



WEALTH FROM SILVER

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WHY SILVER?

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In this segment, we felt we should contrast Silver with other investments that have either been available alternatives for millennia or have entered the investment realm more recently. Silver itself is arguably the first commodity, or ‘thing’, to have been used as currency as a physical representation of money and real savings. Through human history and various civilizations, other forms of currency and representations of money have emerged, be they pelts, sea shells, cigarettes, other metals (copper and gold), paper and metal currencies (recall the dime is smaller than a quarter since dimes used to be silver, and quarters were generally nickel based alloys), and most recently crypto coins/tokens that bear no physical form, but have cool names like bitcoin, doge coin, fartcoin, and shitcoin. We’re not even making that up.

We as humans that earn and save money over time seek investments that will fulfill certain criteria, specifically, we wish to be able to maintain the purchasing power of our savings through time. We also seek investments that are not volatile (in case we need to ‘cash out’ in an emergency, or are incapable of timing the market – like us!). As well, we’d like to generate a return over time, or worst case, again, maintain the purchasing power of our investments through time.

With the emergence of alternatives to straight savings accounts (GICs and Treasuries) in the form of crypto tokens, we felt a table comparing physical assets (specifically precious metals – the oldest currency known to man), currency and Treasuries (in this case, using US Dollars, presently the most popular, yet no more than 80 years old in their current form), and crypto tokens (being Bitcoin or the others mentioned earlier).

Attribute	Precious Metal	Currency	Crypto	Treasuries
Real Savings	YES	NO	NO	YES
Fungible	YES	YES	YES	YES
Portable	YES	YES	YES	YES
Durable	YES	NO	NO	YES
Divisible	YES	YES	YES	NO
Scarce	YES	NO	YES	NO
History/Acceptance	YES	YES	NO	YES
Decentralized	YES	NO	YES	NO
Physical Form	YES	YES	NO	NO
Other Uses	YES	NO	NO	NO
Infinitely Available	NO	YES	YES	YES
Universal/Elemental	YES	NO	NO	NO
Maintain Purchasing Power	YES	NO		NO
Volatile	NO	YES	YES	YES
Created at will	NO	YES	YES	YES

We are not attempting to present Silver (or other precious metals) as ‘winners’ in a contest. We’re simply presenting silver as an alternative to investors that have recently gained exposure to crypto/bitcoin as an alternative with added features that generally attract crypto/bitcoin investors. Specifically – silver is atomically limited (i.e. all the silver on earth is all the silver there will ever be, the universe has stopped making it for all intents and purposes for earth-bound, and solar-system bound beings). In other words, Silver is as scarce as Bitcoin is by definition. As is Bitcoin, Silver is acceptable anywhere on earth, however, it requires no apps or explanations or any other such complexities. In the end, both bitcoin and silver are exchanged to a more universally accepted currency such as the US Dollar. Silver, as all cryptocurrencies, is decentralized, and by its nature always has been, and always will be. No government can dictate that elemental silver will now be elemental neon and will only be accepted by the manufacturers of lasers.

Sliver presents a few additional advantages to crypto and paper currency – it has physical applications, specifically in electronics, meaning that without silver, there can be no crypto. Yet humanity and civilization has had silver for millennia without any form of sophisticated technology, much less NVDA GPUs that can turn energy into crypto tokens. As well, silver itself is physical in form, meaning it cannot be hacked or erased from existence with an EMP.

Lastly, silver as with all metals, has millennia of historical applications as currency, which can hardly be said for the US Dollar, which has only been accepted on such global scale since the first world war, and crypto, which hasn’t even theoretically existed since the 1990s and Bitcoin’s first Genesis block being mined 16 years ago almost to the day – less than a generation ago.

In summary, we present silver as the "other investment opportunity" for individuals that have their savings in crypto, treasuries, and savings accounts. We do not by any means suggest one is superior to the other, albeit there are differences, we simply imply silver fulfills all the same criteria, if not more. Anyone with interest in crypto should seriously consider silver as a way to diversify their portfolio and lower the volatility of their investments over time.

“Silver is my favorite asset class because the price has not inflated during the 35+ years of my career and very few investors own any. In my opinion, this is about to change because of silver’s strategic importance to electronics and a green future. With gold trading above US\$2,500/oz, silver offers a great alternative as a monetary metal and more importantly the current supply deficit will take years to correct”

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