction models of the Imperial College of London made us believe), and they may well lockdown people worldwide again, beginning with the Northern Hemisphere (where fall starts soon).

The next thing 'they' are planning are 'climate lockdowns' and further forced jabbing.

A great summary you can find <u>here</u>, by <u>IceAgeFarmer</u>...

Mass media will probably continue to ramp up fear and division, they are now calling it in many countries (for example Belgium and the US) *'the pandemic of the unvaccinated'*.

Some 'officials' are now even telling their audience to 'kill the unvaccinated'!

Here in Mauritius the narrative is building that by opening the borders, we are now exposed to the Delta Variant brought in by tourists (who are mostly vaccinated).

People here, who succumbed to the pressure to get vaccinated and chose to have the Sinopharm or Covax vaccine for example are now being called back in by the government to get their 'Booster Shot', by..... Johnson and Johnson! Can't make this isht up!

Blaming 'new variants' on the unvaccinated. While all mRNA jabs are no vaccines at all but experimental gene therapies for a virus which has not be isolated in the first place and asking fully vaccinated people to come back for a booster shot...

All the above is creating more fear in the ignorant masses and more people refuse to go to work because of the perceived danger installed by the mass media outlets... Which in turn creates worker shortages across the supply chain, creating unnecessary shortages worldwide, leading towards more commodity shortages, more energy shortages, (by all the 'Green' measures in Western Society) likely to be followed shortly by food shortages.

This combined with the continued currency printing of the central banks worldwide, also called 'monetary debasement' or 'currency devaluations' creating your savings to lose more purchasing power may lead to a hyper stagflation worldwide.

Stock up and speak up is the message.

Now, I don't like what I see (reading all these source documents makes my stomach turn), and it can be quite frustrating to see these things happening, while in the age of information many folks still choose to stay ignorant.

But rather than falling into despair and fear oneself, we can better focus on what we CAN do and influence.

Which is mainly taking our power back, which means taking our responsibility back and at least, be on the right side of the trade and the right side of history. One way to do so is to stock up on meat and bio-veggies and other necessities for consumption or trade in the future.

Also, avoid speaking to the ones who pretend to sleep. Since you can't wake them up anyways (it is a choice, and they are finding a false sense of security in believing what they *chose* to believe). They are totally deluded.

Surround yourself with people who do ask questions and are willing to challenge their own assumptions to find out what is true or not...

In addition, if you had people turning their back towards you while you were trying to speak truth or if they reacted with anger, hate, or refused to listen, avoid them, and focus on those who appreciate

your efforts, there is where you are needed. The 'others' for now have chosen to stay ignorant, by choice, and it is not our task to wake them up, that is their own responsibility, their own choice.

Investment wise, we try to focus on the most asymmetric sectors/asset classes. I think these will be the commodities, energy, and shipping sector, while gradually reducing blockchain exposure as we go into the Autumn in the Northern hemisphere. By 'asymmetric' I mean *a lot of upside potential with limited downside risk*.

Currently my preferred sectors are food, energy, shipping, precious metals. While my preferred companies (stocks) to invest in are food (processing) companies, fertilizer companies, energy companies (uranium, oil & gas, coal) and tankers and precious metals mining companies. See after this section for an overview of my current stock market portfolio.

Technical analysis for ETH



As mentioned, a month ago, we were seeing a buy signal on the weekly chart for ETH. Let us now see if the Volume will pile in too, since I haven't seen the momentum yet...

Technical analysis for XMR



XMR hasn't done much since our buy signal in our previous issue (at 268 and change). We are right now at 270, and we may dip further if BTC drops another 20%.

I am going to buy that dip and the first mid-term target still stays around 400 USD.



Here an example of why I prefer to use position sizing and less pure swing trading in and out positions. It involved a drop of 88% over about 105 days. Then a short spike and a resumption of the downtrend with a drop of 35% from that short burst over 49 more days... and then, boom, to the moon in a week...

So, to sell all and bet on a significant drop may not be the best way to play this market. Although I'll still do the former *if* my conviction is big enough. A better way I think, is to keep let's say, 25% in your positions. That way you don't bang your head to much or to hard if the opposite happens and the trend reverses quickly as in the above example... Remember, cryptos are the most volatile asset class out there...

And here, another more recent example. That is 317% in 7 days, after doing nothing since May but moving down relative to BTC...

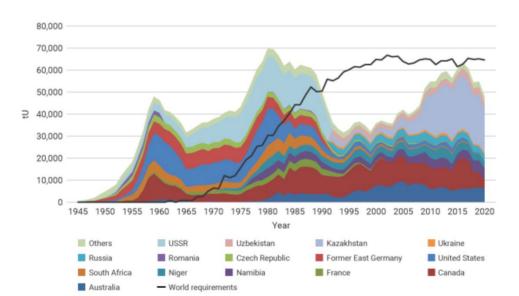


3. Current Stock Portfolio by Kurt Corthout

Sector	Position	% Weight
	Energy Fuels Inc. (ISIN:	4.27 %
Uranium	CA2926717083)	1.2770
	Ur Energy Inc. (ISIN: CA91688R1082)	4.43 %
	UROY	On whatchlist
	CCO (Cameco)	On watchlist
Precious Metals stocks	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. (ISIN: CA9628791027)	7.26 %
	First Majestic Silver Corp. (ISIN: CA32076V1031)	1.38 %
	MAG Silver Corp. (ISIN: CA55903Q1046)	10.74 %
	Pan American Silver Corp. (ISIN: CA6979001089)	6.44 %
	SSR Mining Inc. (ISIN: CA7847301032)	5.67 %
Tankers		
	Euronav (ISIN: BE0003816338)	5.73 %
	Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (ISIN: MHY8162K2046)	5.34 %
	Frontline Ltd (ISIN: BMG3682E1921)	6.40 %
Agri	K+S Aktiengesellschaft (ISIN: DE000KSAG888)	12.39 %
	Golden Agri-Resources Ltd (ISIN: MU0117U00026)	5.66 %

