



(Image: Summer Oats—natural beauty; natural value: a field in Michigan, USA)

Symbols refer to meaning like currency refers to value:— only in a highly abstract and intellectual way.

The danger with such abstraction is that it tends to wander off on its own, losing its basis in actual fact.

Eventually, symbols may refer only to other symbols, and meaning then becomes merely a systemic property inferred from the symbols themselves;

Likewise, value may no longer be grounded in natural richness, but simply in more currency itself.

Before we realize it, it will seem logical to say that life began with a bang, and markets must end with a:—

... crash.