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

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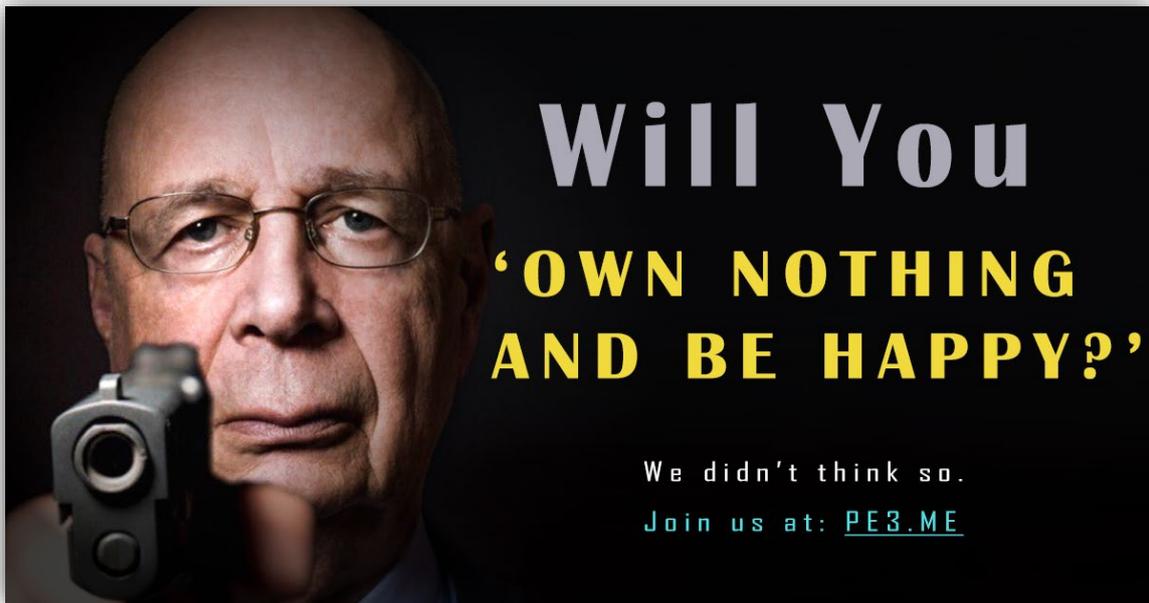


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‘BEAT THE SYSTEM!’

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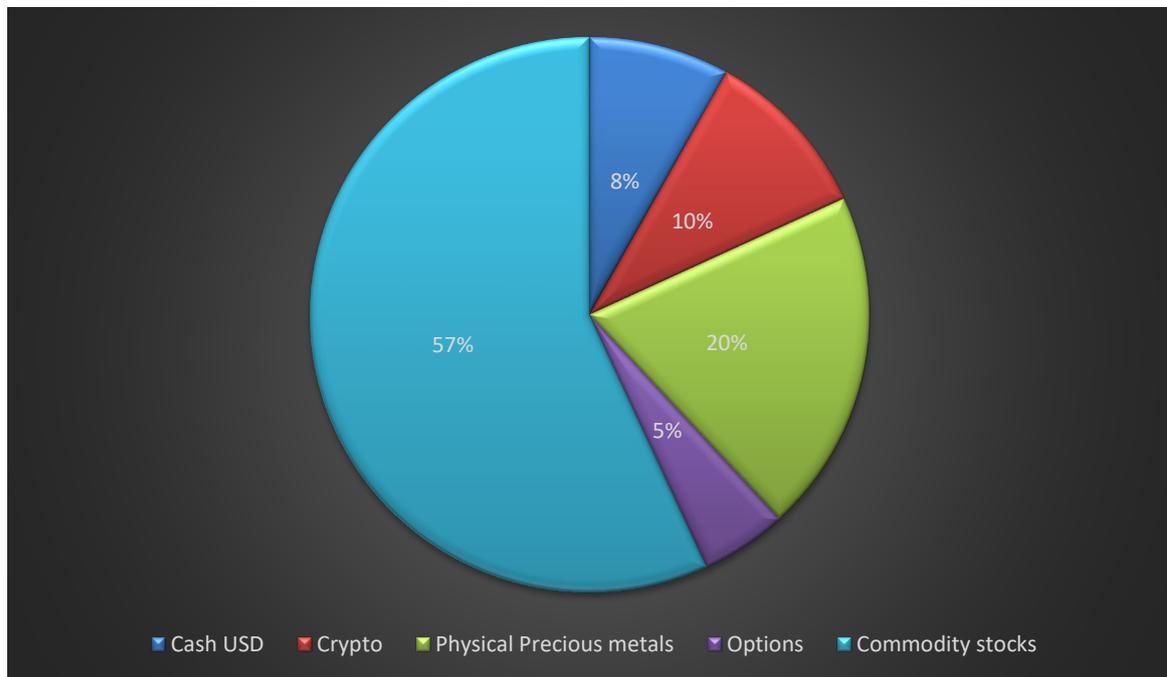
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1. Portfolio allocations by Kurt Corthout



We are taking some profits (selling half) on our hedge positions and **parking the proceeds in CASH for now.**

It's a good thing we had our hedges out, and parked 8% in USD cash already. Which leaves us with some good ammo when the tide turns from the hawkish to a more dovish stance...

We are expecting this to happen slightly before or after the MidTerm elections as mentioned before...

The first Central Bank is now showing signs of flipping, namely the BoE (CB of England). To ensure their pension funds do not go belly up they started buying their own debt again, and therefore have started again to devalue GBP, which is now at a historic low compared to the USD (since time of writing GBP has bounced somewhat from this low).

Now the question is whether other CBs worldwide will follow, re-inflating the money supply and hence, making their debt more worthless while re-inflating the prices people have to pay for goods and services for imported goods and services in USD. So, as we mentioned before, they are going to re-inflate and are NOT trying to beat inflation.

One could do the right thing, which is stimulating production, but they are doing the opposite. More supply chain disruptions as they focus on the demand side, trying to cull demand (our consumption). Let's see.



2. Our World Today by Kurt Corthout

The Great Reset by 2030 agenda is in full swing.

It certainly feels as if the world is going insane.

And the following tactics may be in full play for a while (20 years?).

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2022-09-25/demoralization-west-kgb-style>

The four stages of US societal collapse, as the KGB prophet says, are:

1. **Demoralization:** in which people are (re)educated according to your own ideology
2. **Destabilization:** in which essentials like economy, foreign relations, and defence pacts/systems are disrupted
3. **Crisis:** a confluence of events on the back of the previous two steps creates existential crisis for the status quo.
4. **Normalization:** during the crisis a “force for good” will appear that promises some return to normalcy. We often welcome despotic solutions to immediate problems.

It does come though from our own human subconscious.

So, in this issue we prefer not to talk too much about the things unfolding which we don't have (much or any) control over and will focus more on the technical and **what we can further do to protect our positions.**

Basically, if what we are living in right now is the result of living mostly in conflict, fear, obedience and coercion, the solution must come from a totally different unrelated mindset.

Maybe **joy, love, empathy, and dialogue.** Obviously, we should not expect too much from those who built their positions of power by the former state of mind.

Personally, I found this dialogue inspiring from Shunyamurti, [*Revolution is the Revelation: From Chaosmos to Chiasma to the New Communion ~ Shunyamurti Satsang.*](#)

And maybe you can find some inspiration in [Food Forest Abundance](#) too.