	Cresud S.A.C.I.F. y A (ISIN: US2264061068)	3.85 %
Oil & Gas	China Shenhua Energy Co. Ltd (ISIN: CNE1000002R0)	7.75 %
	SINOPEC Engineering (Group) Co Ltd	0.95 %
	Pampa Energia SA (ISIN: US6976602077)	4.66 %
Coal	China Coal Energy Co. Ltd (ISIN: CNE100000528)	4.38%
	Whitehaven Coal Ltd (ISIN: AU000000WHC8)	2.47 %

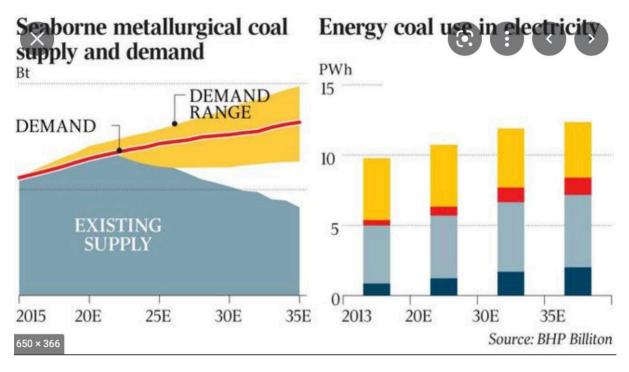
As you can see, the weightings are not all optimal. To position size more correctly I will start reducing some exposures and accumulate in some others. For example, reducing my precious metals exposure, or adding cash into the other sectors where exposure should be more (like Oil and Gas, and Uranium and Coal).



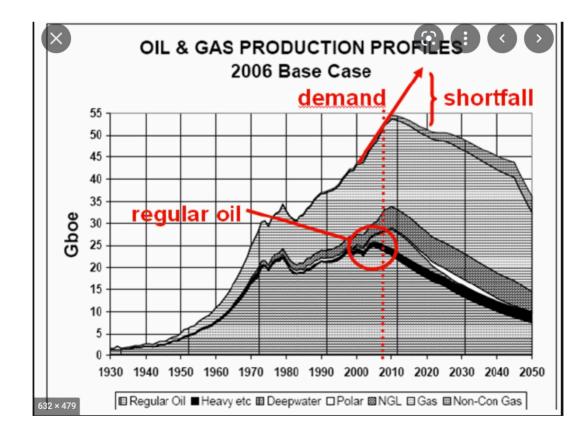
Let's look at at this chart with regards to Demand and Supply, for Uranium

World uranium production and reactor requirements, 1945-2020, tU (source: OECD-NEA, IAEA, World Nuclear Association)

For Coal (Metallurgical)



And here for Oil and Gas



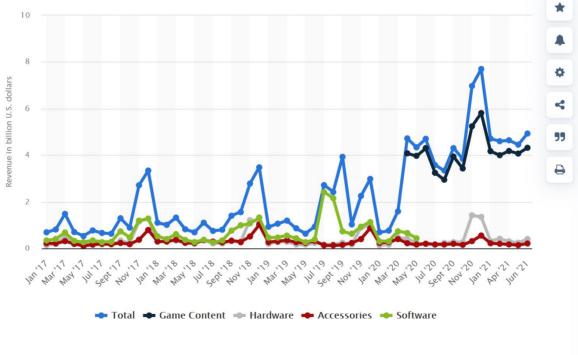
4. Crypto Gaming & The Metaverse By James Allard

It was obvious, right from the beginning, a companionship so perfect I've been baffled for some time to why such a partnership had not formed nearer the beginning of the crypto revolution – well, wait and wonder no longer, cryptocurrency and the gaming industry are about to merge, the signals are already there, the technology framework already exists, now my friends it's merely a waiting game to see who blows this market out of the water first!

State of the market

The gaming market in 2019 was valued at \$151 Billion dollars; at the time, the expected growth rate until 2021 was predicted to be around 10% per annum, though these estimates were a product of a pre-covid world. With more and more restrictions on travel, and lockdowns now a part of the 'new normal', the gaming industry has of course, exploded!

The following chart shows you just how the pandemic impacted the gaming industry in the US. While profits have pulled back a little since the peaks of 2020, the long-term trend looks set for the skies.



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A more important statistic though, is how many participants are in this market. The current estimate is <u>1.2 billion participants in the gaming area</u>, up from 945 million just a year ago.

In a recent survey, 87% of gamers admitted to buying in game assets or participating in some way with the ever growing in-game monetization.

So, the next question is, what can Cryptocurrency bring to the table?

Welcome to the Metaverse

The term '*Metaverse*' is something you might want to get used too. It's the new buzzword on the street and everyone in silicon valley and their pet chi Wawa wants to sling the term around like John Wayne with a lasso at a cattle fare.

But exactly what does it mean? Well, aside from the slow disconnect of humanity from the real world, it means basically '*Beyond our universe*' or for a better phrase, '*Virtual Reality*'.

The Metaverse is worlds within our world, an artificial universe created by humans for humans. Everything we once did in the physical three-dimensional reality we perceive with our eyes as they gaze upon the World around us is being recreated in the metaverse, built by code, compiled and distributed by Silicon Valley and promoted by the nefarious elitist technocrats behind the likes of notorious World Economic Forum and maniacal fruit loops like Bill Gates.

