

The concept of MONEY

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"I am not interested in money but in the things of which money is the symbol."

[Henry Ford]



What is the difference between these banknotes?









What is the difference between these items?

So, then: What is money?

Money =

any object accepted as means of exchange within a certain society or social context.

To create money, we need:

- + a social circumstance (i.e. the others)
- + a market
- + some objects (useful or not)
- + some needs or wishes
- + some perceived value
- + lots of trust in one another!

Money is an instrument with various functions:

"Money is a matter of functions four, a medium, a measure, a standard, a store."

The functions:

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- 4. A store of value







- •Commodity money
- •Representative money
- •Fiat money

Commodity money =

is money whose value comes from a commodity out of which it is made.

It is objects that have value in themselves as well as for use as money.

Commodity money =

Gold Silver Copper Cattle **Stones** Shells Barley Cigarettes Candy 😇

Representative money =

Objects that don't have real value in themselves, but their value come from either the commodities they stand for or from a government regulation or law.

Representative money

Commodity-backed money

Fiat money

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- Gold certificates
- Silver certificates

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- Gold certificates
- Silver certificates

- Bills of credit
- Banknotes
- Coins
- All our money

Monetary systems and institutions:

- Banks
- Gold standard
- Bretton Woods System
- Nixon shock

3. A brief chronology

100,000 years ago ->

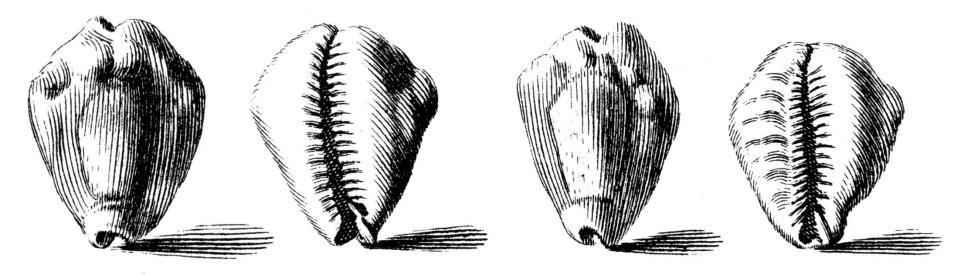
- Barter methods
- Gift economy

100,000 years ago ->

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3000 BC ->

- Mesopotamia the shekel
- Americas, Asia, Africa shell money



Shell money

6500 BC ->

- Lydia the silver coins
- Europe, Asia metal coins

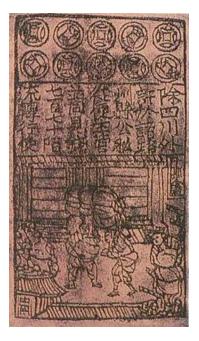
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7<sup>th</sup> century AD ->
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- China first paper money
- Medieval Italy, Flanders paper money

Lydian coin:







Denaris banales:



First paper money, China

19th century ->

- Europe gold & silver standard, banknotes
- USA gold standard, banknotes

20th century ->

- Bretton Woods gold & dollar
- 1970's Fiat dollar
- Cards, ATMs

21th century ->

- Financial institutions
- Credit & debit cards
- Online payments







Thank you!

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