

PROOF OF STAKE

"The Making of Ethereum & the Philosophy of Blockchains"

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"This book is ... about the quest to figure out how the world can be better. There is no greater game and nothing more suspenseful, or more filled with love." – Jaron Lanier

Lanier's endorsement of the prodigy Buterin's anthemic catenation of Blockchain possibilities is cathartic on its own.

ETHEREUM founder Buterin's accelerating prescience is, at once, blistering and bracing. His Zamenhof-esque proclamation of nascent argot resonates with the likes of "*superrationality*" (amplified morality), "*economic ecology*" (a measure of public goods), the ingenious "DAO" (Decentralized Autonomous Organization), and "cryptocities" that are liberated by urban planning policies that incentivize efficiency and aesthetics in Buterin's Moshavnik high-tech future that has already started.

Reading 'PROOF OF STAKE' is inspirational. It is like reading a manifesto of hope for the whole world. But it is the young man's candid admissions of his own personal optimism that set the bar for the entire human race at levels never before conceived.

When he vulnerably describes his intent for ETHEREUM's efficiency to enable visionaries "to create ... systems ... not yet imagined simply by writing up the logic in a few lines of code", he captures the heart of The Thinking Man.

It's as if the Russian-born Canadian is echoing the late Toronto native Neil Peart from RUSH's 1978 *Hemispheres*: "Sensibility, armed with Sense & Liberty, with the Heart & Mind United in a single, perfect Sphere" is what characterizes Purpose-Driven solidarity and achievement.

If you don't yet understand the powerful world of decentralized autonomous computing and the permanent value of cryptocurrency safely encoded on a blockchain, so what?

Buterin gets you up-to-speed on what matters most: the venerable purposes driving the world's leading program in the rapidly emerging space that really is here to stay.

It is impossible to come away from 'PROOF OF STAKE' unchanged because the possibilities it anchors to reality are even richer in moral wealth than the fountain of material prosperity that is already springing up inevitably to those with the wisdom and courage to love enough to give it away.

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