

May 2022 - threads of freeorder

Blue Heron Tai Chi ... offers a class: Embodied Daoist Book Club ...

Monday, June 6, 5 pm Mountain Time, \$15, on Zoom

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“Those who have fought and died to defend America and its freedoms are noble beyond measure. Those who pay self-serving tribute to their valor, but make war and expend lives as means to corrupt ends are evil beyond redemption. Honor the former; expose and oppose the latter.” —concluding paragraph of “In Memoriam 2022”, by Robert Gore. —<https://straightlinelogic.com/2022/05/29/in-memoriam-2022-by-robert-gore/>

“Masking is a totally unsupported superstitious practice that does nothing against viral infection, and yet for precisely this reason, no amount of evidence will ever convince the maskers to stop.” —<https://www.eugyppius.com/p/cdc-study-purporting-to-find-substantial>

The Art Story: Research, Explain, Inspire

“The Problem: Art is inaccessible! Very often brilliant academics explain art solely to other brilliant academics, not to the world at large. Volumes are written that can only be accessed and interpreted by the few.

“The Solution: Birth of The Art Story: We believe in a world where the ideas and aspirations behind wondrous art works are accessible to everyone to explore and be inspired by. TheArtStory.org helps millions of people each year understand and enjoy every style of art, from Classical Greek statues, to Dali’s Surrealist concoctions, to Contemporary Conceptual explorations.”

The Socratic Experience (TSE) for Kids (online this summer)

“A Summer Program to Invigorate Your Child's Passions: This summer, TSE Online Academy is thrilled to invite students from around the world for an intellectual journey and unparalleled skill development.

“This summer program offers three separate full week sessions for children grades 6-12. Modeled on our core academic year program, students will engage with their peers on a wide range of readings, carefully selected videos, problem solving sessions, and mathematical reasoning games.

“By the end of the program, students walk away with deeper intellectual and technical skills and meaningful reflections on how to vigorously pursue the life they want.”

<https://socraticexperience.com/summer/>

Heterodox Academy’s Denver Conference, June 12-14, 2022

“Great minds don’t always think alike, so we need to think together to address the most pressing problems of our time. After two years without in-person events, we’re thrilled to gather for HxA Conference 2022 in Denver June 12-14. Informed by our theme Renewing Spaces of Knowledge and Trust, we invite higher-education and K-12 professionals, thought leaders, and all who care about the health of education to discuss the crisis of trust facing our public institutions and deepen our shared pursuit of knowledge. Come join us and the HxA community to connect, have fun, and think in new and unexpected ways. Register below and read more about attending a pre-conference workshop.”

<https://heterodoxacademy.org/conference-2022/>

Atlas Network •• “Our Mission: Atlas Network increases global prosperity by strengthening a network of independent partner organizations that promote individual freedom and are committed to identifying and removing barriers to human flourishing.”

“Educate your children ... to love the freedom of others, for only in this way will your own freedom not be a gratuitous gift from fate. You will be aware of its worth and will have the courage to defend it.”
-Brazilian abolitionist Joaquim Nabuco (1849-1910)

<https://americanbusinesshistory.org/the-rise-and-fall-of-big-boy-hamburgers/>

“Throughout this “pandemic” we have been fed an unending series of lies, distortions and disinformation by the media, the public health officials, medical bureaucracies (CDC, FDA and WHO) and medical associations. Physicians, scientists, and experts in infectious treatments who formed associations designed to develop more effective and safer treatments, were regularly demonized, harassed, shamed, humiliated, and experience a loss of licensure, loss of hospital privileges and, in at least one case, ordered to have a psychiatric examination.” —Russell L. Blaylock, MD, “COVID UPDATE: What is the truth?”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9062939/> —Blaylock’s article

The Islamic case for Liberty •• an online conference from Acton Institute ••

Register free here: <https://www.acton.org/event/2022/04/04/islamic-case-liberty>

G. K. Chesterton: Who is this guy? ••

Read especially the account of GKC’s book on St. Thomas, and the comment on it by Thomistic scholar, Etienne Gilson.

Jeremy Shearmur writes: Last year, I gave a series of 22 lectures on Popper and critical rationalism. They are available on Youtube at: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jeremy+shearmur

Book and Demos: *The Fatal Conceit*, and *La Fatal Arrogancia* (Spanish) by F. A. Hayek

Book: <https://explorersfoundation.org/glyphery/379.html>

Demos: <https://brownstone.org/articles/why-wont-they-admit-failure/>

Jeffrey A. Tucker is co-founder of The Brownstone Institute ••

More on Space Ventures ~thanks to Jim Bennett

Tim Dodd, the Everyday Astronaut, just released part 1 of a new 4-part site-tour interview with Elon in Texas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ux6B3bvO0w>

Space Ventures — Where to follow what’s happening —James McCormick

The group that doesn’t seem to sleep or eat is “[NASASPACEFLIGHT.COM](https://www.youtube.com/c/NASASpaceflightVideos/videos)” (543K subscribers) Teams in the UK, Florida, Texas, California, and Australia that run streaming cameras 24/7, viewer Q&As, and voiceover for all major launches for all the companies, including Rocket Lab in New Zealand.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/NASASpaceflightVideos/videos>

They seem to cover everything ... including the “SpaceX navy” out of Port Canaveral, and if they suspect there’s something space-related happening, they’ll put a kid with a camera on a plane and fly him to the middle of nowhere to livestream, just in case. Many companies now seem to trade access to their launches for NSF’s free high-quality amateur streaming and commentary. They may be amateur but they actually crowdsource incredibly deep knowledge of NASA, context for what’s on the screen, and the details of spaceflight. Encyclopedic coverage and knowledge.

There’s also a local guy from South Padre Island “labpadre” (201K subscribers) who does very good web cameras from Boca Chica.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LabPadre/videos>

The guy with the most incredible documentaries on rockets and space is Tim Dodd, The Everyday Astronaut (1.24M subscribers). Elon gives him long-form detailed interviews at the launch site every now and then. First stop to upgrade engineering understanding and broader space history.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/EverydayAstronaut>

A professor-geek who does weekly coverage of space and space science is Scott Manley (1.43M subscribers). Reflects a professional science background. Compact and very good.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/szyzyg/videos>

Amateur Marcus House (406K subscribers) also does an excellent weekly wrap-up of space news from, of all places, Tasmania. Unlikely, but very well done.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MarcusHouse/videos>

Finally, What About It? (242K subscribers) is lead by a German amateur (who just moved his family to the Florida Space Coast). A bit rougher but bags of enthusiasm, an active community, and getting better by the month.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/Whataboutit/videos>

Between this small set of channels, you won’t miss anything. Their coverage is often more

comprehensible that NASA/SpaceX and often uses better cameras at launch! 😊 Any could be recommended for teens and pre-teens with a growing interest in space.