



# Bitcoin v.s The MIGHTY DOLLAR

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## The best thing that could happen for the DOLLAR is Bitcoin.

...Hold that thought... Let me place my limit order in STA-SHO-TI (stashing fiat in satoshis)

**BITCOIN IS NO THREAT TO THE DOLLAR the world's reserve currency.**

Let's examine the banking crash of 2023. What? Was there a crash. The entire system collapsed but only a few felt the immediate tectonic shock.

Thursday, March 9th, a select unidentified mob of fat checkbook accounts made a \$40 billion digital run on the biggest crypto and tech-friendly bank in San Francisco, Silicon Valley Bank (SVB).

A day earlier, SVB admitted it had liquidated a lot of securities at a loss of \$1.8 billion (business as usual at any bank.) This normalcy caused such fear and panic that by Friday, March 10th, SVB's vault ran dry.

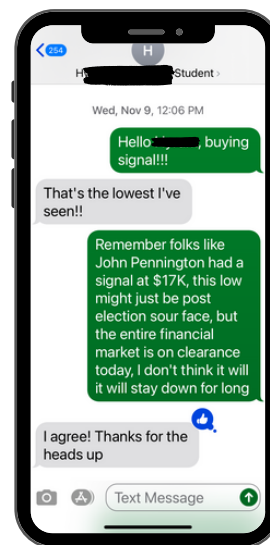
The distress signal was swiftly snuffed out by an even swifter rapid response from the Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. They spun into action and by Sunday night the fix was in, unanimously, by Monday morning.

The would-be bank collapse was more of a controlled-demolition style of bank gentrification. APY miraculously rose from 0.03 to 4.5 percent and my favorite bank and broker offered handsome returns of ten points plus.

John Pennington Jr., my good friend and former investment broker of a billion dollar fund, called it.

"Do not bet against the FEDs," he joked. "The FED has one duty. Its only job is to protect the DOLLAR, at any cost."

Pennington called Bitcoin price too. I had invited him to guest lecture my Bitcoin class. Four UVU.edu students and three guests, carried on a 3-hour lecture on June 28, 2022. That day, BTC was \$20,883.35. My sense was that it had cratered. Pennington predicted nothing, but he stated he felt confident in growing his BTC position near \$17K exchange rate.



Fast forward five months, BTC 'opened' at \$17,104.06 on November 9th, 2022. I texted the students who attended the June 28th class. BTC price see-sawed to a low point of 15,516.53 on November 21st, 2022.

Many fantasize that Bitcoin will take over and fiat will die. My thesis is: the world will revolve around two currencies. BTC and USD will reign digitally as king and queen. Who is king?

Ask Pennington, no doubt, the dollar, he might say.

I contend, Bitcoin already reigns as king. Consider this, if the exchange rate was US \$27k to BTC1, what's greater?

Or, concede that when the number of fiat bills in your side pocket can't be traded for one single Bitcoin, at that point Bitcoin is king.

Pennington reasoned that the cost of mining a single BTC was around \$17k and the powers that be, would rather be skinned, tarred and feathered than let BTC fall below cost of acquisition.

My thesis, debating Bitcoin versus the USD is that as Bitcoin trading price rises so would the dollar maintain its global strength.

The class was illuminated on why threats to the USD were readily gone, vanquished from the planet.

