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Subject: 'Enforcing' lognormality

And I have another question for you (sorry):

So a lot of the 'classical' pricing models assume lognormality (black schole= etc etc). But in reality as we all know lognormality is a bit of a pipe dream in most cases.

So my question is: would 'provable' lognormality be enough of an incentives for traders to pick a new underlying?

I'm not sure yet how to 'enforce' lognormality but I have the gut feeling that it must have something to do with the combination of a new currency and 'non-storable' & useful commodities - like oil, electricity etc etc. the intuition here is that since 'a variable can be modeled as log-normal if it can be thought as the multiplicative product of many ALL positive independent random variables' and the price of certain commodities is a random variable that is always positive (the price of electricity, oil, etc etc will never go to zero) then there must be something there

Also cc'ing Joi in case he thought at all about this

Thanks,
Vincenzo

Sent from my iPhone

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