

Recommendations for Your Bitcoin Discovery Adventure

“Yahweh detests the use of dishonest scales, but he delights in accurate weights.”

— Proverbs 11:1

“Yahweh demands accurate scales and balances; he sets the standards for fairness.”

— Proverbs 16:11

“Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to Yahweh.”

— Proverbs 20:10

“You shall not have two differing weights in your bag, one heavy and one light. You shall not have two differing measures in your house, one large and one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land Yahweh your God is giving you. For everyone who behaves dishonestly in regard to these things is detestable to Yahweh your God.” — Deuteronomy 25:13-16

“Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of Egypt.” — Leviticus 19:36

“The voice of Yahweh calls out to the city... ‘Can I forget any longer, O house of the wicked, the treasures of wickedness and the short ephah, which is accursed? Can I excuse dishonest scales or bags of false weights? For the wealthy of the city are full of violence, and its residents speak lies; their tongues are deceitful in their mouths.’” — Micah 6:9-12

“Hear this, you who trample the needy, who do away with the poor of the land, asking, ‘When will the New Moon be over, that we may sell grain? When will the Sabbath end, that we may market wheat? Let us reduce the ephah and increase the shekel; let us cheat with dishonest scales.’” — Amos 8:4-5

A merchant loves to defraud with dishonest scales in his hands. And Ephraim boasts: “How rich I have become! I have found wealth for myself. In all my labors, they can find in me no iniquity that is sinful.” — Hosea 12:7-8

I have yet to meet a Bitcoin critic who has actually taken the time to properly understand it.

A Few Objectives

Understand

- that you need to spend at least 100 hours to learn about Bitcoin. You're going to spend around 60,000 hours of your life trying to make money, so it's worth spending 100 hours to understand the best way to store it.
- what money really is, where it comes from, its history, who controls it
- that our current fiat system is a broken, unjust, immoral system based on theft
- what Bitcoin is, how it's different, and how it works
- how Bitcoin helps the poor, marginalized, weak, and oppressed escape a system designed to rob them and keep them down
- why Bitcoin is the best money and store of value/medium of exchange, and how it's more honoring to God than fiat systems
- the biblical principles behind the adoption of Bitcoin
- the incredible security of the Bitcoin network
- the difference between Austrian and Keynesian economics
- that Bitcoin is neither a scam, ponzi scheme, bubble, nor gambling/get-rich-quick opportunity
- how to take your first steps to acquiring, storing, and using Bitcoin securely
- the differences between a protocol and a company
- why Bitcoin is in a league of its own; all other cryptocurrencies should be ignored
- why the Bitcoin network's power consumption is not a problem at all
- why westerners tend to be the most oblivious to the value of and need for Bitcoin

These books, videos, and podcast recommendations are in order of priority, more or less, but feel free to skip around if something looks extra interesting to you. Don't get paralyzed by the amount of information! Have fun learning, don't rush, chip away at it at your own pace, and take baby steps if you need to. Enjoy the journey, and don't be afraid to learn new things!

*As you learn, I recommend using an AI chatbot like Gemini or Copilot to ask clarifying, practical, or historical questions as they arise in your mind. For example: "Explain the Bitcoin lightning network to me in simple terms. Why does Bitcoin use seed phrases, and who came up with them? What is a protocol, and how does it work? What are the protocols that the Internet runs on? What's the history of the adoption of the Internet's protocol?"

If you're fairly new to Bitcoin, I recommend working your way through [this simple, free course textbook](#).

Videos, Podcasts, and Apps

▶ God Bless Bitcoin | Full Movie | Documentary

▶ The Stories We Tell About Money

How Bitcoin relates to other crypto:

▶ One Of A Kind: Why Bitcoin is 'The Next Bitcoin'

▶ How is Money Created? – Everything You Need to Know

▶ Who Controls All of Our Money?

[Austrian vs Keynesian economics and Bitcoin](#) (audio: skip to 39:59 and listen from there)

▶ The Immaculate Conception: Bitcoin vs Fiat Standard | Dr. Saifedean Ammo...

