Throughout history, gold has always played an important role in the international monetary system. The earliest known use of gold was in 645 B.C. in Lydia (present-day Turkey). At that time, gold was part of a naturally occurring compound known as electrum, which the Lydians used to make coins. By 560 B.C., they figured out how to separate the gold from the silver, thus creating the first truly gold coin.

There was a time when paper money was backed by gold in the United States, a time known as the gold standard. The gold standard was essentially a promise that if you had a dollar, you could take it to the government at any time and trade it in for a fixed amount of gold. In the early part of the 20th century, all of the world's key economies were on the gold standard.

What is the gold standard?

The gold standard is a monetary system where a country's currency or paper money has a value directly linked to gold. By the mid-1800s, most countries wanted to standardize transactions because the world trade market was booming. In turn, they adopted the gold standard, which guaranteed that paper money could be redeemed by the government for its value in gold.

There is no government in the world today that still uses the gold standard. The gold standard was completely replaced by fiat money, which is currency that a government declares to be legal tender but is not backed by a physical commodity.

Why the United States abandoned the gold standard

During the Great depression, the U.S. government found that there was little they could do to stimulate the economy. When the stock market crashed in 1929, investors began trading in currencies and commodities. As the price of gold began to rise, people started trading in their dollars for gold. The situation got worse when the banks started to fail and people started hoarding gold because they no longer trusted financial institutions.

The Federal Reserve continued to raise interest rates in an attempt to make the dollar more valuable and to discourage people from further depleting the U.S. gold reserves. The higher interest rates were worsened by the Great depression, making the cost of doing business more expensive.

On March 3, 1933, President Roosevelt closed the banks, and by the time the banks re-opened 10 days later, they had turned in all of their gold to the Federal Reserve. At that point, people were no longer able to redeem their dollars for gold. On April 5, 1933, President Roosevelt ordered all Americans to turn in their gold coins and certificates in exchange for paper currency. Americans were required to deliver all gold coins, bullion, and certificates to the Federal Reserve by May 1st for a set price of $20.67 per ounce. By May 10, the government had taken over $300 million in gold coins and $470 million in gold certificates. This created the gold reserves at Fort Knox.

End of the gold standard

In 1934, the government price of gold was increased to $35 per ounce. It stayed at that price until August 15, 1971 when President Nixon announced that the United States would no longer convert dollars to gold at a fix price. This is when the United States completed abandoned the gold standard. In 1974, President Ford signed legislation that allowed Americans to own gold bullion again.

## THE GOLD BACKED CURRENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

For years, various world powers have discussed replacements to the US dollar as the world reserve currency. The BRICS nations have discussed their own currency [to compete with the US dollar](https://www.epw.in/journal/2017/11/commentary/brics-and-new-financial-architecture.html), while others have devised an end to the US-based SWIFT system of bank transfers.

Last year, Russia and China took steps toward so-called “de-dollarization” with the opening of a renmibi clearing bank in Russia. Russia’s central bank also opened its first ever foreign branch in China in an effort to strengthen financial ties between the two superpowers.

The underreported headline in all of this is that Russia and China were creating a framework to eventually clear transactions in gold, bypassing the dollar entirely. The countries aim to make more of their transactions in gold. That’s notable because both Russia and China have been accumulating gold reserves at a rapid pace compared to other countries, and the BRICS nations are [gold producers](https://russia-insider.com/en/who-needs-dollars-russia-and-china-are-now-dominating-global-gold-production/ri19083).

Trading in Chinese renmibi is the first step for these superpowers to eventually trade in gold. Elsewhere, countries are [challenging the petrodollar](https://www.silverdoctors.com/gold/gold-news/china-gold-standard-jim-willie/) and seeking to trade oil in hard assets.

### GOLD-BACKED CRYPTOCURRENCY

My friends [Jim Rickards](https://dailyreckoning.com/the-world-is-ganging-up-against-the-dollar/) has also suggested that with the invention of the blockchain and high-level encryption, a gold-backed cryptocurrency could eventually become a reality. Jim is not a fan of Bitcoin per se, but does believe in the Blockchain, saying he has been working with it long before cryptocurrencies entered their manic boom.