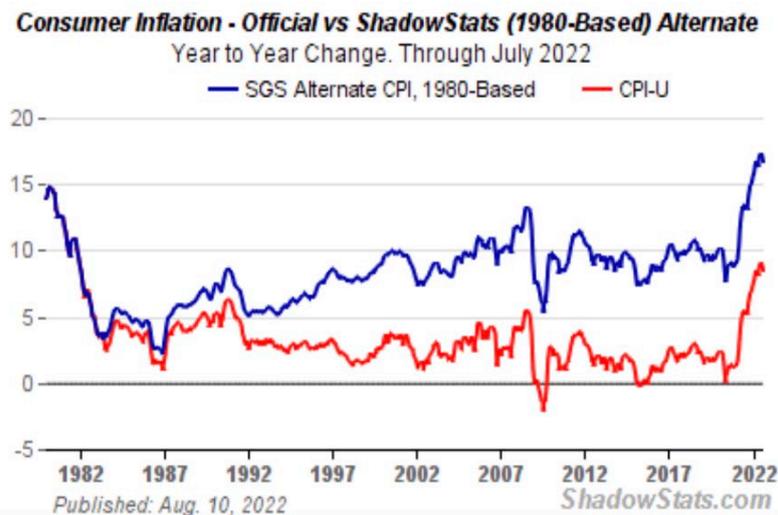
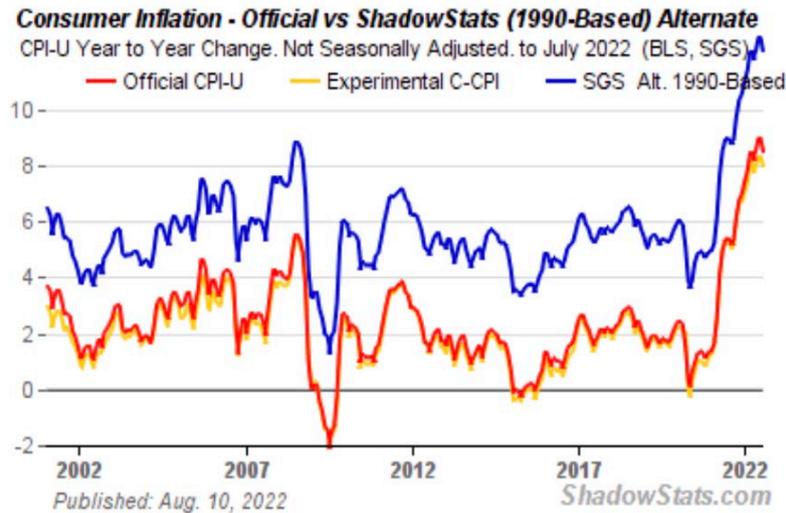
The thing 'they' want to avoid most of all is people uniting and taking empowering actions, like growing their own food and creating counter economics off the financial legacy grid.

So, we know what to do...

3. The Macro Picture by Kurt Corthout

Inflation

Inflation rates keep being elevated and while there may be a bit of noise by month on month reduction, the trend is up, and will stay up with the underlying elements at play (supply chain disruptions, money printing to fund even higher deficit spending on the bogus 'Green New Deal' and bringing peace by raising more costly wars (think Ukraine – Russia, potentially China – Taiwan) ... Yes, to bring peace, taxpayers are now on the hook for 40 billion USD not in peace negotiations, but to fund more weapons for the Ukraine. In addition, none of that money has gone to assist the innocent suffering civilians in the war-torn territory.





Source: [ShadowStats](#)

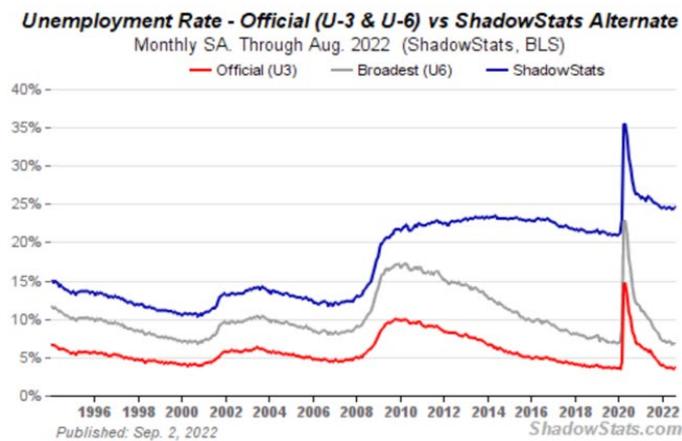
'July 2022 limited-history PPI Inflation softened month-to-month and year-to-year, off record highs of recent months, given declining gasoline/ energy prices, but otherwise at broad levels last seen 47-years ago in its traditional Finished Goods Series (Bureau of Labor Statistics - BLS). Similarly, although gasoline-prices are depressed off recent peaks, July 2022 CPI Inflation readings otherwise still were the highest seen in 75-years (ShadowStats-Alternate) and 41-years (BLS).'

From [ShadowStats](#)

Unemployment

Let's have a look at the [Shadowstats data on unemployment](#).

Aug 2022 ShadowStats Alternate Unemployment rose to 24.6% from 24.4% on top of U.6 rising to 6.97% from 6.73%



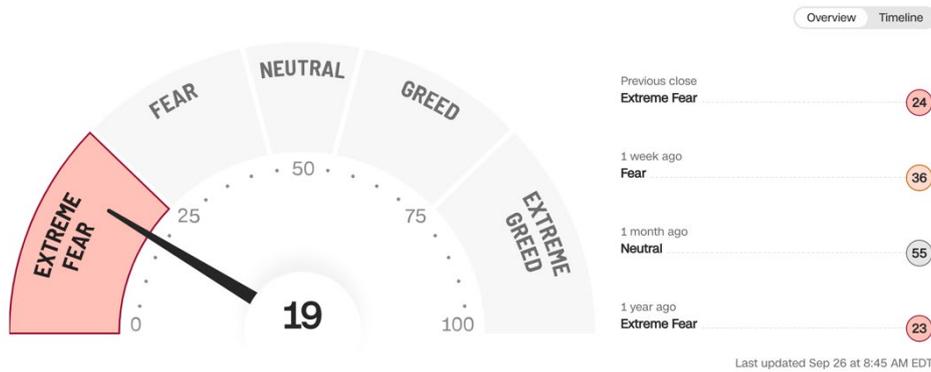
'August 2022 Headline Unemployment jumped 0.2%, to 3.7%, as the prior month's July 2022 Pandemic "Recovery" in Payroll Employment disappeared, purportedly shifting now to August 2022, amidst regular BLS seasonal-adjustment reporting gimmicks.'

Fear

We were expecting in our latest newsletter Extreme Fear could soon manifest.

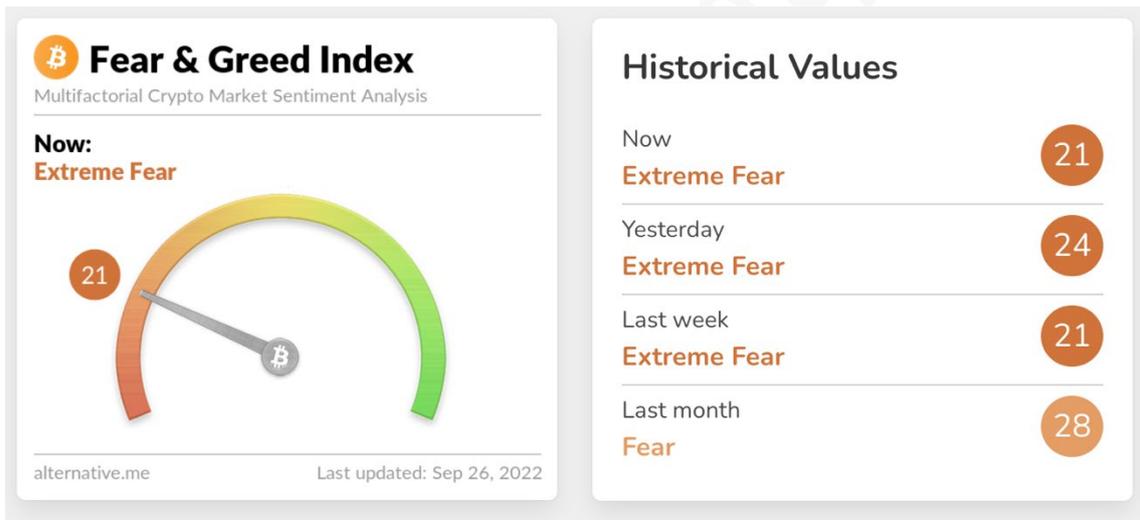
It turns out, that was accurate.

Let's look below for some of the indicators.



Source: [CNN](https://www.cnn.com)

The Alternative Fear and Greed Index was back in the Extreme Fear zone. Probably by more negative press from the Biden administration about the energy consumption of crypto currencies and overall market pressures through rising interest rates, global rising turmoil and a correction in global stock markets.

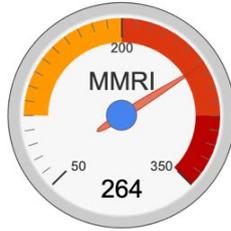


Source: [Alternative](https://www.alternative.me)

The [Gregory Mannarino's Market Risk Indicator](#) keeps residing in the high-risk zone and keeps making new highs.

