

The Evolution of Humanity: From Horse-Drawn Buggies to Bitcoin

As I walk through Fairmount Park, surrounded by the beauty of autumn, I find myself contemplating how far humanity has come. The sculpture of a horse in front of me sparks a reflection on our technological evolution, from the days of horse-drawn buggies to today's autonomous vehicles. Tesla just introduced new robotic technology for self-driving cars—no steering wheels, no pedals. It's fascinating to think about how technology has transformed every aspect of our lives, including the way we move, work, and even manage money.

Tomorrow, I'll be visiting the Amish, who still rely on horses and buggies in their daily lives. The contrast between their world and ours makes me think about how we, as a society, have evolved. It's inspiring to witness the shift from manual labor to a future dominated by technology. As we live in an age of digital abundance, the potential of tools like artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles excites me. But what excites me most is the future of money, particularly bitcoin.

The Shift from Cash to Digital Payments

Walking through Market Street one day, I glanced up at a billboard advertising the possibility of purchasing bitcoin ETFs through the bank. It struck me—just as cash seems to be fading away, bitcoin is becoming a viable alternative for many. I've experienced it firsthand. In Miami, I was denied the ability to pay for coffee with cash. Instead, I had to tap my card on one of those white squares. It made me wonder, "What is this technology, and who created it?"

I discovered that Jack Dorsey, the co-founder of Twitter, is behind the technology, with his company Block facilitating these cashless transactions. This digital-first world is rapidly changing how we pay for things. In fact, when I had a print made for a recent photography show in Philadelphia, they also only accepted card payments.

"Going into the future, digital payments just make sense."

It's easier, faster, and more efficient. But it got me thinking: what does this mean for the future of money?

Bitcoin: The Public Ledger and Financial Sovereignty

The photography show I was displaying my work at was called *Public Ledger*, and I couldn't help but think of the connection to bitcoin's blockchain. As I continued to dive deeper into bitcoin, I realized that the technology behind it is a decentralized public ledger, keeping a record of every transaction ever made since 2008. There's something incredibly liberating about this.

"Bitcoin separates you from the banking system and gives you autonomy and sovereignty over your wealth."

Unlike the central banking system, which feels outdated and slow—where I have to wait days for a check to process—bitcoin offers immediacy. It's peer-to-peer. I can send millions of dollars anywhere in the world in an instant. This is the future of finance, and the more I study it, the more I believe in its potential.

What Is Money? Understanding Energy and Scarcity

In my exploration of bitcoin, I came across Michael Saylor, one of the largest holders of bitcoin. His philosophy on money resonated deeply with me:

"Money is economic energy."

He explains that just as our bodies store energy from the food we consume, money stores energy in the economy. When you think about it, fiat currency—money printed endlessly by governments—loses value over time because it's not scarce.

"The problem with money is that we print it out infinitely."

And that's a major issue in our current financial system.

This is where bitcoin stands apart. With only 21 million bitcoins ever to be mined, it is truly scarce.

“Gold, on the other hand, can always be mined—there’s no limit to how much gold we can find. Bitcoin is different because it has a hard cap, making it a truly scarce asset,”

and I believe this will drive its value up over time. In a world where the dollar depreciates, bitcoin gives me a way to store my wealth securely.

Minimalism, Meat, and Bitcoin: A New Way of Living

Investing in bitcoin has not just changed how I view money—it’s transformed my entire lifestyle. Over the past two years, I’ve adopted a 100% carnivore diet.

“Meat, salt, and water—that’s all a man really needs.”

I no longer eat breakfast or lunch because the energy I get from fatty red meat sustains me throughout the day. This approach to diet parallels my approach to wealth: simplify, minimize, and focus on what truly matters.

The word *capital* derives from *caput*, meaning "head of cattle." In ancient times, cattle were used as a store of wealth, just as bitcoin is today. By investing in bitcoin, I’ve stopped being a consumer and have become a capitalist.

“I’m no longer a consumer; I’m a capitalist. Welcome to America, baby!”

Freedom and Hope Through Bitcoin

What excites me most about bitcoin isn’t the potential for quick riches or becoming a millionaire overnight. It’s the freedom it provides.

“Bitcoin gives me hope and an optimistic outlook for the future.”

In today's world, where owning property seems out of reach for many in my generation, bitcoin offers a new way to store and grow wealth. It's like owning digital property that you can take with you anywhere. You don't need to worry about taxes, maintenance, or theft. And it's accessible to anyone, anywhere in the world.

Every day, as I walk the streets of Philadelphia and make purchases, I think about how the world is shifting to digital transactions.

"Why not invest in the technology that's shaping the future?"

Bitcoin is more than just digital gold; it's a transformative technology that has already changed my life.

The Future of Wealth: A New Kind of Capitalism

As I continue to study bitcoin, I realize that our financial system is outdated, much like the Knights Templar of the Middle Ages, who provided early banking services to pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land. Their system of checks and ledgers feels almost as slow as today's central banking system, where I still have to wait days for my money to clear. Bitcoin, on the other hand, is immediate, decentralized, and truly scarce.

"In the end, all a man really needs is meat, salt, water, and bitcoin."

As I prepare to visit the Amish tomorrow to purchase a half cow, I feel confident that I'm on the right path—both in how I nourish my body and how I store my wealth. Bitcoin is the future of financial freedom, and I'm excited to be part of this technological revolution.

For those who want to learn more, check out Michael Saylor's hope.com. Maybe it'll give you the same hope that it's given me. I'm just getting started on this journey, and I know that bitcoin will continue to transform how I live and think about the world.