Jim Rickards claims that since China and Russia are making geopolitical and financially savvy moves to bypass the US dollar, their new gold-based trading systems would be only a “small step” away from a decentralized ledger system for a gold-based currency.

Under this system, Jim claims that the dollar – and Bitcoin – would be the big losers, saying gold is relevant as ever when you consider that many of the world’s developing countries are actually stockpiling gold.

## HOW TO BENEFIT FROM A NEW GOLD STANDARD

While there is no gold standard for you to participate in anywhere in the world, you can diversify your wealth into new asset classes and internationally to achieve some of the benefits of an [actual gold standard](https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/09/gold-standard.asp). Here are a few ideas:

### OWN PHYSICAL GOLD

I’m not talking about an exchange-traded fund; I’m talking about physical gold. I don’t trust the US markets much these days, and as a hedge I prefer to own actual bullion and coins.

Personally, I’d recommend you own some coins to keep at home, and some bullion to keep stored away. Larger bullion, such as a gold kilobar, comes with a lower spread and can easily be stored and sold at whim. Meanwhile, coins give you immediate access to your money. Either way, you can trade into and out of dollars, euros, or almost any other currency at whim, and if you [buy gold correctly](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2013/12/23/how-to-buy-gold-avoid-us-gold-coins/), you can enjoy rather tight spreads. I recommend [well-known bullion pieces](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2013/12/08/top-5-best-gold-bullion-coins-internationalization/) that are easy to sell.

As to storage, I recommend offshore vaults. There have been a number of vaults popping up everywhere from [the Cayman Islands](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2015/05/29/how-to-store-gold-offshore-cayman-islands/) to Argentina, but I prefer Singapore and Austria as main storage destinations. Austria offers more privacy at a higher cost with less convenience, while Singapore is the world’s new wealth hub.

It’s even possible to [borrow money](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2015/12/09/how-to-get-a-gold-bank-loan/) against your gold at low interest rates, freeing up liquidity and essentially giving you an option against the dollar.

If you’re interested in offshore gold storage as a way to keep your assets safe from prying hands, check out these articles:

 [10 Tips for Buying Gold](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2017/11/13/tips-for-buying-gold/)

 [How to Get Cheap Offshore Gold Storage in Singapore](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2013/04/18/how-to-get-free-offshore-gold-storage-in-singapore/)

 [The Best Countries for Offshore Gold Storage](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2016/09/28/best-countries-offshore-gold-storage/)

### OPEN AN OFFSHORE BANK ACCOUNT

If you’re going to keep your money in the bank, at least keep it in a bank returning some interest. I recently wrote about countries with [ultra-high interest rates](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2018/08/12/highest-interest-rates-banks/) on savings in their local currency. It’s possible to earn 9%, 10%, or even 16% on foreign currency deposits in sound banks; some of these banks are actually better than your local bank in the US, Canada, or Australia.

While a 9.5% term deposit in, say, Georgian lari may not sound attractive, consider that not only does Georgia’s economy have more room to grow, but that the lari has maintained relatively low volatility against the dollar in recent years. In the mid-term, you can earn a high interest rate for several years and convert back to your base currency when exchange rates are most favorable.

Neither currency is backed by gold, but you can at least grow your money. You’ll also enjoy freedom from capital controls that prevent movement of money or lock you into a specific currency. If your money is in an [offshore bank](https://www.nomadcapitalist.com/offshore-banking/), you’ll have the ability to convert your laris – or whatever else you’re holding – back to any currency of your choice, rather than being forced to hold a currency that could decline at the hands of the government.

If you don’t think it’s possible, just ask my friends in Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, or Venezuela.

### BUY “PAPER GOLD”

Again, I’m not talking about an ETF, but rather a new concept of so-called paper money that has gold in it. A new “currency” [called the aurum](https://www.peakprosperity.com/podcast/91771/new-way-hold-gold-2015-update) has been touted as a way to hold gold-backed money in your wallet alongside your paper US dollars or euros.

Now, I’m not entirely convinced this is the way to go. Governments have come down on a ton of bricks like this stuff before, but it’s worth understanding how this “new way to hold gold” works. Generally, I stay away from anything that proposes any actual new currency outside of the sovereign system. If you want to buy gold, then buy gold.