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MMRI - Mannarino Market Risk Indicator

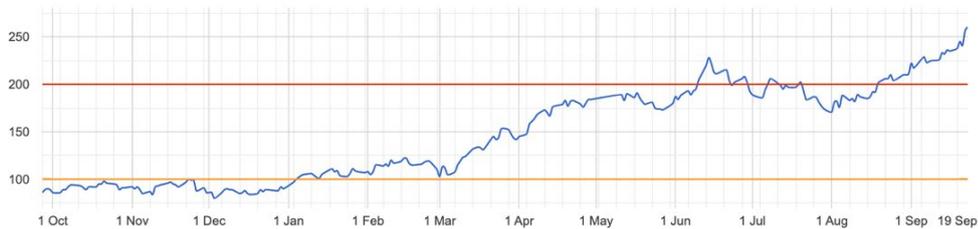


MMRI: 264
DXY: 113.12
US10Y: 3.75

MMRI is an easy way to measure stock market risk.
 MMRI formula: $DXY \cdot US10Y / 1.61$

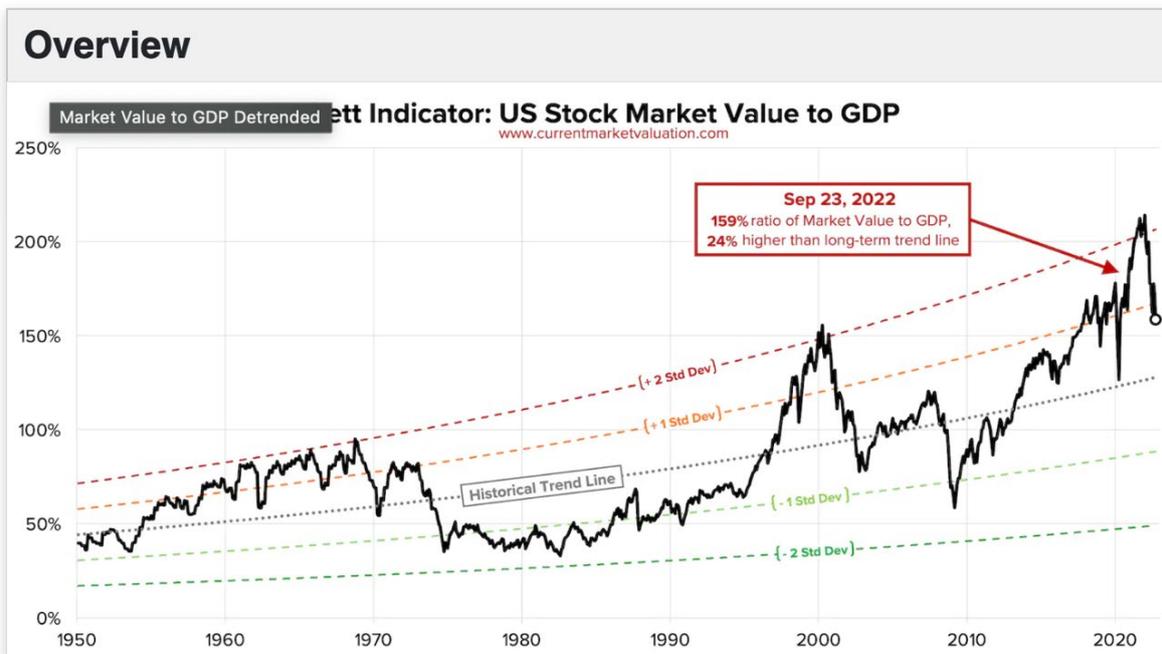
- 50-100 = **LOW RISK**
- 100-200 = **MODERATE RISK**
- 200-300 = **HIGH RISK**
- 300+ = **EXTREME RISK**

MMRI Historical Index Chart



[TradersChoice.net](#)

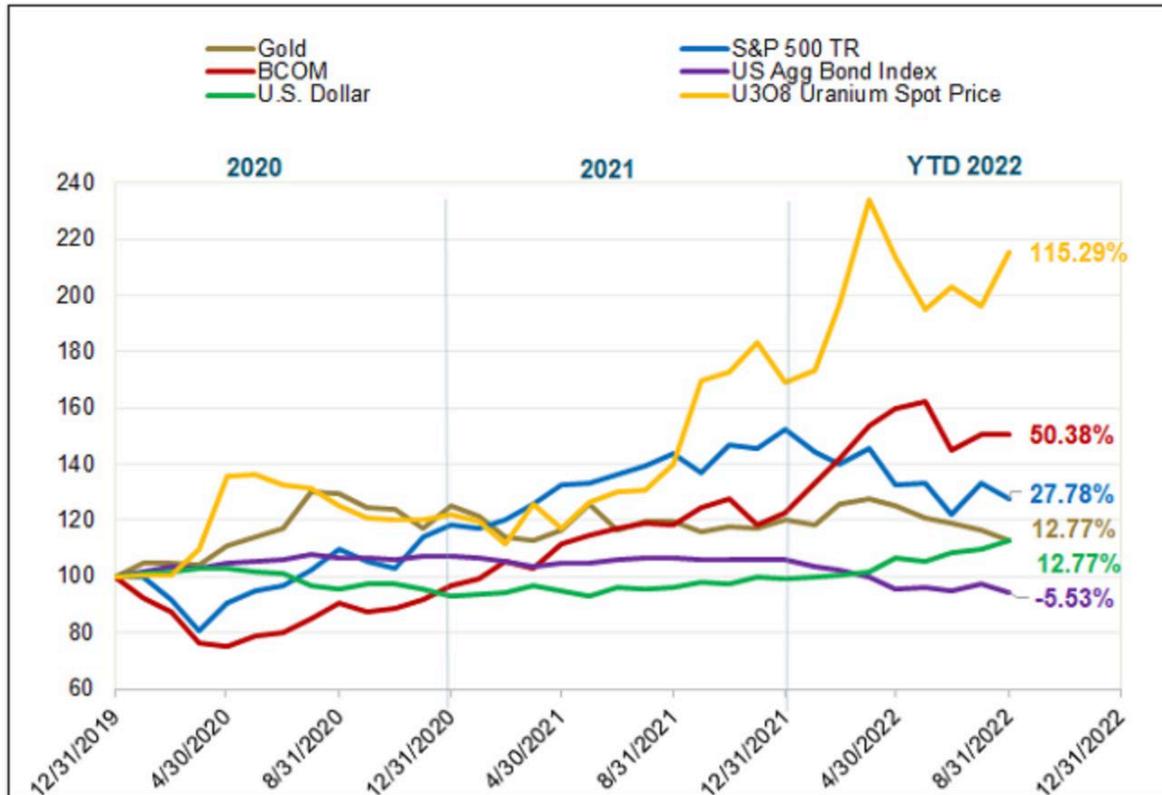
The Buffet Indicator is still showing trouble ahead. We could go much lower from here, although I am not expecting this. More market intervention *may* stop the correction in play.



Source: [Buffett indicator](#)

Commodities

Figure 1. Uranium Outperforms Other Asset Classes in the Short-Term (2020-2022)



Source: [Spratt](#)

Commodities in general have recently come under a little pressure, which is a buying opportunity in my opinion since **inflation is not temporary nor transitory** for the next few years.

I expect energy prices to spike once again in the not to distant future (quantitative easing, more global turmoil... not a rising demand but a further supply destruction by the powers that should not be).

We will keep on with our hedges for now and plan to sell them once we see extreme fear in the markets. Which we expect to materialize come October for all the reasons previously mentioned and the continuation of the Great Reset agenda of the WEF...

Once we see some more pressure, we will look out to buy some more value stocks which may correct together with the overall markets because of forced liquidations and overall fear (without any changes in the fundamentals of the underlying value stocks and their sectors...).

Keep a close eye on your inbox for the trade alerts, and in our [Element VIP groups](#), we are close, but hold the line for now.



Summary:

We have entered a recession, deflationary for now, which may soon (come autumn winter, maybe right after the 15th of November US Midterm elections) **turn into an outright inflationary depression** like never seen before in our lifetime.

While the major central banks, including the US FED for now have taken a hawkish stance, they already messaged they will eventually re-pivot (to a more dovish stance). So, first a correction or an outright crash is in the making according to my analysis, which is why we **keep half of our hedges open and USD cash on the side for now.**

In general, people will gradually at first switch from financial assets back to hard assets once the inflationary policies come back into play (and as people lose more and more trust in their respective governments).

Therefore, we think it is **wise to take some profits off the table** and build some cash in order to **buy back lower or buy into new opportunities** in the commodity area.

So, where are the markets now?

