## Freedom, Fire, and Bitcoin

Freedom is an illusion if the choices offered lead to the same end. While walking along the Schuylkill River, if I go left, I fall into the river and drown. If I go right, I get hit by a train. Neither path grants escape. Real freedom lies in eliminating unnecessary options and choosing the one path that leads forward and upward. This is the essence of Bitcoin: an option, but the only one that makes sense in a world sinking under the weight of corruption and inflation.

#### **Gravity and the Nature of Power**

When Moses approached the burning bush, God commanded him to remove his shoes. To be close to God, one must first feel the earth—gravity binding us to the soil and the heat from the fire of the sun, a reminder of our connection to the divine. The eagle, a symbol of Zeus, hunts with strategic precision. It flies alone, nudging its prey—a goat—off the cliff, letting gravity do the work. The eagle is both a predator and a reminder of power's duality.

Prometheus, defiant against the gods, stole fire and gave it to humanity, empowering us with technology. For this, he was punished—bound to a rock where an eagle feasted on his liver. But Bitcoin changes this narrative. Bitcoiners, like Prometheus, defy the gods of centralized control. Yet we will not be tied to a rock, nor crucified like Jesus when he flipped the tables of the money lenders. Bitcoin is an opt-out technology, a lifeboat for those seeking freedom. It is not rebellion for rebellion's sake but a tool for constructing a hopeful future.

#### **The Engineered Perfection of Bitcoin**

Bitcoin is perfectly engineered money, born from technological fire. Unlike the debased currencies of ancient kingdoms—gold coins mixed with copper to inflate supply—Bitcoin is incorruptible. Its hard cap of 21 million coins ensures scarcity, a

feature lost in the endless printing of fiat money. The Federal Reserve's "money printer" is nothing but a modern version of the ancient king diluting gold with lesser metals, stealing value from the people.

The frustration is palpable. City workers in Philadelphia, myself included, are paid just enough to scrape by. Rent, groceries—barely covered. There's no room to thrive, only to survive. Recently, SEPTA workers demanded higher wages or else they would go on a strike. Their demands were met, but now the price of bus fare with increase. It may seem good on paper that people are being paid more money, but at the end of the day, this is a telltale sign that the system is broken. This broken system isn't sustainable, and the only bridge to a better future is Bitcoin. Like a steel bridge engineered to endure, Bitcoin provides stability in a volatile world.

#### Volatility, Vitality, and the Sun

Volatility is often seen as a weakness, but I see it as vitality. A bridge sways under the weight of cars and pedestrians, yet it holds firm, carrying people safely across. Bitcoin, too, is a bridge—engineered to endure the storms of market fluctuations. Its energy, derived from proof of work, ensures resilience.

This energy parallels the sun, the original fire that powers life on earth. Our bodies are like batteries, absorbing this energy to fuel movement and creation. Technology, from the fire of Prometheus to the computational power of Bitcoin miners, channels energy into progress. But like fire, technology can be wielded for good or evil. Artificial intelligence, drones, and other advancements hold this same duality. Will they uplift humanity or plunge us into darkness? The choice is ours.

## The Kingdoms of the Past and the Promise of Bitcoin

In ancient kingdoms, power rested with the monarch. If the king was virtuous, the kingdom thrived. But corruption seeped in through the debasement of currency, the mixing of gold with copper. Inflation eroded trust, and empires fell. Today, fiat currency continues this legacy of corruption, printed endlessly, devaluing the labor of the people.

Bitcoin returns us to a gold standard—bar for bar, value for value. It's decentralized, open, and free from the whims of kings or banks. Peer-to-peer transactions remove intermediaries, allowing individuals to reclaim their financial sovereignty. It's a new kingdom, one where power is distributed and trust is embedded in the code.

# **Onwards: The Only Choice**

As the Titanic sank, lifeboats became the only option for survival. Bitcoin is that lifeboat in today's collapsing financial system. It offers an escape from a sinking ship, a way forward when all other paths lead to ruin. The eagle that punished Prometheus no longer has power here. Bitcoiners can flip the tables of the money lenders and walk away unscathed. It's not just a rejection of the old system—it's the construction of a new one.

Freedom is not in choosing between left and right when both lead to death.

Freedom is in choosing the path onward—toward vitality, resilience, and hope.

Bitcoin is more than money; it's a fire, a bridge, and a lifeline. For those willing to embrace the danger of the unknown, it's the only way forward.