Money secrets from the

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz seems to be a favourite come Christmas time, and while the kids love it, adults might see it in a whole new light next time around, writes BILL STILL

It is commonly known in economics academia that L Frank Baum's story, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, is loaded with symbols of monetary reform that were the core of the Populist movement in the US and of Democrat William Jennings Bryan in 1896 and 1900.

The yellow brick road, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Emerald City of Oz, the illusory power of the Wizard and even Dorothy's silver slippers (in the book) were symbols of Baum's and Bryan's belief that adding silver coins to a gold coin monetary system would provide much needed money to a depression-strapped, 1890s America.

Once you understand it, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a virtual forest of monetary reform symbolism, planted by someone extremely well versed in the Populist monetary reform goals of the period - goals that have never changed. They are still valid today, and are needed now more than then.

L Frank Baum's symbols represent the solution to relieve the growing economic hardship in America and the rest of the world.

Writing cryptically in the children's book, Baum reveals the fallacy of the gold standard (the Yellow Brick Road) that led to the Wizard of Oz because gold has no magical or special power as money - that is an illusion, like the Wizard's power.

Dorothy's silver slippers (changed by Hollywood to ruby) contained the key to the solution. Dorothy always had the power to create money from things other than gold. This was exemplified by her silver slippers, that the Wicked Witch of the West tried to take from her.

We have no need of the banking Wizards in the city to create money. The government can simply create money itself - if it ever regains the confidence to throw aside the Wizard's curtain revealing the trickery of the bank-created-debt-money-system. Many more fascinating metaphors, historical allusions and solutions are revealed in the Secret of Oz DVD.

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Pat Carmack and I came to the conclusion in late 2008 that the time was ripe to explain the meaning of the Oz story to the public in a video - the symbols are well known, their meaning is not - yet they hold the key to solving the global economic crisis.

The familiarity of the Oz symbols to the public makes their explanation a potentially powerful weapon against our modern witches and wizards.

In the documentary The Money Masters, Patrick Carmack and I asked the question: why are Americans going broke and the American middle class rapidly disappearing?

To answer that question, we went back and traced the history of modern banking that began more than 300 years ago (with the founding of the privately-owned Bank of England). That history is, of course, still valid.

With that historical perspective we were able to predict much of what has happened since we made that video in 1996. Many have called it prophetic - it was simply historically informed.

Now, the question is how can we get out of this economic mess. In the US, foreclosures are everywhere and those still in their homes can barely afford the mortgages, unemployment is at dangerous levels - and this is only the beginning. More Americans are being forced into deeper and deeper debt and poverty. And now the rot is spreading.

Having private banks create money is the root economic cause of world poverty, ignorance, hunger, and much preventable disease - the
land of Oz

The Wizard of Oz deciphered

Yellow Brick Road – the gold standard
Oz (ounce) – the standard measure of gold
Ruby slippers – these are silver in the book. Silver slippers were important in the book, as silver coins are
Oil – liquidity
Emerald City of Oz – greenback money
Dorothy – everyman and woman
Scarecrow – farmers, agricultural workers
Tin Man – industrial workers
Cowardly Lion – William Jenning Bryan, a populist Presidential candidate in 1896 and 1900
Cyclone (tornado) – the free silver movement
Glinda, the Good Witch of the South – the US South, which solidly supported reform
Wicked Witch of the East – Wall Street bankers led by JP Morgan
Wicked Witch of the West – JD Rockefeller
Wizard – a charlatan and behind-the-scenes manipulator who tricked the citizens of Oz into believing he is all-powerful

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was written in 1900

The concentration of the world’s money in fewer and fewer hands and the accompanying impoverishment of billions of our fellow human beings – one-third of whom make less that $2 a day – more than half live in abject poverty, while a couple of hundred men grow fabulously richer daily.

Until the money creation power is restored to the people – to their government and taken back from the bankers – we will never be able to make a dent in these other economic issues.

We can fix it in a matter of months – a year at most – if we have the will. We can make the government the most financially sound in the world – nearly overnight.

All we have to do is to take back the power to create and control the quantity of money from private banks (including the privately-owned Federal Reserve banks) and (in the US) put that power back into the hands of the Congress of the United States where it was under Presidents Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

Some say: “Well, those crooks in Congress will create too much money once they get the power money [and cause inflation].”

