## The Dollar

## The Constitutional Guarantee of the Value of our Money \& Wealth


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## Take-away-points

# 1. The U.S. monetary system (Federal Reserve System) is unconstitutional and violates the Rule of Law. 

2. The U.S. monetary system is dishonest.
3. The U.S. monetary system will blow up.
4. According to the report made pursuant to Public Law 96-389 the present monetary arrangements [i.e. the Federal Reserve Banking System] of the United States are unconstitutional --even anti-constitutional-- from top to bottom.
5. "If what is used as a medium of exchange is fluctuating in its value, it is no better than unjust weights and measures... which are condemned by the Laws of God and man ..." Since bank notes, such as the Federal Reserve Notes that we carry around in our pockets, can be inflated or deflated at will they are dishonest.
6. The amount of Federal Reserve Notes in circulation are past the historical point of recovery and thus will ultimately lead to a massive hyperinflation that will "blow-up" the current U.S. monetary system resulting in massive social and economic dislocation.

## What is One Dollar?

One Dollar is a standard unit of measurement
Money: 371 1⁄4 grains of Silver minted $=\$ 1.00$

## Analogous

Time:
24 Hours = 1 Day * $7=1$ Week
Weight:
16 Ounces $=1$ Pound *2000 $=1$ Ton
Length:


1 Inch * $12=1$ Foot * $3=1$ Yard

The word Dollar is in fact a standard unit of measurement of money; it is analogous to an "hour" for time, an "ounce" for weight, and an "inch" for length.

The Dollar is our Country's standard unit of measurement for money.

- How do you feel when you go to a gas station and pump "15 gallons of gas" into your 12 gallon tank?
- Or you went to the lumber yard and purchased an eight foot piece of lumber, and when you got home you discovered that it was actually only $71 / 2$ feet long?
- How would you feel if you went to the grocery store and purchased what you believed were 2 lbs . of bananas, but when you got home you found out that you actually only purchased $13 / 4$ of a pound of bananas?

I bet you would feel ripped off.

- Now what if I told you that the green Federal Reserve Notes that you have in your pocket, which purports to be of some "dollar" value, are currently


## The Dollar of the Constitution



Article I Section 8, Clause 5
[The Congress shall have Power] To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;
Article I Section 9, Clause 1
. a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.
Article I Section 10, Clause 1
No State shall ... make any Thing but gold and silver coin a Tender in Payments of Debts.

## Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

It is rather ironic that during the first 124 years of our Republic's existence (1789 1913), it was well understood by the general public that the word "Dollar" means a pure metallic silver coin of a known fixed unit of measurement for money, value and wealth.

Over the next 55 years (1913 - 1968), the definition of the Dollar was slowly removed from public education, dictionaries and our court rooms to the point that in 1968 Congress unconstitutionally eliminated the fundamental and necessary requirement of silver from the "public" definition of the word "Dollar". Hence our constitutionally guaranteed fixed standard unit of measure of money and wealth was hijacked.

Finally, on 15 August 1971, President Richard Nixon unconstitutionally terminated redemption of Federal Reserve Notes in gold internationally, ending the connection between the Federal Reserve System and any "constitutional" money whatsoever.

## Congress' Responsibility to Regulate the Value of Coin

Key:<br>1 troy oz $=480$ grains<br>1 troy $o z=31.1034$ grams<br>1 troy oz = 1.09714 oz



1 Cent
(46.3 grains of Copper)


1 Dollar
(371.25 grains Silver)

## X $100=$ (4,630 grains of Copper)



1 Dollar (371.25 grains Silver)


10 Dollar (247.5 grains Gold)

Congress has the responsibility to regulate the value of all minted coins to the fixed pure metal Dollar standard

By empowering Congress "To coin Money, [and] regulate the Value thereof", Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 of the Constitution of the United States, guarantees a national system of coinage with uniform intrinsic value. By explicitly referring to "dollars", in Article I, Section 9, Clause 1 and the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, fixed the silver minted dollar coin as the monetary-unit by which Congress must "regulate the Value" of all other coinage too.