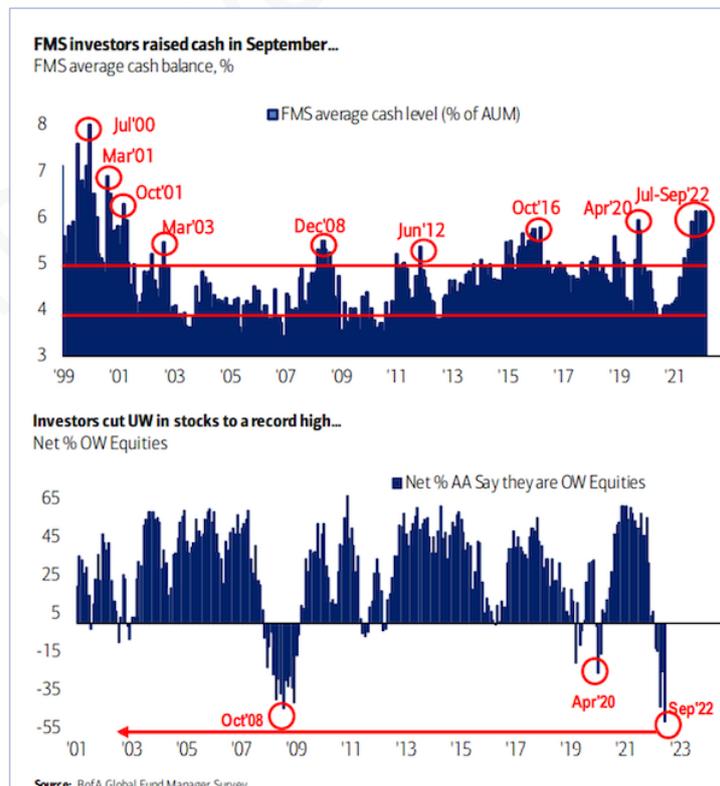
My best guess is still depicted in the following picture, but now, a bit to the right from the red arrow.



So short term, I think we may soon see a bounce, maybe even a serious bear market rally to squeeze all shorts out. Longer term though I see the bear market rally to continue and go into full crash mode. We will use the uptick if it happens to sell some stocks and add to our hedges.

Mainly because of the very bearish sentiment and the bearish trade has become too crowded, I think.

Sentiment is now even *more* bearish than just after the financial crisis of 2008.





In the long term we still have much further down to go until central banks dust off, oil the gears and fire up that old faithful printing press.

Michael Maloney summarizes very well the different reasons why we may be far from the lows in the following video update. [ALERT: 8 Reasons Stocks, Real Estate & Bonds Will Crater Like it's 1929 \(New Book Preview\)](#)



4. Stock Portfolio update by Kurt Corthout

We have been putting **5% of our Cash position in a hedge position** through the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX).

We bought call options on the VIX, expiration date December 2022, strike price 30 USD, premium at max 3.20 USD premium.

We are currently **up 38% on the position**, the premium for the contract now is at **4.4-4.5 USD**.

We still think much more volatility is upcoming, hence we may soon buy back more of this contract.

We also bought some put options on **QQQ (Nasdaq)**, expiration **Nov 2022**, execution price **250**, at **1.88 premium (so 188 USD per contract)**. We were up 194% from when we sold half as announced in our [VIP Stock Alerts Element Group](#) and are at 6.25 USD premium, up 232% on the remaining position.

The same applies for this hedge... which we may accumulate during the next 2 weeks. Keep an eye out over in our **VIP stock Alerts room** on Element, and in your mailbox.

In addition, we are **building more cash** by taking some more profits off the table.

Taking some more partial profits, taking half of our positions off the table in :

Whitehaven Coal: +255%, we already took half off the table at 100% a while ago, now we reduce again by half and take more profits off the table

China coal energy: +93%, almost covering our initial investment, while we let the rest ride

Euronav: +112% position and finally

Frontline: +93%.

We keep our proceeds in USD cash for now.

5. Technical Analysis by Kurt Corthout

Silver

A while back we said 'A look back and forward – Nothing new under the sun, except a great buying opportunity'. Seems like we were right and we may be witnessing the start of the other leg up in silver, finally.



Bitcoin

No change, we are still in our initial predicted channel, in the down leg now. To change the bigger bearish trend, **we should end the weekly chart above 24k**. And although we broke briefly through the 24k USD, this move seemed to have been a false breakout and we are back into the bearish channel now. Further weakness to come.



- **28,000 USD area** = Current resistance (14th of August)
- **24,100 USD area** = Previous Resistance
- **19,100 USD area** = New Resistance level (Previous Support)

And finally, the 13,000 USD area, we change to 14,000 USD.

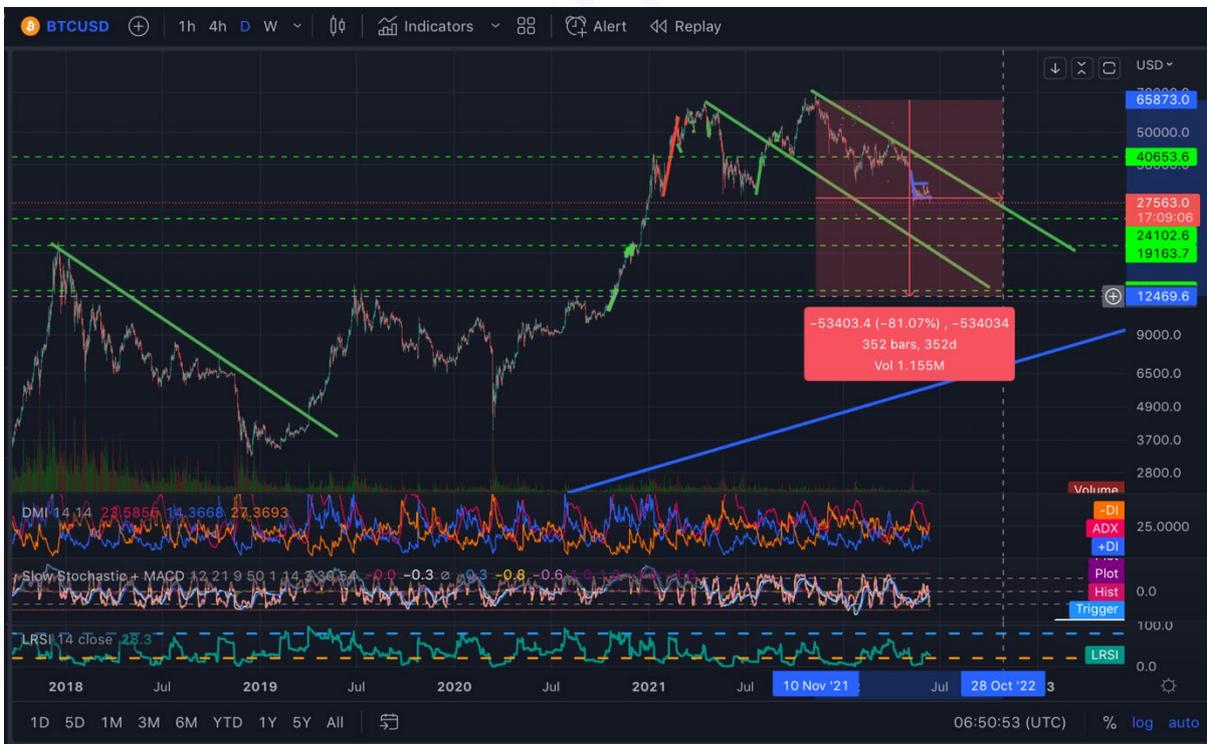
So, the bigger picture has not changed yet.

The following is a reminder from our end of month issue back in June.

'As mentioned before though, if we do not end significantly higher than 24,100 USD by end of this week, we may see the downturn restart.'



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.





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

Our strategy, therefore, remains similar:

- **Start Dollar Cost averaging in BTC until end of October 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 must be right about, is the following bull market, which we still expect to unfold before year-end.**

Volatility Index (VIX)

Volatility index has been on the up recently, which is handing us out some nice initial profits on our VIX Calls hedge position.

The VIX is hard to trade, it is boring, boring and a bit more boring until it shoots to the moon in days... That is why we buy when we see a drop and will soon put in some stink asks, just in case it spikes whilst we have are eyes off the charts.

On such days, our position could spike hundreds of percentages in days and even hours... (for example, in the case of some kind of Black Swan event happening).

So yes, we are seeing an **uptick in volatility** and our **VIX calls do their work as a portfolio hedge**. More volatility is likely as we head into the fall in the Northern Hemisphere. But we *may* see a momentary relief.



Monero

Resistance is now around 170 USD and XMR, although being relatively stronger than most cryptos, seems lacking conviction for now and seems to start its downward move again from here.

Support I still see at 120 USD and 95 USD. The latter is still possible during a further BTC drop, so again, **dollar cost averaging in for the longer term remains to be the message here.**



Nasdaq

Late July, early August, the picture had changed, and we saw a buy signal.

I wrote though that I:

'personally would not buy too much into it since the economy is NOT picking up and more disruptions seem to be very close.'

'This may be one of the best bull traps though, so, if you would buy, use tight stops.'