But, whether we like it or not, for now at least the *metaverse* is going to become part of human reality, and in many ways *it already* has.

Facebook recently announced they want to rebrand themselves around the metaverse, why – because they know where the next big thing is, and association with the term *Metaverse* will make and break businesses in the tech world over the next few years. They have changed the name of their Company from Facebook to META

But, while I may not be a huge fan of where all of this is heading, I can see the huge opportunity in making some money out of it, and while some may question the moral hypocrisy in such an investment, I disagree – If I can extract money out of the space and use it for good then I believe it's an investment worth making.

I should also make one other disclaimer, just so you know where I am with this. I can see the inevitable growth of the metaverse because it's addictive. I'm a sucker for technology myself, I'm a sucker for code and virtual worlds – I see the attraction, and this is why I know it is a space that will grow exponentially over the next decade. But while I see the attraction, I'm aware of where this is heading and thus only participate in the space from a purely professional and speculative side.

So..... Crypto Gaming, the Beta testing ground for the Metaverse, a kind of Betaverse....yes, let's dig in.

Virtual Assets in a Virtual World

Non Fungible Tokens or NFT's as most will know them are the magic link between crypto and the metaverse. It's not the only way in which cryptocurrency can be utilised in virtual worlds, but in my opinion it will be the foundation of the growth in the space.

So, what is an NFT?

Cryptocurrency tokens such as Bitcoin are fungible tokens, each token is technically the same as an other. For example, a bitcoin is identical in specification and thus worth the same as another bitcoin

(not entirely true due to each bitcoins transaction history being different, but this is a discussion for another time.) Where as a Non-Fungible token is unique, no two tokens are necessarily the same or interchangeable. An NFT is in a nutshell a programmable token with its own set of variables.

This programmable function for tokens at an individual level opens the door to a whole new World for cryptocurrency, you guessed it – the Metaverse.

NFT's can be used for anything from Digital art, to a virtual hand crafted obsidian sword won by defeating a dark goddess in the latest edition of the Witcher.

NFT's will have many use cases attempted, some will survive, most will fail. But the ultimate usecase in my opinion is Video Games and other areas of the metaverse.

The Wild West

As with all new beginnings, the crypto-gaming space is filled with false promises, delusions and insane hype. With dozens of new projects launching everyday you can be sure at least 99% of everything being promised will either be total flops, fail deliver or be scams from the outset. But, those that do deliver will win the day and start an avalanche of huge developers coming to the space.

Our job is to find these hidden gems, find those that will most likely deliver and be invested from the beginning.

There are two areas we need to look when considering where to invest, first the platform on which an NFT or smart contract is to be built (Ethereum, Polygon, Enjin, Solana etcetera) and then the games themselves and the NFT's they produce.

Let's begin with the most promising platforms for gaming crypto to be built on.

NFT Platforms

A solid, feature rich fast smart contract platform is going to be critical for the gaming industry. Remember crypto-kitties? It was an interactive game where players could own, breed, and trade kitties. Simple, for a brief moment insanely popular and yet simple it may be, it brought the Ethereum Network to a near standstill.

But while cryptokitties was a short lived game, it was the first real usage of how NFT's could be utilised into gaming, many lessons were learnt, with the first being that Ethereum in the state it was at the time, needed to be much faster and much cheaper.

Most of the platforms out there at the moment are second-layer solutions built around the Ethereum network. But there are also some new platforms entirely promising a much faster experience at much lower fees.

Enjin (ENJ)

Enjin was founded in 2009 before blockchain was on the tip of every developers tongue and the metaverse was just a dream state. Their first ever product was a gaming community network which in the past decade has grown to over 20 million users. Then in 2017 they announced their move into the World of Blockchain.

To understand just how important Enjin are to NFTs its worth noting that Enjins lead developer and co-founder Witek Radomski wrote the code for Ethereums ERC-1155 NFT token standard.

The Enjin ICO (initial coin offering) was launched. Enjin promised to build a suite of software products that would allow developers to quickly mint, manage, trade, distribute and integrate NFTs.

And they delivered. The Enjin platform has the first movers advantage and with its already established eco-system is growing fast in the space.

I have allocated 15% of my total investment into this space to Enjin.

They also have another token though, one which has yet to be utilized and promoted by the network.

Efinity (EFI)

Efinity is being touted by Enjin as 'The Future of NFTs'. In the Efinity Whitepaper they state:

'Enjin's vision is to build a scalable, cross-chain token network that would make creating, using and trading NFTs far more accessible, affordable and faster, thereby significantly increasing the volume of trade and adoption.

This would enable NFTs to be utilized by virtually any industry, potentially unlocking trillions of dollars in currently illiquid and unique real-world and digital assets.

We call this network Efinity.'

Efinity is being built on Polkadot and hopes to solve all the issues we are seeing with the use of Ethereum based NFTs (high fees, poor incentives, slow transactions ect.).

But Enjin don't do things by halves, just as they played a significant part in the existence of NFTs on the Ethereum platform, Enjin are also working with the Polkadot Development team to create a new token standard called Paratokens. The standard will be compatible with parachains, parathreads and smart contracts, so it's interoperable with the entire Polkadot and Kusama ecosystem.

Efinity promises to process up to 1,000 transactions a second with a confirmation time of 6 seconds for validation. When you compare this to Ethereums 15 transaction per second with a confirmation of 2 minutes you can grasp just how much quicker this will be.

Efinity tokens are exchangeable for any other token that is bridged on the network, which as an example would include Ethereum. Because of the nature of parachains and how the polkadot network functions allowing the bridging of other blockchains it will mean tokens from a multitude of networks will be able to be exchanged in a decentralised way, without a middle man.