On their face, the monetary powers and disabilities set out in the Constitution are eminently suitable for these goals: 1.By denying the States any power to "emit Bills of Credit" or "coin Money", Article I, Section 10, Clause 1 eradicates the "fallacious Medium" of regional paper currencies and eliminates multiple systems of coinage throughout the country.
2.The Clause also limits the States' legal-tender power to "gold and silver Coin", thereby establishing specie as the sole constitutional medium for governmentally enforced "Payment of Debts".
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5.By not including the language "emit bills" that the Articles of Confederation contained, Article I, Section 8, Clause 2 disables Congress from issuing any paper currency. And by limiting Congress's power to punish counterfeiting to "Securities" and "current Coin", Article I, Section 8, Clause 6 confirms that Congress may "coin Money" itself, or raise "Money" by "borrow[ing]", but not "emit", "issue", "create", "make", or "declare what shall be" "Money" in any other way.

Thus, the word "dollar[s]" by its use in the Constitution of the United States has a fixed meaning that can only be changed by Constitutional Amendment. And that meaning is a minted coin containing at least $3711 / 4$ grains of .99 fine silver. Congress's responsibility is to regulate the value of coins made of other metals, such as a penny made with copper or a nickel made of nickel, relative to the weight of the one-dollar silver coin.

## A Bit of History



Silver eight real coin of Carlos and Johanna of Spain, dated ca. 1544, depicting the Pillars of Hercules on the reverse.


Silver eight real coin of King Ferdinand VI of Spain, dated 1753.

The "Dollar" is a fixed standard unit of measurement that was established in 1497 by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. It is a minted coin containing at least $371{ }^{4 / 16}$ grains of fine (pure) Silver.


Silver eight real coin of King Carlos III of Spain, dated 1776

The definition of a Dollar goes back to 1497, it was the "royal money" of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, See, e.g., J. Earl Massey, America's Money: the Story of Our Coins and Currency (1968), at 33-36; T. Schwarz, A History of United States Coinage (1980), at 29.

By 1518 the Dollar monetary unit standard became so well accepted that coins were also being minted in the valley of St. Joachim, in Bohemia (now in the Czech Republic)

## As a matter of fact:

Webster's 1958 New Collegiate Dictionary defined the Dollar as:
Any of three U.S. Coins: First issued in 1794 and since 1837 weighing 412.5 grains of silver . 900 fine [ $412.5^{*} .9=371.25$ fine (pure) silver];
A silver coin of 420 grains called a trade dollar containing 378 grains of pure metal and 42 grains of alloy;
A gold coin of 25.8 grains .900 fine;
Webster's 1913 dictionary defined the Dollar as:

1. A silver coin of the United States containing $371 \frac{1}{4}$ grains of silver and 41.25 grains of alloy, that is, having a total weight of 412.5 grains.
2. A gold coin of the United States containing 23.22 grains of gold and 2.58 grains of alloy, that is, having a total weight of 25.8 grains, nine-tenths fine. It is no longer coined.
NOTE: Previous to 1837 the silver dollar had a larger amount of alloy, but only the same amount of silver as now, the total weight being 416 grains. The gold dollar as a distinct coin was first made in 1849. The eagles, half eagles, and quarter eagles coined before 1834 contained 24.75 grains of gold and 2.25 grains of alloy for each dollar.
(http://machaut.uchicago.edu/?resource=Webster\'s\&word=Dollar\&use1913=on\&use1828=on)
Today's dictionary definition of the word "Dollar" is:
A Dollar bill. A paper note printed by the Treasury, or by the Federal Reserve Banks under authority of the treasury, having the purported value of one dollar. Prior to 1964 such notes could be redeemed for the equivalent dollar value of silver coins, but in that year the backing of the currency with

# The Dollar of the Constitution: A coin containing $371 \frac{1}{4}$ grains of Silver 

In 1784 ...Thomas Jefferson said:

"If we determine that a dollar shall be our unit, we must then say with precision what a dollar is." Our founding fathers followed that advice and in 1792 the dollar was defined as $3711 / 4$ grains of silver. From 1792 until August 15, 1971 the dollar was defined as a precise weight of either silver or gold."

Technically the Dollar unit was determined by historical fact to be a coin containing $3711 / 4$ grains of fine silver.

During the period from 1775 through 1779, Congress authorized numerous emissions of Continental Currency and other bills of credit, ostensibly redeemable in silver Spanish milled dollars (or their equivalent in silver or gold), with the Colonies on "the faith of the United States" pledged for their eventual redemption. In total, Congress emitted some $241,500,000$ in Continental Currency-a production elephantine in comparison to the $10,000,000$ in silver and gold estimated to have comprised the money supply in early 1775.

