What is money? Although most of us use it on a daily basis and, like electricity or oil, modern life seems impossible without it, there is perhaps surprisingly no settled scholarly consensus as to what money actually is. This colloquium introduces the central questions in the human sciences concerning the definition and history of money. It then describes how the Counter Currency Laboratory, a new interdisciplinary research initiative based in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria, seeks to shed light on these puzzles. The talk concludes by describing some emergent findings by lab members.