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The Illusion of Control

Last week, the Federal Reserve concluded its latest policy meeting.

Across financial media, analysts parsed every syllable of the official statement. Television networks ran live countdown timers to the press conference. Traders leaned into their screens, attempting to divine whether a group of central bankers would raise, lower, or maintain interest rates by twenty-five fractional basis points.

The entire industry treat this ritual as though it were the axis upon which the financial universe turns.

It isn't.

If you want to understand capital, you must first understand the limits of authority.

When a young chef enters a high-level kitchen for the first time, they often believe the Head Chef controls everything. They assume the Chef dictates the taste, the timing, and the perfection of every dish simply by giving orders.

It is an illusion.

The Chef does not control the heat of the stove; the laws of thermodynamics do. The Chef does not decide when a piece of meat is cooked; the molecular structure of the protein decides. The moment a chef believes their title gives them power over nature, the kitchen begins to collapse.

Central bankers suffer from the same quiet delusion.

And so do the investors who hang on their every word.

The Federal Reserve does not dictate interest rates over the long run.

The market does.

The Fed can set a short-term administrative rate. They can manage bank reserves. They can hold press conferences and attempt to guide expectations with careful language. They can create the appearance of absolute control.

What they cannot do is override the fundamental law of supply and demand for capital.

If the global economy demands higher yields to compensate for risk, inflation, or government debt issuance, interest rates will rise. It does not matter what a committee in Washington prefers. If international investors demand a higher return to lend money, market forces will drive yields upward, forcing central bankers to follow behind—pretending they led the move all along.

The Fed does not lead the bond market.

The bond market leads the Fed.

Yet every quarter, millions of retail investors abandon their long-term process to play a game of prediction. They try to guess what the Fed will do next month, next quarter, or next year. They trade in and out of positions based on press conference nuances that will be entirely forgotten by next season.

They are reacting to the referee instead of watching the game.

Great investing requires a quiet acceptance of reality.

You do not need to predict the Federal Reserve's next move to build lasting wealth. You do not need to spend your afternoon reading economic tea leaves. You simply need to recognize that capital flows to where it is treated best, and that real economic value will always assert itself over administrative decree.

When you step back from the noise, the picture becomes very simple.

The market is larger than any committee. The underlying economics will always win in the end.

While the crowd spends today debating what the Fed said yesterday, the disciplined investor remains focused on what actually matters: evaluating businesses, respecting risk, and allowing market reality to unfold at its own pace.

Let them watch the press conference.

We'll focus on the craft.

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