But Congress just borrows it from the private banks that create it, the debt never gets paid back, and we the people have to continually pay interest on it. Instead of borrowing money the US government [any government in fact] could and should be creating money interest-free, as it has in the past, not the banks owned by private stockholders.

Others will say Congress isn’t responsive to the people as it is. Well of course not. Too many politicians are responsive to those with money and who have also used it to buy control of the mass media. Right now, the major Wall Street banks have the money, and control the mass media, hence the power to influence politicians. We the people have to take back the ultimate material power of any nation – the power over its money.

With the power of banks diminished, politicians will become responsive to the voters once again and a vibrant, independent mass media can redevelop.

In the US, people in one particular zip code spend nearly half of all the special interest lobbying money used to influence Congress. It’s 10036, the upper east side of Manhattan. That’s where the Mayor of New York City lives. That’s where the Wall Street bankers live.

They control the money, they control the mass media, and they control Congress. They get the bailouts – other Americans get the bill (in higher taxes to pay the ever-growing interest on the National debt, and in fewer services).

Some will say that these solutions are something radical, like perhaps socialism or worse. They are not. This is the most basic historic struggle for human freedom running back to the beginnings of societies – the struggle for widely disbursed private property and a fair and just economic system. Without that, individual freedom has no solid foundation.

If we want to escape from...
Who's in The Secret of Oz

- Peter Schiff, President of Euro-Pacifc Capital
- Prof. Quentin Taylor, professor of political science at Rogers State University
- Byron Dale, author and monetary reform expert
- James Robertson, former official in a variety of slots in the UK government, and head of the Inter-Bank Research Organization
- Prof. Nick Tideman, VA Tech University School of Economics
- John Keyworth, Curator, Bank of England Museum
- Ellen Brown, author Web of Debt: attorney and monetary reformer
- Joseph Farah, Founder and CEO of WorldNetDaily
- Nancy Koupal, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society Press
- Reed Simpson, banker, asset manager

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Creating Debt

<< serfdom by political self-determination – we ultimately have to conclude that creating our money is too important a function to be put into private hands where it can, and is, being used to corrupt political systems.

History has shown time and time again that concentration of wealth leads to nothing but plutocracy: rule by the rich; then to plutarchy: rule by the very few, very rich, and ultimately slavery for the rest.

But what about the banks? They are already failing! Let them fail. Government can issue its own money and credit. We don't need them to create money nor their hyper-expensive compounding interest system.

Should the reforms be made, banks and banking won't go away. Everyone will still have access to loans and checking accounts. A genuinely free market will step up and provide those services. You'll still be able to go down to your local bank to deposit your money. Your bank will still be there. But it will not be creating money as it does now.

Jesus chased the moneychangers from the temple in his day. He knew the corrupting power of money. Gandhi said that materialism and morality are inversely proportional – when one increases the other decreases. Modern banking is making its owners far too rich – not by the sweat of their brows but by the sweat of other peoples' brows. It has gone so far that it is actually the cause of the deaths of countless others due to extreme poverty.

Is that fair or just? Obviously not. Big banks already own nearly every large building in every city in the world, not to mention mortgages on virtually every home. That should be far more than sufficient. Let the people of the world have some money for a change. Give them some incentive to build a better world – we all live in it together.

There is hope, especially here in America. History has shown that America has fought to create its own government-issued money and keep privately-owned central banks from doing so for the last 250 years. In fact, in no other nation on earth have the people fought for it as successfully and with such determination as have Americans.

We kicked out the Bank of England in 1776; we killed the Bank of North America; with President Jefferson we killed the first bank of the US; with President Jackson we killed the second bank of the US. All we need in the face of this first depression of the 21st century is education and then courage.

We can make this the new civil rights movement – the new human rights movement. The big banker Wizards now stand more exposed than ever before. Let's use history to guide our path today and take the power to create money away from privately-owned banks.

After the William Jennings Bryan era the bankers learned that in order to put a lid on this issue they had to buy up the nation's press. And they did, led by banker JP Morgan. But that hasn't worked as well in the internet age.

People are asking the right questions. What is the Federal Reserve and who owns the stock in it? Why does the Fed resist us – even thwarting Congress – from knowing what it is doing with our money, fiercely resisting even audits?

How did they get that power from the government? Who creates our money, and in what percentages and quantities? How did private banks get that power from the government? How can we get that power back?

For the answers, just follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy in The Secret of Oz. This DVD breaks entirely new ground in examining the roots of the present crisis in the era of Jennings Bryan when L Frank Baum wrote The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.