All Enjin tokens will be able to move freely between the Ethereum network and the new Efinity network using a cross-chain bridge.

The <u>feature list for gaming and NFT creators</u> is extensive and can't be ignored. If Enjins past success is anything to go by, Efinity could just be the next big thing.

Since Efinity's launch it has yet to gain any real traction, currently listed at around 600 on <u>coinmarketcap</u> with a total market cap of \$48 Million, it has a huge amount of room for growth. When we compare this to Enjins first token to the space which now sits at number 73 on <u>CMC</u> with a market cap of almost \$2 Billion you can see just how far it is almost certain to reach. After all, Efinity is being designed as Enjins flagship platform for gaming.



Here is a quick look at Eginity's trading activity:

Fundamentally EFI is a great buy, but also as a trader EFI is also a great buy. Price discovery found a bottom after launch earlier this year and we are now beginning to see signs of growth in the market. For anyone seriously looking at investments in the Crypto-gaming and metaverse space, Efinity has to be one of the best bets in my honest opinion.

I have allocated 10% of my total investment into this space to Efinity.

Polygon (MATIC)

The Polygon network is a scaling solution for Ethereum, providing fast transactions for all side-chains of the Ethereum eco-system. With low transaction fees and high speeds (up to 65,000 transactions per second), the Polygon network is a game-changer for those building on the Ethereum Blockchain.

The native asset MATIC is used to cover transaction fees on the network and can also be exchanged for any other asset using the Polygon network.

Already the MATIC token as seen some incredible growth with already a 15,000% increase in value in the past 12 months alone. The crypto sits at number 19 on <u>coinmarketcap</u>, so it's fair to say the exponential growth, at least in relation to other major cryptocurrencies like BTC & ETH are likely over, but for what it will provide to the Ethereum eco-system there is no reason why we shouldn't expect MATIC to be closely behind Ethereum in total market capital in the not to distant future.

I won't go into the specification of the Polygon network here as it is quite widely known now and I think fundamentally it's place in the space has already been firmly established.

While I don't expect the potential returns from Polygon to be anywhere near as high as the potential of Efinity, the risk is significantly less and the asset is certainly a worthy addition for anyones crypto portfolio.

I have allocated 20% of my total investment into this space to MATIC.

Nervos (CKB)

Unlike the other projects I've discussed, Nevos is built from the ground up. Unlike most other newer blockchains, Nervos have chosen to stick to Bitcoins consensus mechanism proof-of-work(POW).

The team have been quite vocal over the years on Satoshi's consensus mechanism for Bitcoin. They believe POW is the most resilient and best mechanism for a decentralised blockchain to work by, and I'd agree.

Nervos developer Ren Zhang talked extensively about the benefits of Satoshi's POW mechanism in a talk at the 'Scaling Bitcoin' meet-up in San Francisco in 2019. You can watch the full talk <u>HERE</u>, but a <u>medium article</u> based on the video transcript sums up just why Zhang loves POW so much:

We like it for its **performance optimization**, it is optimized to save every bit of transmission and every cycle of computation. For example, it uses compact block to accelerate block propagation, and it will use mini-sketch to save bandwidth for transaction propagation hopefully in the future. Bitcoin developer also developed **Graftroot**, you can think of it as a way to compress Bitcoin's smart contract for better privacy and better performance. And hopefully, we can see signature aggregation adopted in Bitcoin.

We also like it for **generalizability**. UTXO + global order of transactions allow support for all sharding and layer 2 solutions and complicated smart contracts. In contrast, Ethereum's account model is difficult to shard. And if you don't have a global order of transactions like many DAGs, it's difficult to support complicated smart contracts.

We like it for its **security**. Empirically it was launched 10 years ago, survived many attacks. And **formally no known PoW protocol comprehensively outperforms NC -** <u>Source</u>

Nervos has been touted by many as the ONLY solution for NFT's for a number of reasons. A large part of this is down to the barriers it removes to entry. Entry to the market from people entirely unfamiliar with cryptocurrency, in fact it enables people to journey to the metaverse without them even realising they left this World.

From another Medium post entitled <u>'How Nervos is Positioned to Change the NFT Game'</u>:

The user logs into a platform that uses Nervos Interoperability 2.0 components (e.g. PW-Core), creating and logging into a wallet using biological information such as Face ID and Fingerprint ID, and can send and receive NFTs. For example, he can use the wallet to connect to the NFT trading platform and purchase the NFT on it.

Compare the process of using Internet shopping applications, the user can use WeChat, Alipay, etc., to create a corresponding account within the application, and then through this account to buy goods, when the end of the purchase needs to pay, he can jump to the Alipay, WeChat page to pay for the goods.

You will find that there is no difference between the two parts - <u>Source</u>

This ability to be involved without even knowing is critical to the success of NFTs. It is very easy to forget that the majority of the population have no idea what a seed key is, let alone a private key or viewing key.

Nervos has all this onboarding technology built in to its platform and ready to go. But there is more, Nervos allows users to buy and sell NFTs with zero transaction fees, none, nada.

NFTs created on Nervos CKB are self-packaged, which means that the circulation of NFT on CKB does not require the user to pay an additional CKB fee. Even if Alice doesn't have any other digital currency in her account and she receives an NFT created on CKB, she can still transfer the NFT to user Bob. - <u>Source</u>

Last but by no means least is Nervos' ability to transfer NFTs between other blockchains. NFTs can be passed between Nervos and Ethereum, EOS and any other blockchain ensuring maximum liquidity of digital assets.

