

Cryptocurrency Outlook: More Chasm Crossing

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Note: This paper is an analysis of the technologies and trends surrounding blockchain and cryptocurrencies. It is not, and must not be considered as, financial, investment, or legal advice.

Introduction

In this paper, we provide our views of the cryptocurrency economy in the next 9-15 months. The only thing more difficult than forecasting the near future is forecasting for longer time frames, and with the rapidly evolving cryptoeconomy, forecasting for a whole year is dangerous enough.

Make no mistake, cryptocurrencies are money. Despite the attempts of economists and money center bankers and central bankers to fight this reality, the leading cryptocurrencies are money in varying degrees. The major ones are not as significant as the US Dollar, Yen, or Euro, but they are used as media of exchange amounting to trillions of dollars per year, and have been retaining value and increasing value rapidly, despite high volatility.

Bankers are trying to incorporate cryptocurrencies into their existing systems. Central bankers are beginning to plan versions of cryptocurrencies tethered to their national fiat currencies. Economists, with their linear models, are struggling to understand the technology and its power.

Money in the internet

Some have called Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies the Internet of Money. We say it is "money in the internet". Technology and the internet are changing everything, why shouldn't they change money as well? Amazon and PayPal changed the way we spend it, now cryptos are changing the way it is created and distributed.

With cryptocurrencies ("cryptos") the money is literally stored in the internet, as a distributed ledger with many copies, spread across a large number of internet-connected computers. The creation usually comes about through