

Digital freedom

This I write based on something that happened on the same day to me, that I believe is a costly life lesson for me, but maybe one that I can give you in this writing for the price of the book, and if you got this book as a gift and/or leant it from a library and/or acquaintance, you're getting it for free and the lesson consists of two parts that need to be understood, which are the value you put on materials, even digital ones, and true freedom.

Today I got scammed, but in essence I scammed myself with the stupidity of falling for a well thought internet scam, which was the one where someone creates an internet/social media identity of a known person and/or celebrity/businessperson and sends a link to a website, where in this case an internet campaign of their company is having a promotion to give you the 10x return that you send from "your verified" wallet.

Well, here is the setting; Elon Musk send a tweet out thanking some guy for saying some nice things about his newly gotten Tesla 3, and right under it came that scammer tweet with the link to a "Tesla made" page. And what really got me good, was the FOMO (fear of missing out) aspect in the website with that counter running with how little cryptocurrency is left of the maximum set in for the give away.

If it was with digital money, fiat and not cryptocurrency, that person can be (more) easily traced and be subjected to punishment for breaking (international) fraud laws, and what not, but punishing that person, even when he clearly committed something disgusting to another person, it wasn't physical to another person, because in this case only a digital object was taken, with a more important point being that that operation looked and is in essence more a well executed persiflage

of Elon and Tesla, without really out right masking that they are not, in this case only Elon, because they did a good job in doing like they're Tesla, but then again does Tesla do such activities?

Does falling for such stupidity hurts? Yes, very much, especially if it wasn't a small sum that you've just lost. Just as a hint, the minimum "verified" sum that "could be sent" was 0,1 BTC, and I didn't necessarily sent the minimum.

Because it went so fast, in my mind the thing that outweigh everything was, what if it's really true that this was the real announcement of Tesla/Elon that they matured as companies and started working as a startup again, embracing crypto, and this was really my chance to "invest" xxx to get a much more desperately needed xxxx sum. Sure, I could've tried it with ETH, but then if it was indeed real and it works and then the pot runs dry, then I would be like "meh", and I was risking feeling "meh, meh", for the possible reward of feeling "relieved" for a while.

Being your own boss is extremely hard and extremely expensive, which some people of course do get to lower their costs and actual given effort (needed), but I would not choose any other profession, because it is, at least to me, the most fulfilling, exciting and extremely energizing profession there is.

Going back to the fuck up. That's why I'm for cryptocurrency, which I hope will become a lesson to authorities how to better transform the public networks in one where self responsibility is highly regarded, and the protection of the weak not be countered with destruction of the smart/strong.

Today I did a weak act, that doesn't mean that I am weak or that there needs to be an authority to punish the maker of the look-a-like accounts. Yes, even in crypto should authorities need to have the means to being able to block such activities, but yes, such blockage could only ever happen once it already starts (and thus cannot be verified that it's a true campaign), with the for example the proceeds of the "intercepted" coins and/or confiscated coins, which with most crypto last option is really difficult to do, but if you look at SilkRoad, the FBI did get access to all those

BTC in their wallets, so it is possible, and thus in such case, they can return the coins back to the same wallet they came from, and/or choose to keep the money and put it in the government's coffers.

Creating a real open public network is hard, because it requires, at least for most people, extreme trust and patience in strangers, something that they learned from that same not-so open- public network learned is not wise to do.

I've already heard of crypto-projects trying to tackle this project, so as I write the frustration of still doing stupid things sometimes, I do have an extremely positive outlook on our collective outcome as a global society.

And most importantly, I did only lost something that I never could have physically been able to touch, even though I could have used it to buy something that I can then physically touch, I can never ever touch a BTC.

I can touch digital 10 dollars by going to an ATM and cash it out, because with that paper I'm holding in my hand representing 10 dollars, I can go to a store and buy something and pay with either that 10 dollar paper, or use another digital 10 dollar stored in my account. A hard wallet is not the same as paper money, so by holding a hard wallet I am not physically holding a BTC, I'm physically holding an electronic/digital device holding the wallet info on it, because the BTC itself is stored in "the blockchain".

That single fact makes it that crypto currencies can never take the place of fiat currency. That is something psychological engrained in people to trust what they can see, that maybe over a few generations to come we, as humans, can "learn" to let that go. Until that point, I believe that crypto can become a companion of fiat currencies and go share the global financial/monetary pie.

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