By the time 1784 came around, the phrase "Worthless as a Continental" was so popular that Thomas Jefferson said: "If we determine that a dollar shall be our unit, we must then say with precision what a dollar is."

By the time the Constitution of the United States of America was formally adopted in 1789, the Dollar standard unit, a minted coin containing $371 \frac{1}{4}$ grains of silver, was adopted as the fixed standard monetary unit of the United States with the following constitutional requirements: "No State shall ... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts" (Article 1, Section 10, clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America)


Congress's first Coinage Act - the Act of 2 April 1792, ch. 16, § 9, 1 Stat. 246, 248, decreed that the "DOLLAR or Unites" -- "each to be of the value of a Spanish milled dollar as the same is now current, and to contain three hundred and seventy-one grains and four sixteenth parts of a grain [371-1/4 grains (troy)] of pure * * * silver

If the "dollar[ ] " to which the Constitution refers in Article I, Section 9, Clause 1 and the Seventh Amendment is not the Spanish milled dollar as the same is now current, and to contain three hundred and seventy-one grains and four sixteenth parts of a grain [371-1/4 grains (troy)] of pure * * * silver; then what is it?

Remember - "Congress cannot by any definition it may adopt conclude the matter, since it cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate, and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully exercised." EISNER V. MACOMBER, 252 U. S. 189, 206 (1920)

## Does the Constitutional Dollar standard exist today?

- Yes! How do we know?

Title 31 U.S.C. §5116(b)(2):

- The number \$1.292929292. It is derived from the constitutional dollar unit.

The Secretary shall sell silver under conditions the Secretary considers appropriate for at least \$1.292929292 a fine troy ounce.

1 Troy ounce $=480$ grains
One Dollar (\$1) = 3714/16 grains of Silver

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SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT Pub. L. 107-201, Sec. 1, July 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 736, provided that: "This Act [amending section 5116 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 5112 and 5116 of this title] may be cited as the 'Support of American Eagle Silver Bullion Program Act'."

The Dollar is still statutorily recognized today as being a silver coin contain three hundred and seventy-one grains and four sixteenth parts of a grain [371-1/4 grains (troy)] of pure * * * silver as evidenced by the use of the irrational number 1.292929292 in Title 31 U.S.C. $\S 5116(b)(2)$, which is derived from the mathematical equation shown above.

## The Dollar (Silver) coin guarantees citizens a fixed measure of value

| Report to the Congress |
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| of the Commission on the Role of Gold in the Domestic |
| Prov 20:10 <br> 10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD. |
| March 1982 |

The constitutional Dollar - a minted Coin containing $371 \frac{1}{4}$ grains of silver - guarantees value:
"It is significant that this power of coining money is mentioned in the same sentence in the Constitution as the power to "fix the standards of weights and measures," for the framers regarded money as a weight of metal and a measure of value. Roger Sherman, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, wrote that "If what is used as a medium of exchange is fluctuating in its value, it is no better than unjust weights and measures...which are
condemned by the Laws of God and man ...".

1794 Silver Dollar America's
First Silver Dollar Struck

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## As Madison's notes record:

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## Hence Article 1, Section 10 of the Constitution of the United States of America states:

"No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility"

# Unjust weights and measures...are condemned by the Laws of God and man 

- 31 U.S.C. §5119(a)
"the Secretary shall ... maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency"
- 31 USC 5112(e)
(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall mint and issue, in quantities sufficient to meet public demand, coins which -
(1) are 40.6 millimeters in diameter and weigh 31.103 grams;
(2) contain .999 fine silver;
(3) have a design -
(A) symbolic of Liberty on the obverse side; and (B) of an eagle on the reverse side;
(4) have inscriptions of the year of minting or issuance, and the words "Liberty", "In God We Trust", "United States of America", "1 Oz. Fine Silver", "E Pluribus Unum", and "One Dollar"; and
(5) have reeded edges.
- When a Federal Reserve Note doesn't have the equal purchasing power of the Lawful Money Dollar (see 31 U.S.C. 5119(a) and 5112(e)) this is condemned by God and man.