Which leads me to my last idea…

### DIVERSIFY YOURSELF

The country you are a citizen of has no doubt debased your savings and eaten away at your nest egg with their destructive policies. Whether you were part of an actual gold confiscation or not, the government’s policies have made you poorer.

To that, my question is: “Why remain their subject?”

[Having a second passport](https://www.nomadcapitalist.com/second-passport/) is an excellent way to personally diversify yourself so that no government has total power over you. While I’m not a “gloom and doom” guy I do realize that the world’s superpowers, particularly the United States, can do anything they want at anytime. The fact that you’ll be hurt by it is irrelevant.

In an era where the western middle class is evaporating, savers and the wealthy will have a target on their back for anything from wealth taxes to [higher estate taxes](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2018/05/17/how-to-avoid-estate-taxes/) to actual asset confiscation. It’s already started happening in direct and indirect ways in countries like Ireland and even the United States through the tax code.

Being a dual citizen or even holding multiple passports give you the freedom to travel to and live in another country whenever you wish. It makes opening bank and brokerage accounts in another country easier, while making it harder for “de-risking” foreign banks to close your account and send your money home. And it gives you a legal escape hatch to [renounce your citizenship](https://nomadcapitalist.com/2018/01/17/renounce-us-citizenship-ultimate-guide/) if things get bad enough that you need to pull the plug entirely.

Magen and Matthew are also known as Mr & Ms M. They remain somewhat anonymous about their involvement and role in the global reset and are well-versed in the gold-backed digital currencies. They have a vision for the global redistribution of wealth and resources to cover the basic needs for all and also for the funneling of funds into humanitarian projects. This all ties into a sovereignty movement with less reliance on the Central Banking System. At the event, they will give an update on these things.

In the 80's, Matthew's father designed "The Mapper System" which is a software program used by the government for tracking global finance and he worked at the Pentagon at age 25 and saw inside the dark forces of the Elite controlling all the money. With his spiritual nature and compassion for humanity, he got out and had a remarkable awakening at the Giza Pyramid not long after leading him to write the 7th Seal trilogy where the teachings of the mystery schools roll off his tongue in an eloquent and prolific fashion.

Magen also had an incredible experience of being shown her role as a psychic intuitive who would give high-level intel and help clear the path for the sovereignty movement. She is also known as the Divine Ms M and offers psychic services and sessions.

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# **he Golden Age Activation**

**The Ancients knew the future and the time. The Ascension Portal was not only foreseen and foretold, it was documented in several ways.**

**The most important event for humanity was understood and much time was spent ensuring the importance would not be forgotten.**

**The month of November was paramount for the Egyptians, in that the most sacred days fell within that time frame. Most people understand the power and significance of 11/11. And have been experiencing the synchronicities around seeing number sequences. There are next level frequency activations associated with even more numbers that have not yet been fully embraced.**

**11/22 has been at the center of the material that Mathues Imhotep has experienced and contributed for 33 years. This number not only represents a date, but also a time and a series of activation sequences, which activates the 7th Seal or crown chakra. The Sixth Seal was activated on the planet on 4/24/14. This Easter was when the Grand Cross and Lunar Eclipse started the final stretch into the Golden Age. The Blood moons following continued to expand the consciousness and the following Celestial Events that created more and more awareness on the planet.**

**11/7 is the time in Egypt when the TWO BECAME ONE, when upper and lower Egypt united. This number sequence is key in many ways and represents the balancing of the Mind and Heart, the light and the dark. The month of November is the trigger for bringing all into balance. The energetic increase of frequency upon the plant, via all the astrological influences and greater alignments to gates, such as 888, 8/8 Lions Gate, etc. has accelerated our conscious awakening.**

**This all has been divinely designed and has been a herald to the final Grand Alignment of the Golden Gate 11/22. The English language was finalized by Francis Bacon and his pen pal team, when Tudor English was crafted to be a powerful spoken word, which was used to encode messages and the bible code into the King James Bible. Hidden within the words that tell the spiritual heritage of our soul family and ancient mission to awaken humanity; are the number sequences that activate Divine Consciousness. This is the foundation of the series that will be highlighted in November and the weeks before, which explain the Key Codes that have been laced within the words that describe the mystery school. The 7th Seal Activator is a new tool that carries all the frequencies for this time.**