▶ Biden's Economic Advisor Explains Printing Money

▶ How Money & Banking Work (& why they're broken today) - Lyn Alden

▶ What is Bitcoin? Explained in 3 Minutes - Tuttle Twins (cartoon for kids, from [Bitcoin & the Beast](#))

▶ What is Inflation in 2 Minutes (cartoon from [The Inflation Monster](#)).

▶ But how does bitcoin actually work?

▶ Michael Saylor: Bitcoin, Inflation, and the Future of Money | Lex Fridman P...

▶ *Bitcoin: There Is No Second Best* | Michael Saylor at Bitcoin for Corporations

[Bitcoin and the Bible](#) (perhaps the most important thing on this list)

***Listen to the first seven episodes of the [Bitcoinandthebible.com](#) podcast**

Download the free [Yzer app](#) that pays you in Bitcoin to get educated about Bitcoin. It addresses many technical and practical questions.

[A free guided Bitcoin introductory video course from Swan Bitcoin.](#)

Books

[Bitcoin Evangelism](#)

[The Bitcoin Standard](#)

[The Bitcoin Bride](#)

[Digital Gold: Bitcoin and the Inside Story of the Misfits and Millionaires Trying to Reinvent Money](#) (an absorbing, detailed history of the birth and growth of Bitcoin)

A free, official course and workbook on Bitcoin called *My First Bitcoin*. You can download it (and print it out) in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [other languages](#).

[The Creature from Jekyll Island](#) (this book tells the fascinating and horrifying story of how the American people were lied to and manipulated into allowing the creation of the Federal Reserve. It has some of the most detailed and simplified explanations of how the current centralized banking system works, based on theft, insanity, and greed. Even if you just read the first section of the book, it's worth your time.)

[Broken Money](#): For those who want a thoroughly researched deep dive into the history, technology, and economics of broken money.

More Videos & Audio

▶ [“THE US DOLLAR IS COLLAPSING!” Michael Saylor on The Future of Bit...](#)

▶ [231. Kenya, Energy & the IMF with Juser Machogu](#)

[Why Bitcoin Makes the World Better](#) (audio)

▶ [How Bitcoin Fixes Global Financial Tyranny - Erik Cason](#)

▶ [Lightning Network has Failed](#) (the best explanation of the Lightning Network and one of the biggest unsolved problems Bitcoin faces)

Argentinian Wences Casares on [“How Bitcoin Makes a Fairer World”](#) (audio)

[How Bitcoin Enforces Human Rights](#) (video)

[Setting up and using your first Bitcoin wallet](#) (make sure to skip the ads)

[Bitcoin for Dummies Cheat Sheet](#)

[Bitcoin simulator for educational purposes](#)

[How Bitcoin Empowers Africa](#) (video: it'll start automatically at the correct timestamp)

Bitcoin News: [The Bitcoin Archive](#) (they post on Twitter and have a free newsletter)

[Video Tutorials](#)

[Bitcoin-focused Websites](#)

 [How Inflation Ruined the Roman Economy](#)

[The History of Paper Money](#) (4 videos)

For those who want to invest in Bitcoin via a 401k or IRA, you can do so through different investment firms like Fidelity with the Bitcoin ETF that was approved by the US government in January of 2024. [Swan Bitcoin](#) also offers good options for saving in Bitcoin, including IRAs. Personally, I rolled over all of my 401k savings into [CoinIRA](#). They have great customer service and are backed by the legacy financial institution [Equity Trust](#).

I personally use [Strike](#) to purchase Bitcoin, and then store it on a [Trezor Safe 3](#) hardware wallet. As of right now I recommend [Swan](#) to purchase, since the first \$10,000 of Bitcoin you buy with them is fee-free, and they offer free transfers to your external wallet.

For those who want to [run their own Bitcoin node](#), I recommend getting your own Raspberry Pi 4 or later and installing [Umbrel](#), which is what I've done.

For those who want to try low-cost solo Bitcoin mining, I recommend the [Avalon Nano 3](#). This is also known as a “lucky miner,” and can double as a space heater for your home. Learn more about solo mining in [this video](#).