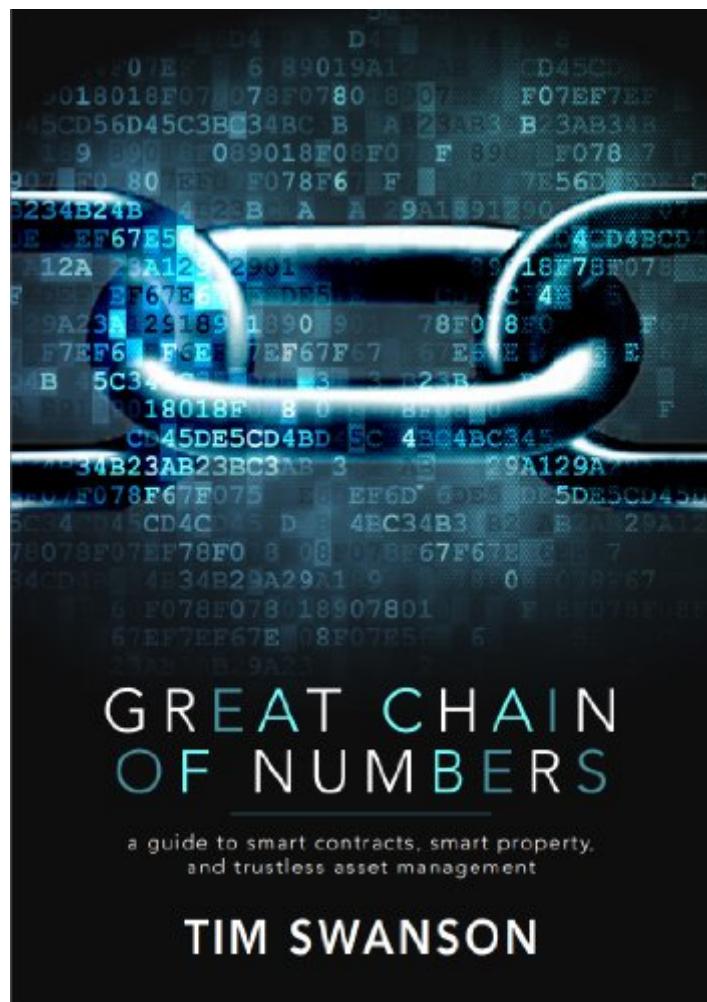


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# Great Chain Of Numbers: A Guide To Smart Contracts, Smart Property And Trustless Asset Management



## Synopsis

What is a smart contract? What is smart property? What are decentralized autonomous organizations? How can companies and organizations use cryptocurrencies and cryptoledgers to reduce costs and increase transparency? What hurdles should entrepreneurs keep in mind when developing decentralized applications? These questions and many more are discussed in detail as Tim Swanson interviews nearly four dozen entrepreneurs, developers, investors and legal experts regarding the potential opportunities and challenges of the new trustless asset management space. Building from the hope and promises of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, these experienced veterans provide insights and anecdotes of personal experiences to give readers a better sense of what the future of the industry holds. In addition, Swanson meticulously provides over 400 references and resources to aid readers and researchers in the continuously changing ecosystem. Great Chain of Numbers is written for a casual business-centric audience, looking to become better informed and prepared for the innovations spawned by the upcoming next-generation,  $\geq 2.0$  platforms including: Colored Coins, Mastercoin, NXT, Ethereum, BitShares, Counterparty.co, Ripple, and Open-Transaction. He also taps into the community to find out what kind of projects and startups venture capitalist, angel investors and incubators are looking to fund. Their observations can help route entrepreneurs around certain areas that may be oversaturated and mature towards others that are underdeveloped and ripe for disruptive innovation. This guide acts as an accessible primer for anyone looking for a compendium without having to wade through a thicket of hype and hyperbole.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Tim Swanson's Great Chain of Numbers is a fantastic review of the currently (May 2014) state of Bitcoin 2.0 ventures. As we head into arguably the most exciting period of cryptocurrency development, this ebook provides a great overview of the premise behind digital currencies, the current state of the technology and the burgeoning Bitcoin 2.0 ventures such as Mastercoin, Coloured Coin, Ethereum and Counterparty. More than anything, however, it provides excellent insight from many of the leading thinkers and actors in the cryptocurrency space, including Adam Levine of Lets Talk Bitcoin, Nick Szabo, Vitalik Buterin, Mike Hearn and the heads/lead devs of many of the featured projects. While the work is perhaps a little long, the content is excellent. We'll likely look back on this time as the period when crypto became empowered to be more than simply a payment protocol and digital currency. This book captures the moment well. This should be THE BOOK on your list if you're considering Bitcoin and the cryptocurrency space.

It's more a compendium than a book that deep explores the subject. I'd rather spend my time reading something with a clear goal in mind, like explaining a few set of opportunities in deep, than this one that takes the entire universe of cryptocoins and blockchains with shallow explanations on how things would work.

Great book, ahead of its time. Tim Swanson should stop saying nLockTime when he just means "time". Using an internal variable name to describe something trite feels like an annoying attempt to be edgy. Tim Swanson seems also too ready to uncritically accept the claims of them many projects he talks about.

There is lots of information here, and the author has done tons of research. The book, however, is a confusing mess in dire need of some professional editing.

Thanks Tim. I borrow this from a friend. I am hoping he'll forget. Jk.

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