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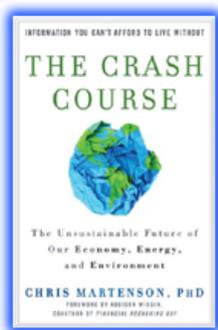
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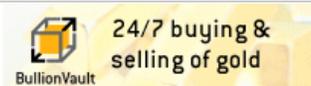


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Wednesday, December 21, 2011

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- Removal of China's 'deep pockets' from the EU and US credit markets could easily cause them to seize up
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- Recommendations for increasing your financial and personal resilience to this outcome

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#### Masterful

Masterful work Chris. Both articles are very convincing. Thank you

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#2



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#### Good set of articles. One

Good set of articles. One observation of something that is probably implied but just not quite openly stated concerns the final topic where it's stated that the way to simultaneously deflate all currencies is to revalue all against gold. But this should go further to mean against all commodities, including gold if you want to call it a "commodity", or at least a tangible asset outside of the tertiary wealth bubble...

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#### Chris, good stuff. I have to

Chris, good stuff. I have to say though, after reading what seems like a book a day, say 400 pages from all the intellectual types many thoughts, and bantering about comes right back to the Banks, and those darn derivatives. That these banksters hold the world hostage is just wrong...

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**Thanks Chris**

Chris:

I really appreciate the way you approach issues from a basically objective perspective. This leads me to believe that you can really provide an unbiased evaluation of the information you are presenting. I, and I suspect many others, are depending on you to give us a realistic assessment of things and help us get through this difficult period...

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#5

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**Thanks Chris...**

Chris,

I have a quick question about silver.

Since it is trading at a discounted rate of 54:1, while being ten times more rare than gold in above ground inventories, is accumulating silver preferentially to gold a good idea, or a long shot due to it's current industrial metal status?

To put this in a little more perspective, I have accumulated enough silver to have all of my debts covered should silver hit \$1000 (A very frightening economic scenario indeed)...

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**Rule of thumb.**

Thank you for trying to explain the inexplicable.

I looked up **\*Enroll to see Link\*** and it was a laugh out loud moment.

Arthurs definition of "Derivatives" : a desperate means to avoid work. by people who are afraid to break out a sweat...

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**US treasury devaluing the US\$ through loans to the IMF vs QE3**

Jim Rickards, on King World News this past weekend discusses an "under the radar" approach to devaluing the US\$ by the Fed. He describes how the treasury loans US\$ to the IMF, receiving in exchange a note denominated in SDRs. When the note matures the IMF repays the US in a dollar equivalent per the current exchange rate...

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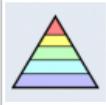
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**Jager06, my \$0.02 is that**

Jager06, my \$0.02 is that silver has greater upward potential than gold but it will take longer, so I'm not counting on using it to pay off debts before the crisis hits. Even with gold, it won't get revalued until the crisis hits, so then you have to wonder what's going to happen to your debts on the other side of that wormhole...

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**Doubtfull**

Winter has started and we have passed the shortest day. We are all looking forward to x-mass and new-year. With a little bit of luck some countries will present very nice growth figures and with the spring and summer in our mind there will be NO 2008 crisis event/breakdown market cruss happening...

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**Doubtfull**

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