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## Money: How It Works and Why

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*Money is one human institution that is so ubiquitous that we do not often step back and try to understand exactly how it works and why. After all, when one thinks about it, it is somewhat strange that a customer can walk into a store, hand over a piece of paper with ink on it, or just transfer some bytes of information over a computer, and walk out with merchandise worth much more than the ink and paper or the bytes.*

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