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Interview Questions for

### Craig R. Smith

Author, Businessman

## Crashing the Dollar:

How to Survive a Global Currency Collapse

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Craig R. Smith, a monetary expert with 30 years of experience, is the Founder and Chairman of Swiss America Trading Corporation in Phoenix, Arizona.

- What's the central message of your book?
- Don't economists say that the big threat now is deflation, not inflation?
- What signs point to the dollar getting weaker?
- What, exactly, does your book title mean by "Crashing the Dollar?"
- What would a "dollar crash" be like?
- How close is a crash of the dollar?
- The cover of your book is amazing President Barack Obama flying a dollar airplane, with Fed Chair Ben Bernanke behind him, eyes closed and praying. Can I get a poster of this cover?
- The book cover of *Crashing the Dollar* is terrific, but a little ambiguous is President Obama about to crash the dollar because he doesn't know how to fly it? Or because he wants to crash the dollar?

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- Didn't Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke want to fly a helicopter? He's often called "Helicopter Ben" on financial web sites.
- Your book uses the term "fiat money" for the dollar. What does that mean? And what does it have to do with Italian cars?
- You write that the problem today isn't liquidity, a lack of money, but a lack of money velocity because companies and banks have frozen trillions of dollars. What does this mean? And is government stimulus spending the right policy or the wrong one?
- Your book says there is a secret coded message in *The Wizard of Oz*. What is this secret code? And what did the name "Oz" come from?

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- Aren't there a few signs of recovery out there like this summer bringing the biggest September trading month on the Stock Exchange in decades?
- You write about the hyperinflation in Germany's Weimar Republic after World War I. What was it like when the government printed one-sextillion that's a One with 21 zeroes after it Marks? Is this what might happen to us in what you have named "Weimerica?"
- You write that a return to something like a gold standard stopped the hyperinflation in Germany. Should we return to a gold standard in the United States, and how would that make things here different today?
- You say that the politicians and giant bankers both oppose the gold standard? Why?
- You write that people who create their own "personal gold standard" can survive, thrive, and even get rich in a hyperinflation currency collapse like what happened in Weimar and might be coming here. How?
- What do you think of our political leaders in Washington, D.C.?
- What led you, a 21st Century version of Jimmy Stewart in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," to write this book?
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