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## The Federal Reserve System

- Created in 1913 under the Owen- Glass Act
- Consists of: 12 private banks and 1 quasi-gvmt board
- Monetizes debt out of thin air
- It's setup to Privatize Gains and Socialize Losses
- It's organizational structure and power have been deemed unconstitutional (see: A.L.A. Schechter Poultry Corp. v. U.S., 295 U.S. 495)
- It's dependent on the income tax system
- It uses income tax to control inflation
- Income tax revenue is used exclusively to pay interest on the "public" debt
- It uses income tax revenue to create more debt in order to collect more interest
$100 \%$ of what is collected is absorbed solely by interest on the Federal debt and by Federal Government contributions to transfer payments. In other words, all individual income tax revenues are gone before one nickel is spent on the services which taxpayers expect from their
Government. [Source: Grace Commission Report]



## The Constitutional Monetary System

- The constitutional system prohibits the government from creating money by emitting bills of credit (legal tender notes);
- The government can tax or borrow money from the private economy to raise revenue;
- The government call sell property or service such as coining and minting services to raise additional revenue.


## The Confidence-Game Fiscal System

- If the government can create money, it has no need to borrow money.
- If the government can create money, it has no need to tax (Note: the redistribution of real wealth through inflation amounts to a tax or is a hidden tax).
- Therefore whose interests are uniquely served by this system?


As we have discussed, there is a specific constitutional prohibition to emit paper money; hence why Federal Reserve Notes cannot be nor have ever been lawful money of the United States. They are simply a form of fiat currency forced upon the citizens of the United States of America in their ignorance.

However, Title 12 sec. 411 of the United States Code gives us a remedy to demand constitutionally lawful money from the Federal Reserve Bank and we need to start making our demand.

## What is a Federal Reserve Note?



- It is a Private Bank Note
- (It is a promise from the bank to pay real lawful money)
- It is Redeemable for Lawful Money on Demand
- (Pursuant to Title 12 U.S.C. § 411)
- It is NOT Constitutionally Authorized Money
- (Constitution only authorizes gold or silver Coin as Tender in Payment of Debts within the 50 states of the Union, see Article I Section 10, Clause 1)

> "The Federal Reserve Bank is no more 'Federal’ than Federal Express", G. Edward Griffin (Author)

Federal Reserve Banks are quasi-private banks that are part of the Federal Reserve System. (http://www.stlouisfed.org/news/speeches/2006/03_30_06.htm)
What are Federal Reserve bank notes?

1. Federal Reserve bank notes are promissory notes issued by the Federal Reserve Banks.
2. The Federal Reserve bank notes, by law - Title 12 U.S.C. 411, are [supposed to be] redeemable for lawful money on demand, which Constitutionally speaking are minted coins containing $3711 / 4$ grains of pure silver or its gold equivalent as regulated by Congress pursuant to Article I Section 8, Clause 5.

## The United States Supreme Court stated - United States v. Marigold - a still valid opinion:

 "[Congress has the] obligation to fulfill that trust on the part of the government, namely, the trust and the duty of creating and maintaining a uniform and pure metallic standard of value throughout the Union. The power of coining money and of regulating its value was delegated to Congress by the Constitution for the very purpose, as assigned by the framers of that instrument, of creating and preserving the uniformity and purity of such standard of value ... If the medium which the government was authorized to create and establish could immediately be expelled, and substituted by one it had neither created, estimated, nor authorized -- one possessing no intrinsic value -- then the power conferred by the Constitution would be useless -- wholly fruitless of every end it was designed to accomplish. ..." United States v. Marigold, 50 U.S. (9 How.) 560, 567-68 (1850)Federal Reserve Notes are UNCONSTITUTIONAL:

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2. They have no intrinsic value;
3. They are not created by Congress;
4. They expelled constitutional money from regular use in commerce.


## Legal Tender Status

I thought that United States currency was legal tender for all debts. Some businesses or governmental agencies say that they will only accept checks, money orders or credit cards as payment, and others will only accept currency notes in denominations of $\$ 20$ or smaller. Isn't this illegal?

The pertinent portion of law that applies to your question is the Coinage Act of 1965, specifically Section 31 U.S.C. 5103, entitled "Legal tender," which states: "United States coins and currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues."