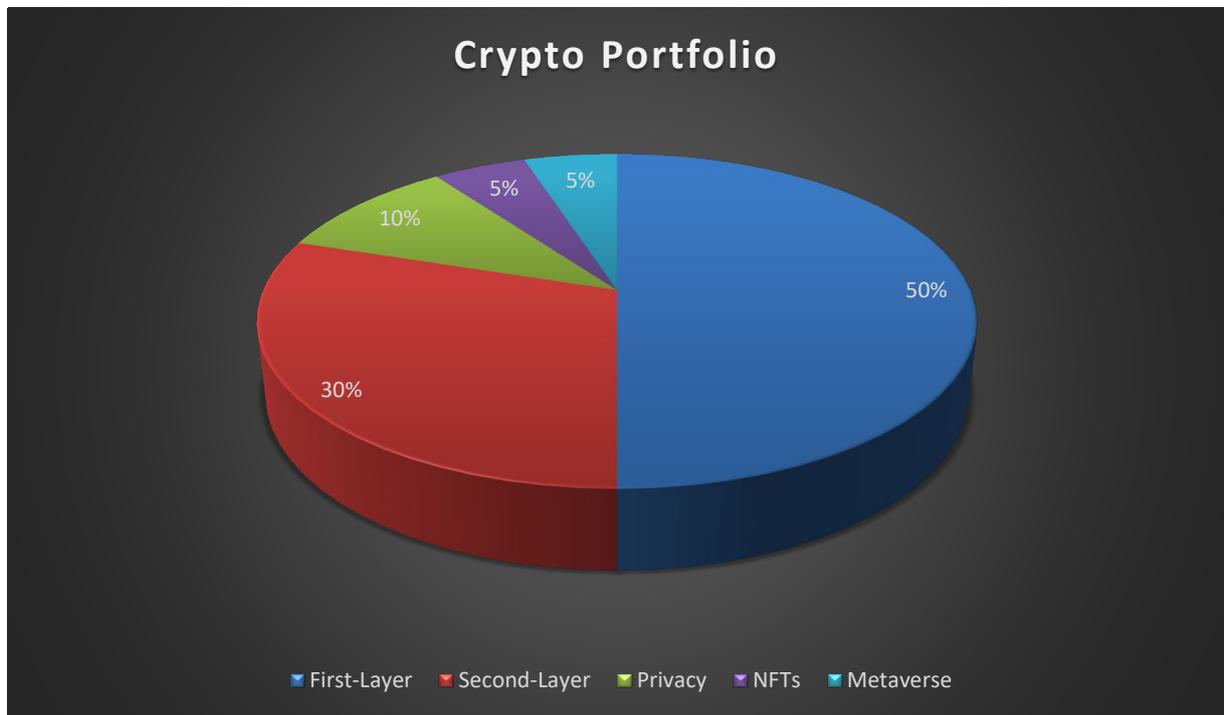
'We are moving back South... more weakness seems likely from here onward'

This seems to play out as expected. The Nasdaq is still under pressure, which is good for our Nasdaq hedge.



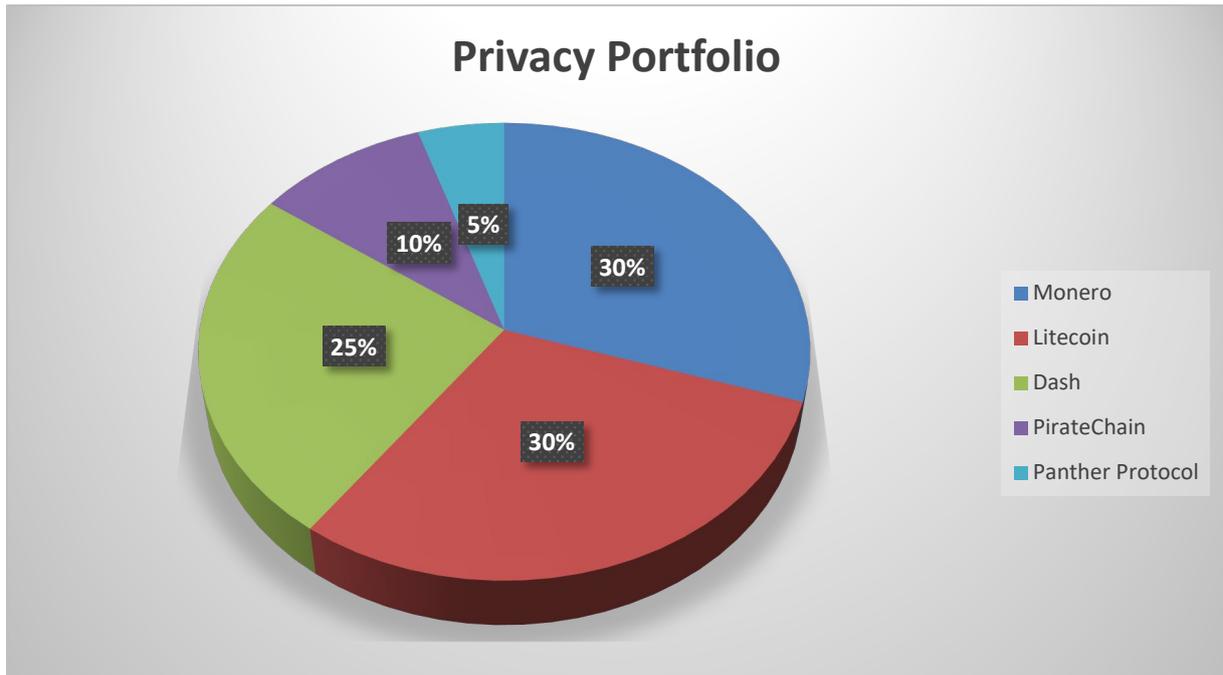


6. Crypto Portfolio by James Allard



Another bumpy few weeks for the entire crypto market. Further attempts to break to the upside with an equal number of failures to do so. Weakness forming and our long-time belief of seeing lower lows in this bear market looking increasingly likely.

In our last newsletter for VIP subscribers, which comes out slap-bang in the middle of each month, I went into detail about Monero. Now I'd like to touch on another privacy orientated cryptocurrency, one which I think is still hugely underrated, undervalued and with huge potential. I've covered it before, some time ago, but would like to just go over it again for our new readers and to clarify why I have made a significant allocation for it in our crypto portfolio. Enter the Panther Protocol.



Panther Protocol (ZKP)

Imagine if you will have the ability to anonymize your transactions within Metamask, imagine a private asset that could be bridged to multiple chains such as Polygon, Ethereum, Elgorand, Binance and more, but privately. This would be a game-changer for privacy advocates and a headache for the state taxation racket.

Well, the Panther Protocol may just be able to offer you all of this and more, while still in its infancy, all the above has been promised by the developers.

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
<p>Radical on-chain transparency is both a feature and a bug.</p> <p>Financial data became a commercial commodity, and neglecting privacy in Web3 and DeFi could fuel the success of a surveillance society. DeFi users are subject to economic espionage, having their strategies reverse engineered and front run.</p> <p>Institutions and Fintechs are unable to confidently enter DeFi, as balancing privacy and compliance is next to impossible.</p> <p>Without privacy, alpha and individual freedoms can erode very quickly.</p>	<p>Advanced zero-knowledge privacy and trust on any blockchain.</p> <p>Leveraging zkSNARK cryptography, and state-of-the-art multi asset shielded pools, network participants deposit digital assets from any blockchain into Panther vaults to mint zero knowledge zAssets.</p> <p>zAssets are fully collateralized, interoperable, private digital assets (zETH, zDAI, etc) that are poised to become an ever expanding asset class.</p> <p>Private zAssets can then be used across a full range of DeFi applications.</p>



Below are some of the features being promised by the development team:

Multi-asset Smart Contract Protocol: Leveraging zkSNARK cryptography, and state of the art multi asset mixing, network participants can deposit digital assets from any blockchain into Panther vaults and mint zero knowledge zAssets: fully collateralized, private counterparts that are poised to become an ever-expanding asset class. Stablecoins, utility tokens and NFTs can finally become infused with privacy

Interchain Layer1 Private Dex: Panther executes low latency, low fees, private swaps between digital assets across different blockchains, while providing private orderbooks, a better bonding model for increased capital efficiency and private on and off ramps.

Novel selective disclosure schemes: Panther enables full privacy by default, while also providing retail and institutional users with custom selective disclosure modes. Directly, or via Trust providers, users can selectively disclose data to trusted counterparties. Panther also offers zero knowledge disclosures, proving compliance without disclosing any underlying data. This could revolutionize compliance and minimize the effect of data breaches forever.