The biggest issue I see with the project is that most of its current use cases and integrations are in Asia. There appears to be no adoption in the west yet, though this isn't necessarily a bad thing – but it is something to keep in mind.

I like what they are doing and technically its more solid and suitable for what the metaverse promises to offer, but its origins and it's proof of work consensus mechanism may (for the wrong reasons) go against it.

So with this in mind I'll be allocating a smaller 5% of my total investment in this space to CKB. This allocation could increase as the project develops. One to keep an eye on.

Telos (TLOS)

Telos is according to Telos:

Telos is built for speed and scalability making it the ideal network for mainstream adoption – Telos based Tokens NFT's and Smart Contracts are already used for DeFi, Gaming, Social Media apps and so much more. It has already received a little support from a small handful of crypto-influencers, and with it has come significant gains over the past few months, but it still seems bizarrely undervalued at just 259 on <u>coinmarketcap</u> at the time of writing.

Whats interesting about Telos is that rather than being a second-layer solution it will be an entirely separate blockchain. Telos will enable Ethereum and EOSio smart contracts to be run on its platform, meaning that developers can switch their projects over to the Telos platform with ease.

Another great addition to the Telos platform is the integration of zero knowledge proofs allowing for private transactions on the telos network.

Advertised by Telos as 'Telos Private' they claim:

Telos Private will enable completely private "zero knowledge proofs" transactions for Telos users. Telos Private will employ a separate side-chain with modified code to allow ZK transactions and bridges to and from Telos. The Telos chain, itself, will remain fully open, but users will be able to send any type of Telos-based tokens across bridges from Telos to the Telos Private side-chain, and then send private transactions back to Telos accounts. Since Telos will be linked to other blockchains like Ethereum, this allows users to add an easy to use private transactions to any chain connected to Telos. - <u>source</u>

So while it is not private by default, it does have a system built in for those wanting to place a road block in their transaction trace. Something which few other platforms offer.

TLOS the native asset of Telos can be held on both the Telos network or the Ethereum network. Telos plan to allow a bridge between its own network and all other major networks over the coming months and years.

You can also peg your TLOS to multiple other crypto-currencies using <u>tswaps.com</u>, which can be extremely useful for traders.

Interestingly Telos is the second most active blockchain in existence, which is quite an achievement and slightly baffling to be honest. But with up to 10,000 transactions per second capabilities it is entirely possible.

The native token of the Telos platform, TLOS has been on a steady run upwards in it's value and currently sits just above \$1 a token. I'm expecting further growth for TELOS, though it may not be the ultimate token of choice for gaming and the metaverse. Their focus seems to be more on DeFi and business smart contracts. However it is more than capable of playing a major part in the gaming space.

I have allocated 20% of my total investment into this space to TLOS.

Moonbeam/Moonriver (GLMR/MOVR)

Moonbeam promises to deliver a fully scalable smart contracts solution for DeFi and gaming using the Polkadot network. With full compatibility with Ethereum, cross-chain compatibility and on chain governance at speeds only dreamed of in Ethereum Layer 2 solutions. Moonbeam promises to be what Ethereum 2.0 should be.

So what is Moonriver?

The Moonbeam platform is not yet ready for use, nor are the tokens available on the open market. An ICO was performed for the platform throughout September 2021.

Moonriver can be thought of as a Beta-testing ground for Moonbeam. It is a community-led sister parachain on Kusuma. For those that don't know, Kusuma is the testing ground for Polkadot, a fully functional public pre-production environment for Polkadot.

So in a nutshell, <u>Kusuma is he beta playground for Polkadot</u> and <u>Moonriver is the beta playground</u> <u>for Moonbeam</u>.

Now the big question is, why on earth would you want to invest in what is being described as the testbed for another project, Why Moonriver, when Moonbeam is the real deal?

Well, the same reason that people invested in the Kusuma network. Developing on the Polkadot network can be expensive and time consuming. Kusuma is community driven, faster to deploy projects on and currently runs contracts up to 4 times faster than it's big sister Polkadot.

Indie developers are far more likely to deploy on the Kusuma network over Polkadot because the barrier to entry is much smaller and because Kusuma is the testbest for Polkadot, the network will evolve far quicker and see improvements before Polkadot.

Projects which do exceptionally well on the Kusuma network may then choose to deploy on the Polkadot network as well.

The same is true for Moonbeam and Moonriver. Developers can begin to work with Moonriver now, and in fact all projects in the future must be deployed in Moonriver before they are even allowed entry into the Moonbeam eco-system.

While the term test-bed is indeed what Moonriver was built for, it isn't what its sole use will be. Smaller indie developers will use Moonriver rather than Moonbeam for ease of entry into the space. And why not, the network will receive all the Moonbeam upgrades first and is community driven.

I believe both tokens are worth investing in and following closely. While I think there are other platforms which are technically better, Moonbeam has all aspects of what they are doing spot on. Their branding, their literature, their community, all of it seems to be the perfect recipe for success.

I am currently investing 15% of my total investment into this space in Moonriver (MOVR). Once Moonbeam (GLMR) becomes available I will adjust this accordingly.

Crypto-Games

So I've covered the platforms for this new artificial universe to be built upon, now let's take a look at some of the most promising games in development.

DeRace (DERC)

Horse racing, gambling and cryptocurrency? Well, it was an obvious choice for a potential success story. DeRace takes horse racing to a new level, using NFTs, players can not only take bets on winning horses, but get involved and buy themselves a virtual horse plucked straight out of the metaverse.

But it gets better, each horse is unique. In fact each horse has its own DNA and wait for it, horses can be bred with each other to create unique new (NFT) horses. Newly bred horses will be a product of the parents unique DNA.