This statute means that all United States money as identified above are a valid and legal offer of payment for debts when tendered to a creditor. There is, however, no Federal statute mandating that a private business, a person or an organization must accept currency or coins as for payment for goods and/or services. Private businesses are free to develop their own policies on whether or not to accept cash unless there is a State law which says otherwise. For example, a bus line may prohibit payment of fares in pennies or dollar bills. In addition, movie theaters, convenience stores and gas stations may refuse to accept large denomination currency (usually notes above \$20) as a matter of policy.

## A Federal Reserve Note is not a Dollar - they have no value

U.S. Dept of Treasury web site states:

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Hence, Federal Reserve notes are unconstitutional, and therefore unlawful. They have no value and as a result, they have been used by Federal Reserve Banks, in cooperation with the government, to perpetrate a "quiet theft" on the citizens of this great country, which we will discuss in more detail shortly.

## Supreme Court - Coin Money is a Constitutional Requirement

- United States v. Marigold, 50 U.S. (9 How.) 560, 567-568 (1850):
"They [Congress] appertain rather to the execution of an important trust invested by
Marigold was recently cited in: International Bancorp Llc v. Societe Des Bains De Mer et Du Cercle Des, 329 F. 3d 359, May 19, 2003 for a different reason but still stands affirming congressional responsibility to maintain a pure metallic monetary standard;
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"If the medium which the government was authorized to create and establish could immediately be expelled, and substituted by one it had neither created, estimated, nor authorized -- one possessing no intrinsic value -- then the power conferred by the Constitution would be useless -- wholly fruitless of every end it was designed to accomplish. Whatever functions Congress are, by the Constitution, authorized to perform, they are, when the public good requires it, bound to perform; and on this principle, having emitted a circulating medium, a standard of value indispensable for the purposes of the community, and for the action of the government itself, they are accordingly authorized and bound in duty to prevent its debasement and expulsion, and the destruction of the general confidence and convenience ...."


Let's take a moment to review the Constitutional lawful money requirements of the United States:

The Supreme Court understood that our Constitution was ratified with the understanding that the legislature was bound in duty to maintain a pure metallic standard of value and to prevent our monetary unit's debasement and expulsion. Federal Reserve Notes have done just the opposite and have now caused us great harm.

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## The Legislature Knows The Truth

- From the Report of the Commission, established pursuant to Public Law 96-389
"In addition to the compelling economic case for the gold standard, a case buttressed by both historical and theoretical arguments, there is a compelling argument based upon the
Constitution. The present monetary arrangements of the United States are unconstitutional --even anti-constitutional-from top to bottom." (vol II, pg. 243)

On March 31, 1982, Donald T. Regan, the then Secretary of Treasury, delivered the Report from the Commission established pursuant to Public Law 96-389 to the Legislature informing them that the present monetary arrangements [i.e. the Federal Reserve Banking System] of the United States are unconstitutional --even anti-constitutional-- from top to bottom.

## The Legislature Reinstituted Monetary Law



In less than 6 months after Donald T. Regan delivered the Report from the Commission, Congress enacted its first law, Public Law 97-258 on September 13, 1982 restoring the semblance of constitutionally lawful money. Then in 1985, Congress enacted Public Laws 99-61 and 99-185 that reinstituted constitutionally lawful gold and silver money.

## Take-away-point

1. The U.S. monetary system (Federal Reserve System) is unconstitutional and violates the Rule of Law.
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So now lets look at the effects of using unconstitutional legal tender Federal Reserve Notes.

1. Because Federal Reserve Notes have no value in or of themselves and no intrinsic value, they can be inflated in such a manner to make you believe that you made a gain or an accession to wealth, when in fact you had no such gain at all.
2. Because Federal Reserve Notes have no set fixed value, they can be used to "quietly" steal your wealth with the perception that you had a gain.
3. Because Federal Reserve Notes have no known or calculable value, they can be used to deceive the citizens into believing they will receive future benefits, such as social security, at today's purchasing power.


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http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/ShellEgg/USDAEGGMARKETNEWSREPORT.html http://www.pathtoinvesting.org/interactive/inflation/simulation_inflation.htm


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## Old Case - New Law

Thompson v. Butler, 95 U.S. 694, 696 (1877)

- A coin dollar is worth no more for the purposes of tender in payment of an ordinary debt than a note dollar. The law has not made the note a standard of value any more than coin. It is true that in the market, as an article of merchandise, one is of greater value than the other; but as money, that is to say, as a medium of exchange, the law knows no difference between them.