Sub-nets for access-controlled liquidity pools: Subnets enable the creation of permissioned pools. One practical application for this is that it allows institutions to create a subnet for its users to trade between themselves privately and compliantly, using DeFi infrastructure, but without interaction with the other users in the system outside of the subnet. These speeds up the institutional adoption of DeFi, onboarding millions of users of financial services.

zAssets: Privately minted crypto assets that are derivatives of other typically non-private crypto assets (e.g., Ethereum ERC-20 tokens and similar). A zAsset is pegged 1:1 to the underlying crypto asset which is locked as collateral in Panther Vaults; the latter may be partially or fully redeemed by burning some or all the minted zAsset

Panther Vaults: Autonomous, zero knowledge, self-custodial smart contracts which act as decentralized custodians for collateral of zAssets.

Panther Privacy Miners: Participants in the Panther ecosystem which frequently contribute zAsset transactions to the anonymity set, and earn Panther Tokens as a reward

Panther DAO: A decentralized autonomous organization for protocol governance.

If you want to really get into the technical, look at their comprehensive [whitepaper here](#)



In simple terms....

All of this sounds great, but for most I appreciate it is just technical mumbo-jumbo and you may still be wondering, 'So how does it work?'

1. Generate and register a cryptographically concealed anonymous user identity.
2. Deposit supported non-private crypto assets and wait for them to be accepted into a Panther Vault, and the corresponding zAssets registered in the Panther Pool.
3. Once in the Panther Pool, the balance of the zAssets will be visible from the user's wallet.
4. The user may privately transfer any fraction of their balance to another user.
5. The user may withdraw any fraction of their balance into a new stealth address accessible by the user.
6. The user may deploy the new zAssets into DeFi protocols as they wish.
7. The user can (though not by default) disclose metadata of any of their transactions, e.g. to their accountant for tax purposes, to a centralized exchange or bank to satisfy compliance requirements, or to law enforcement.
8. Once exited a DeFi protocol, the user may:
 - deposit back into a Panther Pool to obscure its DeFi history,
 - redeem the zAsset for its underlying native non-private asset collateral by burning the zAsset. The withdrawn asset will be deposited into another newly generated stealth address.

Still sounds pretty complicated, right?

It really isn't, not once the GUI is created to handle all the functionality. It will be as simple as depositing your Ethereum or Polygon into a Panther Vault, and then either transacting within DeFi platforms supporting the protocol or sending back out to a new address.

If you just want to clean your trail, as I've discussed before, you can simply send all your ERC-20 based tokens into Panther vault, then send them back out to a new clean address or addresses. The protocol will mix and obscure your assets, privately and securely while ensuring you remain in full custody of all assets, then send them back to a new address.



Anyhow, enough on that. Let us take a look at the current valuation of Panthers underlying asset ZKP.



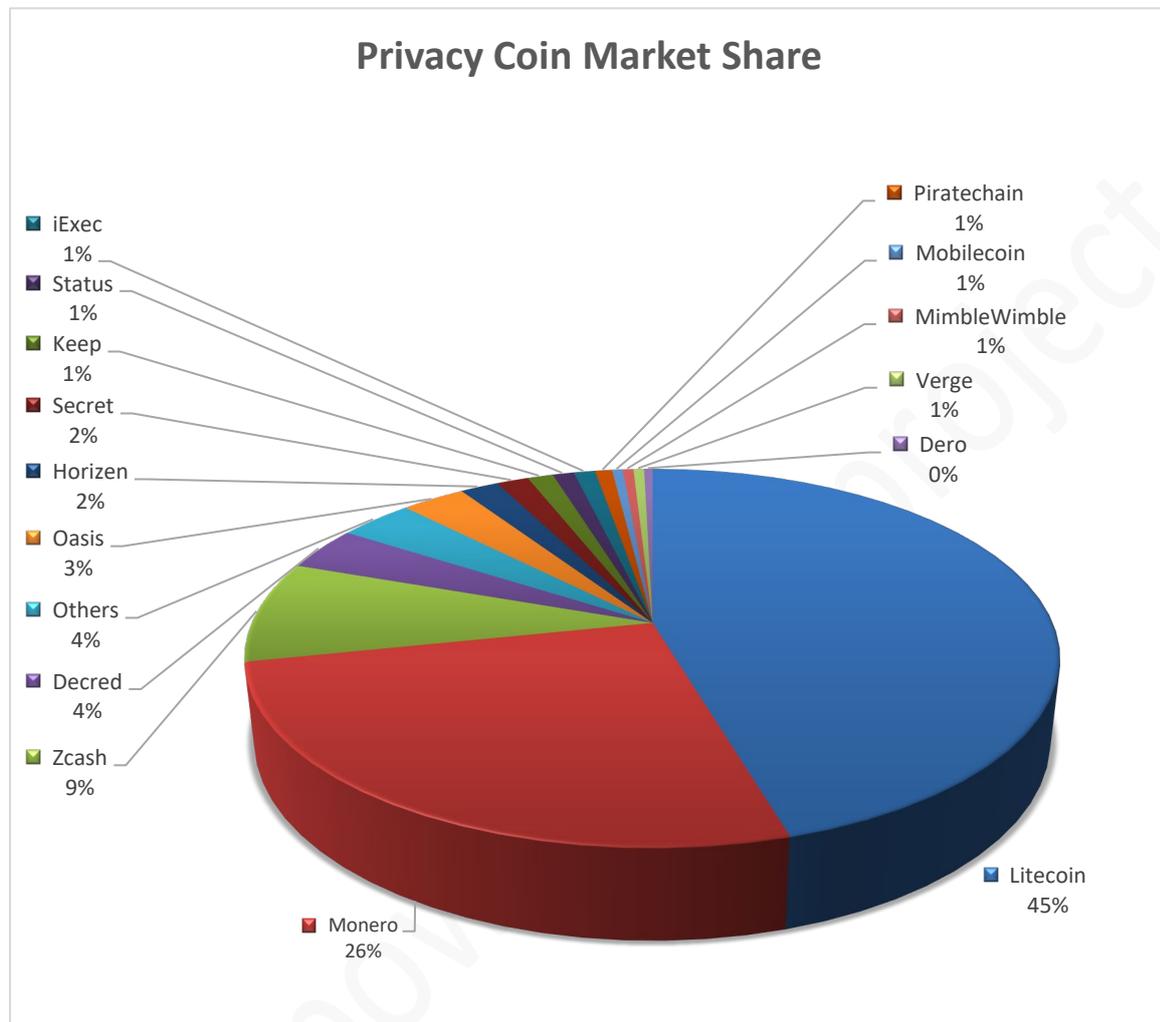
As you can see, it has declined just over 90% from its initial launch valuation for early investors. Most of this devaluation is due to the timing of its launch coinciding with the ongoing crypto cooling off period, but also it is because hype has died off surrounding Panther because most investors will be unqualified investors who expect 'moon' within a few weeks of public trading, once no moon is insight the majority start selling their early investment. Which is great news for smart investors.

If you look at most cryptocurrencies and their initial sale price to early investors, the price more often than not dips below this early investor price after launch.

ZKP currently sits at #4666 on [Coinmarket Cap](#), so there is plenty of room for growth.



The following chart shows the market share of privacy orientated cryptocurrencies:



The Panther Protocol's market share of the other 4% is around 15%, with a total market cap of \$37,000,000. There are other solutions for privacy, however Panther is attempting to create something without the various shortcomings we see in all the other projects. With the entire ERC-20 crypto market to serve, ZKP is not only severely undervalued, it has a wider market potential than most other projects.

PriFi Landscape

	Privacy Coins	Mixers	dApps & Smart Contracts	L1 Smart Contract Networks	L2 Protocols	Regulatory-compliant PriFi
						
Private	✓ (optional for Zcash & Firo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Uses Multi-Asset Shielded Pools to infuse existing assets with privacy.
Decentralized SOV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓ Enables existing SOV to interact with one another.
Multi-chain Support	✗	✓	All except Railgun	All except Mina	✗	✓ Supports both EVM and non-EVM chains.
ETH L1 Security	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓ Security is equivalent to its base-Layer networks.
Connects to existing DeFi	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓ Users can access DeFi through the Panther wallet or smart contract-level integrations.
Private Asset Swaps	✗	✗	✗	Secret has its own DEX	✗	✓ Allows for interchain transfers and swaps via zAssets.
Regulation Compliance	Firo and Zcash underway	In Tornado users can reveal the source of their received funds.	Only Railgun (and only for a user's whole history)	Only Secret (allows revealing an asset's history at a time)	✗	✓ Fully capable of regulatory compliance, revealing data selectively, and generating zero-knowledge proofs for data.
Dark Pools	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓ Through zero-knowledge proofs, regular users and institutions can create permissioned pools.

But, putting all this aside. There are, of course, risks. Hence the 5% allocation. The Panther Protocol isn't the only project to be working on providing privacy to existing ERC-20 based chains. And, even if Panther is promising the most feature rich platform for privacy, it doesn't mean they will 1) win the day or 2) even deliver at all. While the developers are assuring the community that the foundations of the protocol are already built, and version alpha is almost ready for release – so far, it is just that, assurance.