**All the sacred number dates that have been emphasized and expressed by so many light workers coalesce in the final hour of this year. The acceleration of frequency is being honored and embraced by many during this years end as the beginning of the new awakened reality. All our time lines are merging in greater awareness around such dates as 12/12 and 11/11. These are the most powerful times in history, let us join all efforts to realize this divine birth** **together and actualize the Golden Age!**

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We are collectively marching towards oneness with our consciousness and rising above the duality that has defined us for far to long. This transition into a Golden Age has been thousands of years in the making, with so many moving parts it is a modern day Miracle and evidence of our collective consciousness. I am so thrilled and humbled to be a part of this revolution but a myth has taken hold of our movement and our community and we need to rise above it.

The myth I’m referring to is the Rapture myth that has evolved into a lovely story that further separates us. I can’t tell you how many times I have cringed hearing beautiful, compassionate spiritual people speak about the separation between the conscious community and the sleeping masses. I have listened to my community speak of a culling, calling it a “cleansing” with a blase attitude towards human life that is the antithesis of the message we came to spread amongst the hearts of humanity.

It is obvious that we are in a time of great transition from the old paradigm to the new world, a world meant for all of us. The new world does not exclude those taking their first steps down the path. We are sovereign beings who have a right to walk the path of consciousness at a pace that suits the evolution of our individual souls. Unity and oneness are keys to unlocking the mysteries of the multiverse and the more we embrace this Rapture myth the farther we stray from the path of righteousness.

I’ve heard it told that the new earth is only for those who have “taken the leap”, those who are worthy of such a place. The reality is the only new earth there is, is the one we are building together. We like to refer to ourselves as lightworkers and way showers, but whom is it we are showing the way to enlightenment, whom is it we are illuminating the path for? If we determine no one is worthy we are not lightworkers or way showers we are being judgmental and embracing a false reality of superiority. For on that day that we are judged by ourselves on the other side it will be on the content of our character, the integrity of our actions and the compassion of our hearts not by the name we know god.

I understand that many of us came here on a mission and we are tired and overwhelmed by what appears to be an insurmountable task, but I implore you to recognize the victories we have obtained big or small on this march towards freedom as pillars of the spiritual revolution. I ask that we find compassion in our hearts for the very people we came here to help who like us are spiritual beings having a human experience. Coming to a third density reality with higher dimensional consciousness is a gift to be shared, not to lord over our brothers and sisters who need our help. We came with the knowledge we needed to propel us into a new way of being, so instead of judging those who are not early adapters, let us roll up our sleeves and fulfill our mission so that our souls may too move closer to the love and light of oneness and full enlightenment.

**Ocrazio-Cortez to be Primaried in 2020**

Sometimes, it is not a good thing to run unopposed in an election. Especially, when you think you have a mandate and that all of your untested ideas will be instantly accepted as brilliant by everyone. Well, that might not be the case with Alex Orazio-Cortez. Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the personification of the left’s extreme talking points, but she might be too obvious about her socialist agenda for some Democrats.

An anonymous House Democrat told [The Hill](https://thehill.com/homenews/house/427364-some-dems-float-idea-of-primary-challenge-for-ocasio-cortez) there is a move afoot already to enlist a primary challenger to the far-left representative in the 2020 election.

“What I have recommended to the New York delegation is that you find her a primary opponent and make her a one-term congressperson,” the lawmaker said. “You’ve got numerous council people and state legislators who’ve been waiting 20 years for that seat. I’m sure they can find numerous people who want that seat in that district.”

Additionally, there are bound to be Democrats who are upset that the 29-year-old upstart took the seat from former 10-term Democrat Joseph Crowley. Ocrazio-Cortez won with a virtual handful of votes, and no one ran against her.

Thanks to the wildly successful “walk away campaign,” many Democrats could be the next Crowley. The Justice Democrats, a group or Socialist radicals associated with Ocrazio-Cortez, have pledged to challenge more incumbent Democrats, according to the liberal website [Vox](https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/1/29/18188601/justice-democrats-alexandria-ocasio-cortezes-aoc" \t "_blank). Another source, described as an “insider,” told The Hill that Ocasio-Cortez isn’t making friends among her party.

