

BITCOIN: The End Of Money As We Know It

The Filmmakers:

Torsten Hoffmann – Writer, Director & Producer

Torsten Hoffmann is a serial media entrepreneur and active in the international media industry as consultant, speaker, moderator, jury member, blogger and book author. He manages a distribution company based in Australia. Torsten is German and holds a Finance MBA degree from the University of Oxford. He has lived, studied and worked on four continents. He has executive produced several wildlife and other factual films but this is his first documentary as writer and director.

Michael Watchulonis – Co-Director & Editor

Michael Watchulonis is a 16 year veteran in the factual television industry as writer, director and producer. His films are on TBS, History Channel, CNN, National Geographic and have been distributed in more than 40 countries. He has twenty nine regional EMMY Awards and two national EMMY nominations to his name. Michael has been working with Torsten on several productions for nearly 5 years and is responsible for all post-production aspects of this film.

The Interviewees:

Andreas M. Antonopolous



"The existing banking system extracts enormous value from society and it is parasitic in nature"

Andreas M Antonopoulos is a technologist and tech-entrepreneur. Andreas has founded a number of Bitcoin businesses and launched several community open-source projects. He serves as advisor to several bitcoin and crypto-currency companies. He is a widely published author of articles and blog posts on bitcoin, is a permanent host on the popular Let's Talk Bitcoin Podcast, and a frequent speaker at technology and security conferences worldwide. Andreas is also a teaching fellow for the master in science Digital Currencies at the University of Nicosia and has recently written a popular Bitcoin book which is published by O'Reilly Media.

Roger Ver



"A lot of people want to criticize Bitcoin for the use for illegal things or illicit things. But if you look at it, the most popular currency in the entire world for doing bad things is the US Dollar"

Known as 'Bitcoin Jesus' in the world of cryptocurrencies, Roger Ver is an ex-U.S. citizen, ex-convict, millionaire investor, Libertarian and Bitcoin entrepreneur. He's earned this biblical moniker by telling anyone who would listen about bitcoin, well before other venture capital companies paid any attention to the digital currency.

Bernard v. NotHaus



"The Liberty Dollar and me inspired Satoshi Nakamoto to create a digital currency"

Bernard v. NotHaus is a professed "monetary architect" and the creator of the Liberty Dollar. In 2011, he was found guilty of federal charges of counterfeiting for minting and distributing the Liberty Dollar. 11 tons of gold and silver were confiscated by the FBI. In a press release after the verdict, the U.S. attorney's office stated, "Attempts to undermine the legitimate currency of this country are simply a unique form of domestic terrorism". 3 years later, on December 2, 2014 NotHaus was finally sentenced to 6 months house arrest.

Jeffrey A. Tucker



"We're talking about reinventing the world's monetary system...from the ground up"

Jeffrey Tucker is the Chief Liberty Officer of Liberty.me and publisher of Laissez Faire Books. He was also the editorial vice president of the Ludwig von Mises Institute and past editor for the institute's website, Mises.org. Jeffrey Tucker has been a featured guest on John Stossel's show, interviewed on Glenn Beck's television show, appeared frequently on Huffington Post Live and Russia Today and has been quoted in the New York Times and Washington Post, and is in constant demand as a headline speaker at Libertarian, technology, and monetary conferences around the world.

Michael J. Casey



In the end, the rise of digital currency may be a matter of evolutionary destiny. The Internet has disrupted and decentralized much of the world economy, but the centralized world of finance remains stuck in the 15th century. Digital currency can help it adapt and survive.

Michael J. Casey is senior columnist covering global economics and markets at The Wall Street Journal. Along with WSJ Moneybeat blogger Paul Vigna, Michael is the co-author of the book 'The Age of Cryptocurrency', a book about bitcoin and its potential impact on the global economy. In a career spanning Perth, Bangkok, Jakarta, Buenos Aires and New York, he has covered financial markets and policies for Dow Jones Newswires and The Journal. He has just taken on a new role as Senior Advisor at the MIT Media Lab to the Digital Currency Initiative.