I guess we'll see and I'm relatively confident that deliver they will. But even still, 5% allocation is risk enough.



7. Domestication by James Allard

Capture an animal from the wild and care for it, give it shelter, food and water and it will live what appears to be a content life. Ten years later, throw it back to the wild and it will unlikely survive the night. Not because it doesn't belong there, but because it has grown accustomed to life in captivity and a loyalty to its captor.

Take my dog Roxy, technically a captive from birth. Born and raised from birth by humans. We provide everything she needs: shelter, food, water, exercise, and health care, living a life of relative bliss, loyal to us and no other. Now, imagine I stop feeding her tomorrow. *"Sorry Roxy, no more food for you. Can't bear the smell of it anymore!"*. She'd remain loyal, she'd likely try to pinch our food, when possible, but stay she would. After all, we are all she knows, so while we may have changed the game a little, it still resembles the original game.

Maybe then I decide her time in the warmth and with a roof over her head is over, outside for you! Well, she'd sit outside, probably bark, be sad and hurt with her little floppy ears pulled back from her head. But she'd remain loyal, she'd wait for me to save her, and make everything ok again. Her loyalty would remain intact until she died from starvation or the cold.

I say this, because it explains very well what we are seeing with people, and how they are handling the current 'cost of living' crisis.

I often refer to the abundance of opportunity that exists for us all if we were just to take it, but I guess this is a little unfair.

Just as dog will remain loyal to and entirely dependent on its carer, most people will remain loyal and entirely dependent on their carers too.

People have become accustomed to a way of life that is largely detached from their own actions, but for a few strict rules. Society gives us the shelter, food, water and entertainment in return for our loyalty. It kind of works, yeah, it's full of corruption, a few evil dudes here and there and unfortunate things happen from time to time, but for most in the western hemisphere it's hard to deny that life can be led with relative ease - if you play by the rules.

As life got easier, so did the expectations of how easy life should be. The problem comes when this typically upward trend of 'you can now do even less and still live well' pivots and heads back to earth. Suddenly life gets less easy. Suddenly you have to give more in return for less. Suddenly they are putting you out in the cold.



And so, the people, loyal as they are, look to their captors in dismay, effectively barking, in hope that this is just a joke, a mistake, "surely, it must be!". But their captors seem to just laugh, throw the odd scrap from time to time, while you remain outside, cold and hungry.

Dependence on Government, no matter how great they may be (pm me if you know of a great one), will always lead to fear, desperation, and hopelessness. People put their entire life into one basket. When the basket begins to fray and break up, the only solution they see is finding someone to fix the basket. But little do they realise the basket is only about 2 inches off the ground.

So, when I make comments about the infinite possibilities out there and how this cost-of-living crisis doesn't have to be as bad as you think, it isn't to patronise or make someone feel inferior for not feeling like they have the ability to do something more, it's because I don't want people to just sit out in the cold waiting to be saved, waiting for the scraps to come.

Handing over custody of one's ability to survive to another party is a dangerous act. Rarely is such a thing necessary and when it is, it should certainly not be forever.





8. The Beast From The East by James Allard

The following theory is based upon a mix of historical known facts and my understanding, as well as my observational studies of people and the results of their interactions both big and small. For us to provide the very best, most accurate prediction of where we are heading, we must first look to the past, then re-examine our beliefs and what we consider to be common sense.

But theory or not, I think you'll agree that what I suggest in the following text is in no way a radical or irrational theory to present. When the thing that looks like an orange, smells like an orange and even taste like an orange, it's probably an orange. There is always a small chance anything, no matter how seemingly obvious it is what you think it is, is in fact a trick, a deception, an error in our examination of the facts. But the more historical facts align with current day circumstances, the more accurate predictions can be.

Anyway, I ramble – let us begin!

The Fall of an Empire

Throughout history, without exception, all Empires have eventually fallen. And while the social and economic infrastructures may have been very different technologically, they are almost identical in their purpose and functionality.

Empires fall when the power of the political infrastructure begins to fracture and they begin to fracture because to create such an immense power and dominance a very complex infrastructure must be built, and with complexity comes fragility; and with fragility comes vulnerability.

To understand why Empires, fall, you need to understand how an empire rises and the effect on the collective within the empire it has as well as the effect the rising empire has on less developed civilisations. An empire in its prime typically is the most innovative and technologically advanced civilisation on earth. New discoveries in transport, resource mining and efficiency in governance processes create an all-powerful empire that leaves the rest of the world in awe. As their power grew, so did the knowledge that they existed, until all those outside the empire knew of this almighty empire and wanted to either join them or conquer them (or more often than not, both).

Empires dominate in productivity, with far-off lands all wanting a piece of the empire's innovation and creativity. As the riches flow into the Empire, its people become ever more content, and with contentment comes complacency and laziness. As generations pass within an empire, there eventually comes a tipping point where the perception of opportunity and



relative success of the people diminishes. People no longer strive to build a better world for themselves because making a difference seems so far out of their grasp. Meanwhile, emerging less-developed civilisations have a population who begin to see *what is possible*. The wealth and luxuries of the dominant empire are irresistible to them, and so they work ever harder to build for themselves a replica of the empire. They strive to be *the* Empire.

And so, they do, or at least one of them eventually does topple the existing empire. This is the nature of how the human condition reacts to power, prosperity, and wealth. Only when you do not have it are you most eager to get it. Only when times are hard do people find the ability to commit their life fully to doing better. **But don't worry, it's not all the common people's fault.** Much of this inevitable cycle can be put down to the governance and economic foundations laid down by a small group of people who dominate the direction of the Empire.

The Problem with equality is....

Humans aren't so bad, really, we are not. While we may have different ideas on how best to deal with the problems and issues that lay before us, we ultimately want the same things for ourselves, love, peace, and prosperity. Typically, we don't want to see others of our own species suffering or distressed, it's not in our survival instincts to do so. So, an empire will always strive to push their support for equality.

But it is a deception. An empire does not push equality because they want to be your next-door neighbour and share jammy dodgers over a cup of tea. No, it is because to create equality, you need to have rules, and lots of them. These rules ensure the majority of those in the empire are all living in similar conditions. Some better than others, but all constrained within a relatively small belt of difference. This belt starts off large, and as the dance towards equality goes on, the belt gets smaller, and smaller – pushing those from the top down to meet the middle.

Many misunderstand equality, which is why they fall for this trick. Yes, everyone should have an **equal** opportunity, but everyone should be equal?

We are not all equal, we are all unique. Every one of us has a different unique code that can be used to replicate the vessel we inhabit at conception. Each vessel has strengths and weaknesses, some maybe better than others, while others may be an unfortunate mistake in the blueprint. So, whether it is fair or not, we are physically unequal.

But.... It is way more than that. Our physical vessel just alters how we need to navigate through life. Harder for some, easier for others. The even bigger thing that makes us so inevitably different and unequal is our experiences. Our experiences shape our destiny. Some have many bad experiences; experiences so far beyond our grasp of understanding,



and this is just awful. And yes, creating a world where everyone lives in the same environment; with the same education; with the same resources and of course the same set of rules would ensure just about everyone's experiences are very similar – but think about it, do you want that?

Do we want our actions to *not* determine our future?

What is a life of bliss for one, is another's worst nightmare. I have friends with very different lives to me, and yet they are equally as happy as myself. We are all unique, which is in direct opposition to equality.

Who Controls the Money can Control the World

'Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world'. – Henry Kissinger

Kissinger could have saved a little space and time on this quote as the last pronouncement covers all the above. Money can control everything if the right economic foundations and structures are put into place. *'The whole world can be mine!'* [evil laugh]

The US dollar is the World currency. It has dominated human society and been hailed as the World Reserve Currency since 1944, following the Bretton Woods agreement. The US and its Allies across Europe and the commonwealth make up the Empire and the dollar as well as each nations own currency form the backbone of the control system. Without control over the money, you can never hope to control the people. And, if you can't control the people, you cannot have equality (among the many).

Traditionally, other hard assets like gold, silver and rare commodities would make up large parts of an empire's wealth, and they still do. But they have this covered too. Take gold for example. Twice a day the LBMA in London, UK sets the price of Gold:

The Fix is set by LBMA members who meet twice a day to agree a price that will clear their outstanding orders. This price then determines 'The London Fix'. The price is based on trade in gold and other precious metals 'futures'. This futures price is the price that was agreed for future delivery of the metals.

The London Fixed Price is published on UK working weekdays at 11am and 3pm for gold (midday for silver, 2pm for platinum). Orders are processed the following working day.

