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Dedicated to the independent study of monetary history, theory, and reform

“Over time, whoever controls the money system controls the society.”

Stephen Zarlenga, Director

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The Lost Science of Money; The Mythology of Money - the Story of Power, examines the historical aspects of the money problem from Aristotle forward, in 23 Chapters. Chapter 24 then shows how to apply what is learned from history, to solving the problem in the U.S. today.

That book resulted in the proposed **American Monetary Act**, which became the basis for **Congressman Dennis Kucinich's** creation and introduction of HR 2990 into the U.S. 112th Congress (First time in 225 years). Called **the NEED Act (National Emergency Employment Defense Act)**, it is essentially a monetary reform act modeled on the Chicago Plan, which our great economic minds created in 1935 to end the Great Depression, and improved upon by the AMI.

Kucinich's NEED Act went through nearly 3 years of non-partisan Congressional Legislative Counsel work before it was ready for introduction, into the 112th Congress. **This proposed bill is now a matter of record, in our Nation's documents – it is “on the shelf”** and can easily be re-introduced in a new Congress by any Congressman who understands the overriding necessity for real monetary reform, to get our nation and people onto solid ground, out of the clutches of financial predators. We are on the lookout for such Congressman. You should be too.

The National Committee of the U.S. Green Party approved a national plank in September 2010, which embodied this proposal (it's at our website).

In 2011 Prof. Kaoru Yamaguchi, of Berkeley, and Doshisha University in Japan, put the American Monetary Act and HR 2990 through his advanced System Dynamics computerized projection and concluded that they (1) provide the funding for infrastructure repair (which solves the unemployment crisis) (2) Pay off the national debt as it comes due (3) Do this without inflation! That's a big deal; at our website!

In August, 2012. Dr. Michael Kumhof (Deputy Division Chief, Modeling Department, of the International Monetary Fund) published his study, **The Chicago Plan Revisited**, an IMF Working Paper, which has swept the world's economist community like wildfire. This is the first time anyone has done this exercise and it showed outstanding results for the Chicago Plan, including that it would have

much less tendency for inflation than a privately controlled money system has. That is one reason for its wide interest. Another is that it goes counter to many widely held, but unsubstantiated beliefs about monetary matters by economists. Again see it at our website.

Dr. Kumhof gave two presentations at our monetary reform conferences (2012 and 2013) and is the only economist to do his duty toward my book, **The Lost Science of Money**. He did this in a magnificent one sentence review:

"The historical debate concerning the nature and control of money is the subject of Zarlenga (2002), a masterful work that traces this debate back to ancient Mesopotamia, Greece and Rome..., he shows that private issuance of money has repeatedly led to major societal problems throughout recorded history..." (P. 13, The Chicago Plan Revisited)

The Bank of England then invited Dr. Kumhof to give two presentations there in 2013, and its 1st Quarterly report of 2014, admitted the essence of Dr. Kumhof's thesis is correct-that the banking system makes its loans, creating what we use for money, before it has reserves to do so. After this report, the economics textbooks must be re-written concerning money and banking!

In May, 2013 the AMI hosted 2 sessions on The Need for Monetary Reform, at the 39th annual meeting of the **Eastern Economic Association in New York City**, at which Dr. Kumhof and Prof. Yamaguchi both made important and historic presentations.

On 12, May 2013, the American Monetary Institute sponsored a Seminar at **Cooper Union** in New York City entitled Fixing Our Broken Money System; presented by Stephen Zarlenga, Robert Poteat, Professor Nic Tideman, Greg Coleridge, William Batt, Jamie Walton, and Professor Kaoru Yamaguchi. Again see our website.

September 19-22, 2013: The AMI held its 9th Annual Monetary Reform Conference at University Center, Chicago. One of the highlights was Professor Joseph Huber's brilliant analysis of what constitutes true monetary reform. His work has become a primary "reference point" for monetary reformers in America and around the world.

January 16, 2014: The Real World Economics Review, formerly the Post Autistic Economic Review, sent Prof Joseph Huber's critique of Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) (which he had delivered at our 9th Annual Monetary Reform Conference) to its subscriber list of 23,924 subscribers - very conscious economists. We remarked: "perhaps it's a good time for the MMT people to see this as an opportunity to examine the criticisms and perhaps answer them or perhaps adjust some of their positions." Again see the link at our website.

This is important since MMT represents about one half of the obstacle to monetary reform in the U.S. We'd characterize MMT as erroneous dissent from real reform. The

other half of the obstacle to reform comes from those that we'd characterize as purposeful disinformation! Sorry for that bad news!

We thought the Real World Economic Review would spark the process for MMT to face the realities of our money system and understand the need to reform it; but they are ignoring it!

October 3-5, 2014: AMI held its tenth annual Monetary Reform Conference at University Center in Chicago. Dr. Yamaguchi, Dr. Michael Kumhof, Dr. Steve Keen, Prof. Tideman, Prof. Richard Werner, Dr. Michael Clark, and others made presentations for monetary reform. See our website.

September 10-13, 2015: AMI held its eleventh annual Monetary Reform Conference, which featured Howie Hawkins, Green Party Candidate for Governor of New York. Students and Greens attended for only \$49 and \$79 respectively. Complete videos of these Conferences are available for \$166 on a 500 Gig external drive. That leaves you with 400 gigs of extra memory. Call, write, or email for that!

September 29 – October 2, 2016: AMI holds its 12th annual Monetary Reform Conference, featuring speakers Prof. Joseph Huber of Germany and Dr. Michael Kumhof, now at the Bank of England, and other internationally important monetary reformers.

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Sincerely,

Stephen Zarlenga
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