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Martin Casado points to a 1985 paper on model correctness and Morgan Housel highlights Basil Halperin's essay on long-run wealth. Elad Gil mentions Blitzed, Vinod Khosla links the NYT's pig-kidney story, and Jason Lemkin promotes this week's 20VC.

### Casado: a 1985 paper on model correctness

**Martin Casado** said a "1985 paper on model correctness should be required reading" [1]. He linked it as an ACM PDF [2]. He posted a screenshot of the paper but didn't name its title or author, and I couldn't identify it from the image.

Casado also shared a post linking **Ven Chandrasekaran's** arXiv proposal for "a quantum theory of vacuum gravity in 4d" [3]. His only comment was "God I love right now so much" [4]. **Sam Altman** shared the same post. He praised Chandrasekaran as "one of the earliest believers that we could use our then-current model to solve millenium prize problems," and pointed to his "correctly-placed confidence and courage" [5].

### Housel: Basil Halperin on macro history

**Morgan Housel** shared Basil Halperin's essay on macro history with the line he took from it. Today we are " 10 times richer than our great-great-great grandparents," who were " 2 times as rich as Jesus of Nazareth." The essay's

conclusion: “Everyone used to be poor. This is the most important fact about macro history” [6].

## Gil: *Blitzed*

In a video interview, **Elad Gil** called *Blitzed* “a pretty interesting book.” He described it as being about “the use of speed in the third reich,” where much of the population and the army apparently used amphetamines “to sort of be more productive, stay awake” [7]. He brought it up while discussing what he sees as heavy stimulant use among teenagers. He likened Adderall to speed and blamed “weird incentives” behind rising diagnoses [7].

## Khosla: the NYT on a year off dialysis

**Vinod Khosla** linked a New York Times report on Molly Falco, the first person to spend a year off dialysis with a gene-edited pig kidney. He wrote: “This is why we backed eGenesis from seed” [8]. eGenesis’s own press release identifies the kidney as EGEN-2784. The transplant was done at Mass General [9].

## Lemkin: this week’s 20VC

**Jason Lemkin** promoted this week’s 20VC episode with his own takeaways from it [10]:

- “Agents are the new buyer”: SaaStr’s agents would leave a vendor only over a price hike, an outage or a breach [10].
- “Marketing automation is walking dead.” SaaStr moved off Marketo and partly off Marketing Cloud, and agents now send its emails [10].
- “Horizontal agents win” over vibe-coding your own production apps [10].
- For a seed startup, “Five agents plus two great humans beats eight you can’t afford” [10].

## Shorter pick

- **Matt Mullenweg** shared a Harry Mack video with the joke that Mack “was good even as young as an embryo” [11].

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