So, gold prices are not set by supply and demand?



Well, not entirely no. Supply and demand are a factor, but because the supply is largely paper and not physical, the supply is false. But also, because the price is set by humans, rather than naturally occurring through trade price discovery.

An Easterly Breeze

Before I continue, it is worth noting that I don't think for a second that any of the battle for power we see between the perceived dominating western empire and the rising power in the east is a simple two-sided battle. Rather, I see it as mostly a theatrical game of thrones for the masses. A pathway being paved by a small handful of people who hold no allegiance to any nation state. So, bare this in mind as I move on....

Russian Viruses, Russian Terrorist plots, Russian Disinformation networks, Russians, Russians Everywhere!

The Russians have been the dressed up as the boogiemans to the west for decades. Following World War 2, Germans were for a time, to the lead in this part, but it wasn't long before those 'pesky commies!' took centre stage. The Cold War stretched on for decades, starting in the late 1940s right through to the early 90s. With Hollywood and cinema really taking off during this period, effectively dominating the lives of every household in the Western Bloc, Movie villains and criminals had found their stereotype, a Russian, of course!

This bad-guy archetype attributed to Russians never really went away, not even as the 90s fell away to a new millennium. It subsided a little. There as a brief attempt to try and swap out these Russian commies for a suicide-bomber, plane hi-jacking, extremist Muslim or two, but this never really gained too much traction. Russians were the perfect villain. They had the same harsh tone as the already instilled boogiemans following WW2 (aka The Germans), but they were taller, they were bigger, they were living in a far-off treacherous land. Did you ever see some of those Russian dudes in Arnold Schwarzenegger films of the 80s?

7ft tall and full of muscle, "Vee ar goig to kill yall all" [inhuman laugh]

It is all pantomime, of course. There was no *real* animosity between the western and the eastern puppeteers of the world, they were just hell bent on making sure the public felt that way. Why, because the quickest way to a one-power one-world environment is to create fear and uncertainty around the remaining existing dominating powers. Fracture them, put them against each other until a resolution must be sort, for the good of the people!

I don't really want to get into the whats, whys or whoms surrounding the nefarious agendas of elites and their proxy wars upon the world's population, mainly because a) who cares b) who really knows and c) what exactly can we do about it anyway. But it is important to know where there is currently heading if our trajectory remains as it is.



Enter BRICS

BRICS is an acronym for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The term was first used in 2001 without South Africa (BRIC) by Goldman Sachs Economist Jim O Neill in a statement he made about how these nations would by 2050 dominate the global economy.

And while the BRICS was a term coined by a US Goldman Sachs employee for these emerging economies, rather than an actual collaborating group of nations working together, they are now indeed working together.

'Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) are developing a new basket-based reserve currency.' - [Forbes](#)

This all comes in wake of the West's assault against Russia over their current occupation in the Ukraine. By isolating Russia from the World reserve currency, the dollar, Russia did the obvious – began building out their alliances, they decided rather than beg forgiveness to simply set-up in competition against the West. And it might just work.

As I said, all empires must fall. The timing is ripe, all western bloc economies are in trouble. Covid has exposed the fragility of its infrastructure and the misplaced trust so long freely given to their governments. The golden age peaked three decades ago and has since been holding on for dear life. A plain speaking, bear riding, bad ass Russian like Putin could be all it takes to topple the West down into oblivion.

This week it was announced that Iran and Argentina had applied to join the BRICS. - [Unherd.com](#)

But other countries are showing interest in joining up to the new kid on the block:

Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mexico, Turkey, Egypt, Nigeria, Sudan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have expressed interest in membership of the BRICS - [indiandefencereview.com](#)

Few are taking this uprising seriously, but they should – it's actually a massive threat to the West's dominance over the World. Also, you don't just lose the top spot and remain a close second. Once you get booted off the top-spot, it's a long fast fall to the bottom and into the history books.

A New Digital Reserve Currency

Putin has proposed a new reserve currency. A digital currency backed by a basket of commodities.

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that the minilateral member states were working on developing a new global reserve currency. It is presumed that this global reserve currency,



containing the national currencies of the BRICS member states, will be an alternative to the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Right (SDR). At a time when Russia is facing unprecedented global sanctions in the wake of the Ukraine invasion, Putin's announcement has underscored the importance of recognising the heterogeneous motives of the BRICS nations to not only facilitate intra-BRICS trade in local currencies, but also firewall their global financial interests. - orfonline.org

What this 'basket of commodities' will be made up of is unclear, though most expect Gold to make up a significant portion of the reserve. Other commodities speculated are Oil, Bitcoin and silver – but at this point no one really knows anything.

The important thing to understand here is that underdeveloped countries have yet to experience true wealth and standards of living like we have now taken for granted. Look at India, with a population of 1.38 billion and manufacturing still a way off its glory days – they could be a force to reckon with over the coming decades. China already has a military force that would put even the west's military industrial complex to shame. Then you need to consider the dozens of smaller nations, particularly in Africa and the Middle East that have been somewhat disregarded by the West, except for plunder.

One thing is for sure, the BRICS will have to change its name very soon. Another thing for sure is that this rising power will take advantage of geopolitical situations every step of the way.

With all this in mind, be very wary of where you hold your wealth. Looking further east for investment may in time prove very profitable.

The Tipping point is here..... maybe

Notice how the shops here are becoming a little sparse on supplies? Supermarket out of bread, again? Limited range of products?

This is happening all over the country. Supermarkets here in the UK are struggling. After successfully monopolising the food market over the past decade, undercutting high street shops by selling products for profit at just pennies on the pound, and very often at a loss, simply to absorb as many customers as possible, now the isht has hit the proverbial fan. They didn't expect COVID, they didn't expect the supply chain implications of global lockdowns, nor did they expect energy price hikes of over 100% in just a couple years.

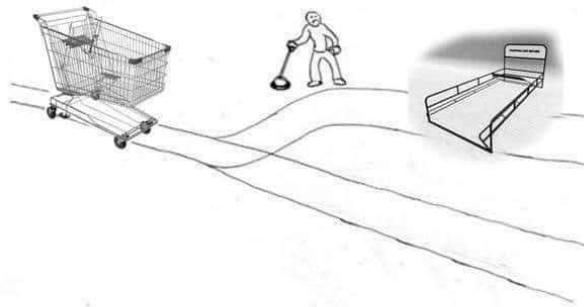
Supermarkets are not failing because of a single issue; they are failing because their entire model was built around the economic and social environment of the early noughties. Things have drastically changed in a short-period and all of sudden profits are drying up.

But it's more than that, public services are not being maintained as they should, schools and colleges are often left with not enough teachers to students, hospitals are seeing the longest waiting times in their history and, an interesting one I think at least is the shopping trolley situation.

The shopping trolley being returned to the stand is often considered to represent the moral compass of a society. I'd argue it represented the health of society, but I guess the moral compass a result of a societies health.

There is no dire emergency.

Do you accept your duty to return the cart even though you gain nothing?



Five years ago, rarely would you see a shopping trolley sitting alone in the carpark. If you haven't noticed already, have a look next time you go shopping. Not only are shopping trolleys left willy-nilly all over the place, they aren't alone they are with company, plenty of company. People are stressed, people are concerned, people are losing their sense of duty.

And they lose this sense of duty because everything else around them appears to be losing its duty to them. This carefully constructed system we find ourselves living in works like a dream when running under perfect environmental and economic conditions, but this perfect efficiency comes at a cost, it's brittle like glass. And like glass, it can be fully loaded to capacity and work just fine, but a small impact or two anywhere within its structure and the whole thing can crack and come crashing down.

I think we are almost there, almost at the tipping point. The point in time where the empire begins to fall and the fight for a new empire emerges. I think people are overall not ready for it and I think most will find the next decade a particularly hard one.

But I also think this time of hardship is entirely premeditated, or at the very least encouraged and intended to be taken advantage of.

Seriously when you 'own nothing' because you lost it all, the idea of 'owning nothing and being happy' can only seem like a win-win solution, right?



The fourth Industrial Revolution is more than just a major shift and breakthrough in technology advancements, it's a complete overhaul of how society is to be structured.

All I can say is for those unfortunate enough to fall into a state of desperation over the coming years, be careful what you wish for. Very careful indeed. It would be far better if you could find a way around the situation. You don't want to be saved, really, you don't.

Most would rate their standard of living based on the current expectations of the society they are a part of. What is poverty for a family in England would be considered above average in most parts of the world. Poverty is relative. Bear this in mind. It can be very important for your state of mind moving forward, regardless of how wealthy you may or may not be.

Finally, with careful planning and a well-informed mind, such shifts of global power and changes in society open the door to some life-changing opportunities.



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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 – oye.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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