“She’s pissing off a lot of people and has probably made a lot of enemies. … A lot of people who are furious with her are Joe’s allies, including some named Crowley,” the source said, apparently referring to Crowley’s cousin, Elizabeth Crowley, a former New .

It might be unheard-of for a party to want to get rid of a person whose generated intense media interest the way Ocrazio-Cortez has, but it makes sense why Democrats would want the socialist representative gone. The problem Democrats might have isn’t so much her positions — leftist extremism isn’t that unusual in the modern Democratic Party.

Ocasio-Cortez hasn’t been in office for a month yet, but she has already made the party look bad several times with her extreme policy proposals. She is right down the middle of the Democrat ideology, but she is not supposed to actually say that in public. During election season, Democrats try to sound like they’re in the middle, but vote far left.

For example, the left-wing representative [claimed](https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/aoc-goes-church-says-world-will-end-12-years-dems-dont-get-want/) last week that the world is going to end in 12 years if Congress doesn’t accept her climate change policy. Republicans are quick to call her the new face of the DNC, which infuriates those who think they are the face of the DNC. Okay, they all think that when the camera is running, but not when the ethics investigations begin.

As another example, the 29 year old bar tender from new York doesn’t hesitate to suggest abolishing [Immigration and Customs Enforcement](https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/watch-ocasio-cortez-blasts-trump-ice-funding-days-voted-fund-ice/). In fact, the position is so important to her that it was featured on her campaign website.

“It’s time to abolish ICE, clear the path to citizenship, and protect the rights of families to remain together,” Ocrazio-Cortez’s campaign [website](https://ocasio2018.com/issues) stated.

Democrats like New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand are inclined to agree with her, but even Gillibrand has publicly walked back her [statements](https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/liberal-lunacy-gillibrand-says-never-meant-abolish-ice-called-abolish-ice/) about the law enforcement group. Nobody wants to be seen as that radical.

When left-wing voters elect loony socialists who become the public face of the Democratic Party, Democrats can no longer deny their socialist agenda.

Establishment Democrats are going to start scrambling to oppose Ocasio-Cortez as more normal, working Americans correctly associate the Democratic Party with socialism.

Ocasio-Cortez’s extreme socialist rhetoric is harmful for Democrats because — unlike infamously liberal New York City  — most Americans will never support unabashed [socialism](https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/home-depot-co-founder-blasts-socialism-quietly-calls-ocasio-cortez-explosive-interview/). In the end, and I’m afraid 21 months will come far too soon for the affirmative action business school student. When the DNC is talking about primaries in your district, you better hang onto a few of those paychecks and avoid signing a long-term lease in DC or a new Escalade. You also better not forget how to make a good sidecar.

**2 Days Until SOTU**

President Trump is not showing any excerpts from his SOTU speech to anyone. I think there is going to be some meat and some tomatoes in this speech. Trump intends to do the following:

* Withdraw from undeclared wars. The endless arming, training, and feeding of wars at more than 800 military installations in 150 countries is the surest path to termination of the United States.
* Gold back dollar. Gold would be valued at about $10k per ounce, more or less, but it would quickly settle out. Some businesses hanging on by a thread will end. The good pieces will be picked up and carried forward. Within a couple years the world will stabilize, and wars over banking will end for the next thousands years. If he does not do it this time, he will lay the groundwork for it. This is the only way America will last more than 20 years from now. I believe he will apply pressure in this speech against the Federal Reserve and that their days are numbered.
* The wall is being built. He will announce that he has the money, and that there is no need to shut down government, or ask Congress for any more money. The Democrats will be challenged to stop him using the courts, but the Supreme Court will quickly decide in his favor.
* The cutting off of drug and human trafficking payoffs to the Democrats will bankrupt their party. Another party will pick up the good pie4ces and carry forward.
* Voter ID will be written into Federal law, and the 9 States who do not have safe ID’s will be broken and forced to drop illegals from their voter roles.
* Jobs, jobs, and more jobs will be celebrated.
* Abortion will be declared to be murder.
* Gold Star moms and dads will be highlighted.
* Minority accomplishments in the last 2 years will also be heralded.