

News and Views

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I don't know if there will be any more newsletters or how regular they will be, but I felt like there was enough to report to make it worthwhile to send this one out. Responses are welcomed.

I have enjoyed being able to focus on myself and the things I care about after the busyness of the first two quarters of the year. In the past few days, I updated the page about me on my personal domain. Rewriting my page to explain who I am and what I believe inspired me to send this out to share some of those things and to spark some dialogue.

My page is at <http://cshp.us/about/me.htm>.

Now, onto the...

Big news!

Carl's metric site is ranked #1 on Google!

That's right! If you search for "learn the metric system" on Google, the first result is my page entitled, appropriately, "How to learn the metric system".

I read through the material again to see how I could make it better, and I thought, "Hey! Thanks not too bad!" I know there are some things I could improve upon (such as the font), but I think it is valuable as it is. I would welcome any feedback, though.

I am getting about 100 page views on my site daily, if I read the statistics right.

"The unexamined life is not worth living"
- Socrates



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Renewable energy is here and ridiculously cheap

The end of Q2 marked when I began purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) to offset my carbon emissions and support sustainable electricity generation. The credits I bought only cost \$7.50 per megawatt hour (MWh), and I only need about three per quarter.

When you purchase a REC, you purchase a guarantee that a certain amount of energy has been generated renewably. No one else can claim that same energy production. If you use 1 MWh, but then guarantee that 1 MWh has been generated renewably, then on average you end up contributing nothing to traditional generation. RECs are not financial investments that you can later redeem—they are retired after you purchase them. Consumed energy is gone; RECs to offset the consumption go away as well.

See <http://cleanenergypartnership.org>.

Joseph Smith was a Liberal

"A man filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race." That's the Liberal ideal, if not always the reality.

Predictions desk

The financial media will need to come up with something new, because I think that by 2020 (at the latest) the whole concept of a market "closing" for the day will seem strange. Why, in a world of time zones, arbitrage, and computers, would a stock market or commodities market close? In the future, they will just keep going 24/7.