


FEAR UNCERTAINTY AND DOUBT. #FUD #FOMO #IABATO.  
BITCOIN BUBBLES AND KAISER FIDDLES AS THE ETERNAL  
METAL REMAINS RIGGED. WHO ARE YOU? YOU AND ME,  
US OUR AND THEM? UR REALITY #ROVE  
#REALITYBASEDCOMMUNITY

## The Veins of Wealth

PARDON ME. MEN OF BUSINESS DO INDEED KNOW HOW THEY THEMSELVES MADE THEIR MONEY, OR HOW, ON OCCASION, THEY LOST IT. PLAYING A LONG-PRACTISED GAME, THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CHANCES OF ITS CARDS, AND CAN RIGHTLY EXPLAIN THEIR LOSSES AND GAINS. BUT THEY NEITHER KNOW WHO KEEPS THE BANK OF THE GAMBLING-HOUSE, NOR WHAT OTHER GAMES MAY BE PLAYED WITH THE SAME CARDS, NOR WHAT OTHER LOSSES AND GAINS, FAR AWAY AMONG THE DARK STREETS, ARE ESSENTIALLY, THOUGH INVISIBLY, DEPENDENT ON THEIRS IN THE LIGHTED ROOMS. THEY HAVE LEARNED A FEW, AND ONLY A FEW, OF THE LAWS OF MERCANTILE ECONOMY; BUT NOT ONE OF THOSE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY. PRIMARILY, WHICH IS VERY NOTABLE AND CURIOUS, I OBSERVE THAT MEN OF BUSINESS RARELY KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD "RICH." AT LEAST, IF THEY KNOW, THEY DO NOT IN THEIR REASONINGS ALLOW FOR THE FACT, THAT IT IS A RELATIVE WORD, IMPLYING ITS OPPOSITE "POOR" AS POSITIVELY AS THE WORD "NORTH" IMPLIES ITS OPPOSITE "SOUTH."



THE WHOLE QUESTION, THEREFORE, RESPECTING NOT ONLY THE ADVANTAGE, BUT EVEN THE QUANTITY, OF NATIONAL WEALTH, RESOLVES ITSELF FINALLY INTO ONE OF ABSTRACT JUSTICE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE, OF ANY GIVEN MASS OF ACQUIRED WEALTH, MERELY BY THE FACT OF ITS EXISTENCE, WHETHER IT SIGNIFIES GOOD OR EVIL TO THE NATION IN THE MIDST OF WHICH IT EXISTS. ITS REAL VALUE DEPENDS ON THE MORAL SIGN ATTACHED TO IT, JUST AS STERNLY AS THAT OF A MATHEMATICAL QUANTITY DEPENDS ON THE ALGEBRAICAL SIGN ATTACHED TO IT. ANY GIVEN ACCUMULATION OF COMMERCIAL WEALTH MAY BE INDICATIVE, ON THE ONE HAND, OF FAITHFUL INDUSTRIES, PROGRESSIVE ENERGIES, AND PRODUCTIVE INGENUITIES: OR, ON THE OTHER, IT MAY BE INDICATIVE OF MORTAL LUXURY, MERCILESS TYRANNY, RUINOUS CHICANE. SOME TREASURES ARE HEAVY WITH HUMAN TEARS, AS AN ILL-STORED HARVEST WITH UNTIMELY RAIN; AND SOME GOLD IS BRIGHTER IN SUNSHINE THAN IT IS IN SUBSTANCE. John Ruskin, Unto This Last  
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