Title 31 USC §§5119(a) and 5117(b)
§5119 However, the Secretary shall redeem gold certificates owned by the Federal reserve banks at times and in amounts the Secretary decides are necessary to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency
$\S 5117$ The Secretary may prescribe the form and denominations of the certificates. The amount of outstanding certificates may be not more than the value (for the purpose of issuing those certificates, of 42 and two-ninths dollars a fine troy ounce) of the gold held against gold certificates.

31 USC Sec. 5119 (a): Except to the extent authorized in regulations the Secretary of the Treasury prescribes with the approval of the President, the Secretary may not redeem United States currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) in gold. However, the Secretary shall redeem gold certificates owned by the Federal reserve banks at times and in amounts the Secretary decides are necessary to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency. ...

Thompson v. Butler was recently cited in: Crummey v. Klein Independent School District (Unpublished Opinion, U.S. Ct. App. for the 5th Circuit, No. 08-20133, 2 October 2008). However there was no mention by the Petitioner, Crummey, of the Secretary's duty to maintain the equal purchasing of each kind of United States Currency. Nor was there any mention of the responsibility of the Secretary to maintain gold bullion at 42 and two-ninths dollars a fine troy ounce, which with minting, assaying and distribution costs is equal to the 50 dollar coin defined at Title 31 U.S.C. §5112(a)(7).

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## Secretary of Treasury's has failed in his duty under Title 31 U.S.C. §5119(a)

- [T]he Secretary shall redeem gold certificates owned by the Federal reserve banks at times and in amounts the Secretary decides are necessary to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency.


The legal tender \$50 dollar gold coin has significantly more purchasing power than the $\$ 50$ Federal Reserve Note.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury has broken the law and failed in his duty to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency as required by law pursuant to Title 31 U.S.C. Sec. 5119(a).

## Difference in Monetary Law between 1878 \& 2011

|  | Thompson v. Butler, $\begin{gathered} 95 \text { U.S. 694, } 696 \\ (1878) \end{gathered}$ | Today (1985-2011) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Legal Tender Coins (Gold and Silver) | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Legal Tender Notes (U.S. or F.R.N.) | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Notes are obligations of the U. S. | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Coin \& Notes declared equal value | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Notes (by 1878) were redeemable at face value | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Notes (in practice) are irredeemable |  | $\checkmark$ |
| Sec. of Treasury has a duty maintain equal purchasing power |  |  |
| Crummey v. Klein Independent School District (Unpubli No. 08-20133, 2 October 2008); <br> Title 12 U.S.C. 411 states that Federal Reserve Notes shall Title 31 U.S.C. 5119(a): The Secretary shall redeem gold ce times and in amounts the Secretary decides are necessary kind of United States currency | shed Opinion, U.S. Ct. App. <br> be redeemable for lawful mon rtificates owned by the Federa o maintain the equal purchas | for the 5th Circuit, <br> y on demand. reserve banks at ing power of each |

When the initial suit of Thompson v. Butler was brought to the district court, redemption in species for Notes for Dollars [coin money] had been temporarily suspended, but by the time the case had reach the Supreme Court in 1877, THE RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS ACT OF 1875 had become effective making the disparity between the purchasing power of the Dollar coin and the Note, moot. However, to prevent that problem from ever occurring again congress enacted law, now codified at Title 31 U.S.C. 5119(a), requiring the Secretary of Treasury to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency.

## Relevant Law \& Cases

- 31 USC 5119(a)
- "the Secretary shall ... maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency"
- 12 USC 411
- "Federal reserve notes ... shall be redeemed in lawful money on demand at the Treasury Department of the United States, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, or at any Federal Reserve bank."
- 31 USC 5112(a)(7)-(10), (e)
- These sections define the size weight and pure metal content of each lawful money coin.
- Thompson v. Butler, 95 U.S. 694 (1877)
- A dollar is a dollar
- See $5^{\text {th }}$ Cir. Opinion Crummy v. Klein ISD, No. 08-20133, Oct. 2, 2008
- Eisner v. Macomber 252 U.S. 189, 206 (1920)
- Congress cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate, and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully exercised.
- United States v. Marigold, 50 U.S. (9 How.) 560 (1850)
- Constitutionally coined money is a pure metallic standard of value; a coin with known intrinsic value.

