

MONEY

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Money is a means of restricting/controlling the transfer of goods (or of title or use of goods) between people. It also provides a route to taxation on such transfers.

With robot factories etc, is there a better way? Can the necessities of life (or even everything) be made free?

- More thought required.

SILICON MICROSTRUCTURE LENSES/MIRRORS

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One of the most powerful applications of "silicon microstructures" may be in the optical (ultra-v, ir) area - forming special micromirrors (and, if effective transparency is possible, microlenses) or other array devices such as diffraction gratings etc.

OIL DEPOSITS

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It may be that all major oil deposits have their origin in continental shelves. The larger on-shore deposits, eg. Middle East, Venezuela, Libya, Indonesia etc are all at former continental-shelf areas, formed by the collision of various bits of Gondwanaland with Laurasia, or

∴ Geoprospecting areas - Caribbean; Gulf of Carpentaria; S. China etc.