



*Bitcoin: The Signal and the System*

Part 2 — “[Energy, Scarcity, and the Cost of Truth](#)”

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## Companion Guide (English)

### Core Questions

- What does “value” mean to me — and what gives it weight?
  - How do I relate to cost — financial, emotional, energetic?
  - Where in my life do I try to get something for nothing?
  - Am I more afraid of waste, or of being asked to commit deeply?
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## Key Concepts

### Energy as a Foundation of Value

Bitcoin ties digital truth to physical energy. To add new transactions, miners must expend electricity — anchoring virtual money in real-world cost.

### Artificial vs. Natural Scarcity

Fiat systems create scarcity through policy (raising rates, limiting access). Bitcoin is naturally scarce — there will only ever be 21 million.

### The Cost of Consensus

In Bitcoin, every transaction must be verified by a distributed network. This requires time, energy, and competition — a kind of *economic truth machine*.

### Proof vs. Performance

Bitcoin doesn't need appearances. It's not about status or marketing. It's about math. The proof is public, and the cost is real.

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## Reflection Prompt

Think about a time you trusted something because it “looked right” — but turned out hollow underneath.

- What was missing?
- Was there real *work* behind it?
- How did it shift your idea of truth?

Now reverse it:

Think of something that *didn't* impress at first glance — but earned your trust over time through consistency, effort, and clarity.


What would it mean to **anchor your own value** in real cost and clarity — not just image or speed?

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Including reflection templates on scarcity, commitment, personal rhythm, and proof of work.

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