So this isn't just a game for gamblers, it's a game for investors and maybe even horse lovers.

The project is still in development, but the team has already been releasing horses into the metaverse for auction.

The game will run on the Ethereum blockchain via Polygon. The DERC token can be purchased on Ethereum and Binance Smart chain, with Polygon to follow.

The token itself can used to participate in the DeRace eco-system, from bettings to bidding in horse auctions.

NFT horses themselves, bought or bred can be used to generate income within the game, i.e racing or as a breeder selling horses.

DeRace will literally replicate the horse racing industry, from the gambler to the trainers, to the breeders and managers. In theory you could move your real horse management business into the DeRace eco-system. In theory.....

DeRace looks promising, it has a good team backing it and the tokenomics are great.

The token is currently listed at 2757 on <u>coinmarketcap</u>, though remember it is not a platform, just a single game with its own token so we shouldn't expect such an asset to reach the heights of foundational blockchains themselves. But, then again look Axie Infinity (AXS), currently sitting at number 24 on <u>coinmarketcap</u> with a market cap of over \$8 billion and it is just a game, a relatively simple one at that.

The eco-system of DeRace is far more complex than the likes of Axie Infinity, with multiple opportunities for different audiences, hell you could literally work in the game for a living. Be a horse breeder!

There are a few ways you can invest in DeRace, either the token DERC or by buying NFT horses when they go on auction and in the not to distant future buy owning an arena to host events.

Horses range from \$500 all the way up to insane valuations of \$10,000. But, while this may seem overpriced, if you have a genetically superior breeding pair, you can in the future

capitalise on their offspring. However, at this point it is still hard to tell if price discovery has gone a little overboard, I think in the long run \$10k for a horse is totally possible and potentially an average price with superior horses far exceeding this valuation – but right now, before the game has even launched.... Well, I'm not so sure.

So initially I will be investing in the DERC token as this is a better indicator of the overall project and the development and popularity of the entire DeRace eco-system.

Maybe when we see the game released and I can see exactly how this ecosystem works, I will look at delving into the horses themselves.

You can purchase DERC on the Binance Smart Chain or Ethereum. Be careful with the Ethereum fees, sometime a swap will try and charge you in excess of \$150 for a few DERC tokens.

The Binance Smart Chain is of course far cheaper for swaps. The token will eventually be based primarily on the Polygon network, release is imminent.

Alternatively, <u>crypto.com already have the token listed</u> in a USDT pairing.

As you have probably noticed, 90% of my total investment in this space is in the platforms running the games themselves, which leaves me with just 10% to allocate to actual use cases, like DeRace.

I will allocate 5% to DERC from my total allocation to the Crypto-gaming space.

PolkaCity

Think gangsters, think fast cars and criminal behaviour, think Grand Theft Auto but with loot that has value in the real world. Well, that pretty much sums up PolkaCity. The native token of the game is \$POLC.

Just as DeRace is building a whole eco-system for horses in the Metaverse, PolkaCity is building an eco-system for their game. Buy a gas station and profit from those who fill up at your station in the city, buy a spray shop and profit from car-jackers and boy racers alike.

The possibilities are endless. It's still a long way off, but as usual the assets in the game are already getting auctioned.

The roadmap states this quarter for the release of the game itself, but as of yet no game has been released.

The games native token \$POLC is currently listed on <u>coinmarketcap at 2730</u>, so plenty of room for growth.

I will allocate 5% to POLC from my total allocation into this space.

Phantom Galaxies

Phantom Galaxies, if they pull it off, will be the first major 3d RPG to feature NFTs. With FPS action gaming to Avatar creation, mechanical upgrades and even the ability to build a guild and govern entire galaxies.

With a quality game-plan and exceptional visuals, Phantom Galaxies, if they deliver, is set to be a winner.

The NFTs are built on Ethereum, but note, there is no native token unique to Phantom Galaxies. Which makes a refreshing change.

If you head over to the <u>Phantom Galaxies website HERE</u> and connect your Metamask wallet you will be added to the free air-drops list which are imminent.

At the moment there is no way to invest in Phantom Galaxies, all we can do is keep an eye on the project and the NFTs that become available.

Stay informed on the project by joining their <u>Discord group HERE</u>, all news on free NFT drops and auctions will be posted here.

I will be holding back 5% of my investment in this space to potentially participate in NFT auctions by projects like this one.

Other crypto-games to look out for

Ember Sword

A modern role-playing game with a player-driven economy, a classless combat system, and scarce, tradable cosmetic collectibles. The initial land sale sold out quicker than I can complete this sentence, but there will be more to come.

Again, head over to the website at <u>embersword.com</u>, goto the marketplace and be sure to connect your metamask wallet, you might get a free airdrop NFT at some point.

Dissolution

A sci-fi/horror first-person shooter with RPG elements. It is being developed by Garage Studios and is currently available as a pre-alpha demo.

The game will feature in-game collectibles using Ethereums ERC-721 tokens. Collectibles will have history stored forever on the blockchain and can, as collectibles in the real world, appreciate in value based on their history. For example, maybe a weapon you have becomes famous in the games eco-system as being the weapon that defeated a particular enemy, its value 'could' appreciate based on this historical attachment to the weapon.

This example will be true for all virtual assets within the metaverse.

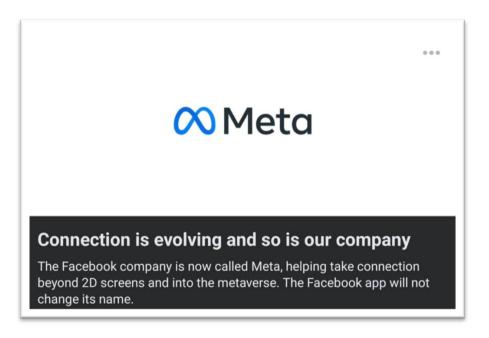
NFT collectables for Dissolution can be purchased using the in-game economy OMEN.