31 USC Sec. 5119 (a): Except to the extent authorized in regulations the Secretary of the Treasury prescribes with the approval of the President, the Secretary may not redeem United States currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) in gold. However, the Secretary shall redeem gold certificates owned by the Federal reserve banks at times and in amounts the Secretary decides are necessary to maintain the equal purchasing power of each kind of United States currency. ...

The Supreme Court in Thompson v. Butler, 95 U.S. 694 (1878) stated:
A coin dollar is worth no more for the purposes of tender in payment of an ordinary debt than a note dollar. The law has not made the note a standard of value any more than coin. It is true that in the market, as an article of merchandise, one is of greater value than the other; but as money, that is to say, as a medium of exchange, the law knows no difference between them.

However, this decision was rendered prior to the creation of the Federal Reserve System and the enactment of 31 USC 5119(a).

## Take-away-points

1. The U.S. monetary system (Federal Reserve System) is unconstitutional and violates the Rule of Law.
2. The U.S. monetary system is dishonest.
3. The U.S. monetary system will blow up.

## Where we are headed:

Without exceptions, the history of irredeemable legal tender paper \& electronic money is that its purchasing power always approaches its cost of production: ZERO


A lifetime's worth of savings literally down the sewer!

# "The process by which banks create money is so simple that the mind is repelled." 

Money: Whence it came, where it went John Kenneth Galbraith

## How banks create money out of nothing


"Money exists simply as a bookkeeping entry at a bank."

The Story of Money, 8 th Printing, 2005
Federal Reserve Bank of New York, page 17
"If the bank makes a loan, it credits the checking account of the borrower. This creates new money in the form of additional checkable deposits for the borrower."

The Federal Reserve Today, $15^{\text {th }}$ Edition Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, page 16.


Bankers are gambling with your savings and promises of future payment


## Hyper-Inflation History

| Country | Year(s) | Highest inflation <br> per month \% | Country | Year(s) | Highest inflation <br> per month \% |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Argentina | $1989 / 90$ | 196.60 | Hungary | $1923 / 24$ | 82.18 |
| Armenia | $1993 / 94$ | 438.04 | Kazakhstan | 1994 | 57.00 |
| Austria | $1921 / 22$ | 124.27 | Kyrgyzstan | 1992 | 157.00 |
| Azerbaijan | $1991 / 94$ | 118.09 | Nicaragua | $1986 / 89$ | 126.62 |
| Belarus | 1994 | 53.40 | Peru | $1988 / 90$ | 114.12 |
| Bolivia | $1984 / 86$ | 120.39 | Poland | $1921 / 24$ | 187.54 |
| Brazil | $1989 / 93$ | 84.32 | Poland | $1989 / 90$ | 77.33 |
| Bulgaria | 1997 | 242.70 | Serbia | $1992 / 94$ | $309,000,000$ |
| China | $1947 / 49$ | $4,208.73$ | Soviet Union | $1922 / 24$ | 278.72 |
| Congo(Zaire) | $1991 / 94$ | 225.00 | Taiwan | $1945 / 49$ | 398.73 |
| France | $1789 / 96$ | 143.26 | Tajikistan | 1995 | 78.10 |
| Georgia | $1993 / 94$ | 196.72 | Turkmenistan | $1993 / 96$ | 62.50 |
| Germany | $1920 / 23$ | $29,525.71$ | Ukraine | $1992 / 94$ | 249.00 |
| Greece | $1942 / 45$ | $11,288.00$ | Yugolasvia | 1990 | 58.82 |
| Hungary | $1945 / 46$ | $1.295 E+16$ | Zimbabwe | $2007 / 09$ | $231,000,000$ |

Source: Monetary Regimes and Inflation, by Peter Bernholz

## Thomas Paine

- "The laws of a country ought to be the standard of equity and calculated to impress on the minds of the people the moral as well as the legal obligations of political justice. But tender laws, of any kind, operate to destroy morality, and to dissolve by the pretense of law what ought to be the principle of law to support, reciprocal justice between man and man; and the punishment of a member who should move for such a law ought to be DEATH."


## We have a Constitutional Crisis Article I Section 10, Clause 1

No State shall make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts

- What does Texas declare is legal tender?
- Does Texas enforce payments of taxes, fines and other debts in anything other than gold in silver coin?

