

# Rare Coins vs Gold

Rare coins and gold serve important roles in most any diversified portfolio. One however should not be mistaken for the other. There are large differences between the two. These are differences that the consumer should understand before making purchase decisions. What follows is a brief review of rare coins and gold bullion.

## A. Profitability

While gold bullion has had an impressive record of profitability since the mid-70's, there really is no comparison with rare coins. A professionally-managed \$1,000 transaction in rare coins -- from 1970 to today -- is now worth about \$57,000.00. Both have reacted well to rising inflation. However, rare coins tend to move faster and further than gold does in inflationary setting.

B. Portability Rare coins provide owners with portability . The difference here is in just how portable. \$1 million worth of gold or silver rare coins could easily be carried in an attaché case. Meanwhile,\$1 million in gold bullion would be awfully heavy.

C. Privacy With some forms of gold bullion, a 1099 form is needed. Not so in the case of rare coins where there are no reporting requirements whatsoever whether you buy or sell. You'll enjoy a degree of privacy different than any other transaction.