Looks promising, a playable demo already exists, though no final product has yet been released.

Looking Forward

Crypto-gaming is just a small part of the greater Metaverse, and we also need to consider the fact that decentralised blockchains are likely not where the technocrats want to build this vision.

Whilst I've been writing this, Facebook have announced they are changing their name to META.



Mark Zuckerberg also did a presentation on 'his' vision for '*Socialising in the Metaverse*'. The Facebook CEO talks about how we can be whatever we want and do only what we've dreamed of in this reality in the Metaverse. <u>You can watch the video HERE</u>

Facebook are in a unique position to have this new reality built before anyone else, they already have just shy of 3 billion active users, that's around 40% of the population of the World. They already have the Oculus Virtual Reality devices and they certainly have the financial backing to build this thing from the ground up with a ready made user base to boot.

So while even the thought of investing in Facebook may make you want to vomit, they are looking like they could be a major frontrunner in this space, particularly at a mainstream level.

The question is, will they use a centralised database to store the billions of variables needed to build the metaverse, or will they utilize one of the platforms I've discussed above, or maybe they will build their own blockchain network?

Other leading players in the game are of course TESLA. The mindreading technology they have been working on called Neuralink is advancing quick with Musk implying the technology is almost ready for human trials. Here is a brief outline of what TESLA are trying to develop with their Neuralink product:

We are designing the Link to connect to thousands of neurons in the brain. It will be able to record the activity of these neurons, process these signals in real time, and send that information to the Link. <u>Source</u>

The technology is primarily designed to assist people with spinal cord injuries and other forms of paralysis, but it is not hard to see just how this technology could be used for the metaverse. Neuralink is a highly invasive brain-computer interface(BCI), it will require precision brain surgery to access and attach to neurons. But non-invasive BCI's are also in development.

Non-invasive BCIs will depend on noisy signals from electroencephalogram (EEG) and infrared devices worn on the head. All is used to isolate the brain signals that the BCI devices capture, as well as synthesize signals back into the brain. While the technology is still not commercially available, the race by companies such as <u>Kernel</u>, <u>Qneuro</u> and <u>NeuroSky</u> is gathering pace. And, of course Facebook is also developing a non-invasive BCI. Below is an early version of an experimental BCI headset that Facebook has been working on:



A fully augmented reality is a little while off, I think various aspects of the metaverse will be built independently for some time, effectively lots of small, primitive metaverses. Somewhere along the line a universally agreed standard for building the metaverse will come into play with a pre-determined foundation platform to build upon. This will bring all small independent metaverses together as one.

But for now, gaming NFTs, gaming currencies and the platforms they are being developed on will be highly speculative and potentially highly profitable.

We certainly need to keep an eye on Facebook (sorry, META), TESLA and of course Google. Interestingly Google have been relatively quiet on this whole topic, but I'm sure we will be hearing from them in the not too distant future.

Summary

- The Metaverse is in its early stages, however the trend towards this space will grow exponentially over the coming years.
- NFT's and Gaming crypto are the first areas to give us a glimpse of how the Metaverse will operate, but where we are now is more like the Betaverse.
- The platforms on which the use of NFT's and smart contracts for gaming offer lower risk and potential for great returns over the coming months and years.
- Crypto-games themselves are far more risky, however has much higher potential for growth.
- The Metaverse is coming, and the likes of companies like Facebook and Tesla will be at the forefront of this space in the future. We must keep a close eye on what their research teams are up to and what partnerships they are forming in order to stay ahead of the game.
- But for now, the crypto-space is where most of the innovation will be found as fragments of our future fake reality are developed and built.
- DeRace & Polkacity I believe could be game-changers for crypto-gaming IF they can pull it off.

5. Crypto Grows on Trees By James Allard

The old saying, '*Money doesn't grow on trees*' is actually a false statement in today's World of central banked issued fiat currencies. The problem is it's a walled garden and you ain't invited to the party, no free fiat for you!

Cryptocurrency on the other hand is run by code, not psychopaths and therefore equality is embedded into its very existence.

Unlike Fiat, Crypto does grow on trees, and while these magical trees are a damn sight harder to come across than 3 years ago, the forest is getting bigger and so finding them is becoming much harder.

What the hell am I on about?

Free money of course and who doesn't like a little free money!

Here are a few of the opportunities that could reap rewards over the coming months:

Flote

Flote is a social media platform driven by free-speech. I'll get into the project itself in the future, for now though all you need to know is they will be distributing FLOTE tokens to social media users who post content.

So, the more views and interactions your posts get, the more tokens you recieve. The tokens will be ERC-20 tokens and will utilize the Polygon network to avoid the high transaction fees of Ethereum.

You can sign up for a flote account at <u>flote.app</u>

The token is due to be released this quarter, so in the meantime my game-plan is to gain as many followers on the network as possible. The easiest way to do this, is the same as twitter. Follow as many people as you can. A portion of these with eventually follow you. Then once a week I have a clean up and unfollow all those who haven't followed me back.

Hive

Hive is one of the two forks from the Steemit platform. Hive is a continuation from the original developers, and then there is the originally titled Steemit which was <u>hijacked by the TRON</u> network.

Hive is a social media platform built on a decentralised blockchain. Users get rewarded HIVE tokens and HIVE dollars for content they publish. The platform is a little more complex than your average mainstream social media platform(and flote). For example creating accounts involves a small payment or alternatively a long wait on a waiting list. It also requires users to deal with private keys, posting keys and viewing keys. Posts are typically more blog based, using short-codes to format the content.