Since the federal constitution has removed all danger of our having a paper tender, our trade advanced fifty percent. Our monied people can trust their cash [throughout the country], and have brought their coin into circulation.
Benjamin Franklin, Publisher and Signer of the Constitution of the United States The Pennsylvania Gazette, December 16, 1789.

## History shows us the solution!

- 1786 - Paper Money (Articles of Confederation period)
Blood running in the streets. Mobs of rioters and demonstrators threatening banks and legislators. Looting of shop and liotne. Credit ruined. Strikes and unemployment. Trade and distribution paralyzed. Shortages of food. Bankruptcies everywhere. Court dockets overloaded. Kidnappings for heavy ransom. Sexual perversion, drunkenness, lawlessness rampant.
- 1791 - Coin Money (Constitutional Law reigns)
Tranquility reigns among the people with that disposition towards the general government which is likely to preserve it. Our public credit [with its foundation on solid money] stands on high ground which three years ago it would have been considered as a species of madness to have foretold.
July 20, 1791, George Washington to David Humphreys America, 1786: George Washington to James Madison
"If anyone had predicted that our economic and social ills could have been solved by simply making nothing but gold and silver coin our money, he would have been call crazy" paraphrase George Washington taken from MOMS $7^{\text {th }}$ Edition pg. 60


## What should we do?

## 1. Don't Panic!

- Lawful money (silver and gold) coins exist. Start using them!
- Viable economic transition models exist (i.e. the Euro).

2. Implement a dual monetary system

- Price goods and services throughout the state in both Federal Reserve note (FRN)\$ and Lawful Money \$.
- Use the European model to transition all prices, taxes, fines and other debts to Lawful Money \$ units over 24-36 months.


## 3. Implement Lawful Money State Banks

- All deposits and interest are paid in Lawful Money silver or gold coin.

This legislative body should give serious consideration to passing legislation that would require all financial transactions within 36 month from the date of enactment to be made in constitutional lawful money of the United States (American Eagle coins) or in sound monetary units of silver, gold, gold and silver coin, or electronic gold currency.
Further, for the period between the $90^{\text {th }}$ day after enactment to the end of the $36^{\text {th }}$ month all financial transactions shall be indicated in both Federal Reserve Note units as well as the chosen sound money unit.
Furthermore all financial transactions between the state and other persons involving certain taxes, fees, and charges on cigarettes and tobacco products be conducted in the chosen sound money unit; requiring the state treasurer to adopt rules for the administration of payment by and receipt by the state and political subdivisions in gold, gold and silver coin, or electronic gold currency.

This can be done and done successfully! Look at Europe; it went from 16 independent currencies to one currency in 36 months by implementing a dual pricing system to facilitate a smooth transition to the new monetary unit over a 36 month period.

## What else can be done?

- Use specific Lawful Money language in all sales and licensing contracts to avoid the conflicts created by new laws and old opinions.
- Pay appropriate taxes in Federal Reserve notes and let the Secretary of Treasury worry about redeeming them at face value.
- Press both Federal and State Legislators to pass statutes ensuring the the rights of all persons to receive all forms of United States coin and currency and to exchange some forms thereof for others without discrimination or burden...


## Conclusion

- Start using lawful money [Gold and Silver Clause] contracts when buying, selling or licensing property.
- Minimize tax liabilities by using lawful money as the basis in all transactions
- Minimize intrinsic value loss by using Federal Reserve note to pay all taxes, duties and imposts.
- Write your State and Federal Representatives and send them copies of the Monetary Unit Protection Act and ask them to enact them.


## For more information

- Presentations and Other Resources
- http://www.npn.net
- Videos
- http://www.heritageresearchinstitute.org/PurseSwordPage.htm
- Articles
- http://www.EdwinVieira.com/
- http://www.devvy.com/
- http://www.newswithviews.com/
- US Law
- http://uscode.house.gov
- Organizations:
- http://www.usbor.org
- http://www.andrewjacksonsociety.org
- http://www.gawtp.com/
- http://www.committeesofsafety.org/


## Final Thoughts

- The current financial crisis is the inevitable result of the current fiat monetary system.
- Only a constitutionally sound monetary system can protect the States and its citizens from the devastating effects of a fiat currency.
- It's time for the State legislatures to take action and implement sound money legislation to protect her citizens from the unconscionable effects of the private fiat banking system.


[^0]:    "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their