The more popular your post is and, the more HIVE you have staked, the more tokens you will receive for each post. Unfortunately because large bag holders get higher rewards the platform is a little overtaken by whales.

But, that said if you post regularly on other sites anyway you can still accumulate a significant amount of tokens over time. I only have \$200 staked and a single post rewards me anywhere from around \$0.20 to \$1. Occasionally if you have a post that goes viral you can get \$100 - \$200 in rewards.

As with Flote, the key is followers. But also, high staking followers. If a high staking follower 'likes' one of your posts it will add far more to your reward than someone who does not stake anything. So look for high stakers, follow them, interact with them and try and get a return follow (without asking).

All of the above also applies to Steemit.

LBRY/Odysee

Lbry is a content sharing platform built on their own blockchain. They have mobile, desktop and browser apps. The mobile app and desktop app also act as nodes, helping to keep the content

decentralized. Media content is distributed in a similar way to bitTorrent, where by when you download a video for example, you become a seeder of that file in the network.

Odysee is the web client alternative for viewing content on the LBRY blockchain.

As with both Hive and Flote, LBRY also rewards users with tokens. You are rewarded for using the app, for reaching various milestones with your followers. There are random rewards for watching content and as to be expected the largest amount of tokens are rewarded to content creators.

While LBRY is often thought of as a video sharing platform, it is also possible to write posts, much in the same way on Hive. Using short-codes it is possible to blog on the platform. I myself share all my content from my website <u>oye.news</u> to the platform. This benefits me in to ways, one, it ensures my content is protected forever on the blockchain and two, it gives me another little passive income from each post.

The same rules apply as with the others, build a following, interact, post content.

Finally.....

Of course it is highly unlikely every single one of these platforms are going to survive, and as time goes on more and more will pop up and as others collapse. But, it doesn't need to take up much of your time particularly if you already post content on mainstream social platforms such as twitter and facebook.

Just have a browser preset with all the platforms in different tabs.

Then copy and paste your post into each platform and publish. If setup correctly it should only add an additional 30 seconds to your time.

<u>Bastyon.com</u>, formerly known as pocketnet is a great example of where this paid off for me. I've been posting there from when the site first went online, built my following, posted 5 posts a day for a year. Then when the token finally got onto an exchange I sold the lot for a considerable sum. (Approx \$15k).

As for LBRY, well, in the several years since I first begun sharing content there I have been rewarded LBRY credits in excess of \$100k (if I sold them all at their peak, which I didn't, because I'm not psychic)

While Bastyon still rewards users for posting, the payouts have decreased considerably. The same is also true for LBRY and Hive.

Flote, however, well, you have the first movers advantage. The platform is still in Beta and the token has not even been released yet.

There are always opportunities to generate some cryptocurrency without any investment other than your time. Yes, the bad news is, it does require a little of your precious time and there are no guarantees that your time will be rewarded. However, in my experience your time will be very well rewarded...... eventually.

Summary

- There are opportunities in abundance in crypto, even if you have absolutely no funds to invest. A little of your time is required and typically a lot of patience but, if you keep in the loop to what new projects are on the way there is often lots of booty up for grabs!
- Cryptocurrency orientated social media platforms such as Hive, Bastyon, LBRY and the upcoming Flote platform all reward its users simply for using the platform.
- Getting to the party first can make all the difference. Watch out for the launch of Flote's own native token and be sure to start using their platform to earn the tokens.
- There are plenty of other opportunities in the cryptocurrency space for 'free' money, from NFT airdrops to crypto giveaways. I'll cover how to find these in the next newsletter.

6. The Root of all Evil? by James Allard

Some would say, in fact, most would say by default that "Money is the root of all evil". But is it really, could it be this simple to define the cause of all the worlds evil?

No, is the quick answer, it cannot. Money has actually very little to do with evil, yes it is used by evil people, and it gives evil entities power to do, well evil stuff. But, evil is not born out of money. Evil is a compounding event caused by an ever increasing number of variables. Evil is the tainting of morality, it is the darkening of the soul.

Evil in many cases is born from an unfortunate random catastrophic event where no evil intent was at play, but mere unfortunate coincidences. But the event may be so terrible for the human mind to cope with that an individual could lose ones mind, and with it ones morality. This individual could then neglect their children, and in turn taint their lives also. In time, these compounding events can create a cycle of evil that never breaks and only strengthens.

Psychopaths exist, born from *what* complex set of variables, I can not know, but, they exist in all walks of life from your local school caretaker to a billionaire philanthropist.

Psychopaths are typically drawn towards things that can give them power over others, money is one of the tools they use to assist them in this desire. Hence we see a large amount of psychopaths in the corporate world. This *desire for power* is also why we see many psychopaths in politics.

There are many out there that have a high disregard for those that have lots of money, or to put it more accurately, more money than themselves. People convince themselves that someone with more money than them *must* in some way be more dishonest, less empathetic, maybe even 'evil'.

This, in my humble opinion is no more than a psychological trick that people play on themselves to justify being poorer than the targeted, more wealthy person.

It is ok to strive to have lots of money, it is ok to reach your financial goals and be wealthier than all your friends. In fact it is more than ok, why would anyone NOT want to be richer than all their friends and family – it benefits your entire social eco-system. Assuming you are not evil that is ⁽²⁾

We will never be wealthy if we believe being wealthy taints our morality. We all deserve to be wealthy and live a life of happiness and prosperity.

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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 went on to study 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 – <u>https://ove.news</u>.

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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