

December 2023 - threads of freeorder

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New Year's Eve Foxfires at the Changing Tree, Ōji — Utagawa Hiroshige, 1857
New York's [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[Yukichi Fukuzawa and The Making of the Modern World](#) by Alan Macfarlane

The New World of the Gothic Fox by Claudio Véliz
[University of California](#) or [Amazon Books](#)

On the Return of the Sun - inspired by the solstice

I might write as if I am a Roman in the last days of the fifth century, anticipating and describing the rise of the Anglosphere¹ a thousand years later, hopeful, and strongly enough believing in humanity to foresee the eventual resurrection of the best of old Greece and Rome, preparing the ground for new civilization.

But, this time we are not only post-Romans, this time we follow the first instantiation of the Anglosphere, and are therefore armed with knowledge and skills that can be used to catalyze the explosive emergence of Freeorder². We hold not only tools of economics and politics, but also tools of human transformation. It is as if we have at once the knowledge of mechanics and energy, and so are prepared to launch the age of steam.

We have more than those early rebuilders of lost civilization: We have what might be described in an annotated bibliography for an as yet unwritten book explaining civilizational catalysts and accelerants now at hand: *The Emergence of Freeorder: What do we know so far?*

1. [Anglosphere](#) refers to a set of economic and political ideas common to English speaking countries. It's not about genetics or race. Contributions from many civilizations entered into its evolution. See *The Anglosphere Challenge*, by James C. Bennett; *Islam and the Discovery of Freedom*, by Rose Wilder Lane; *The New World of the Gothic Fox*, by Claudio Véliz; *China, Japan, Europe and the Anglo-Sphere: A Comparative Analysis*, by Alan Macfarlane.

2. [Freeorder](#) names what works for explorers, within each of us, and among us. The word combines “free”, meaning unconstrained by threats of physical force or the demands of dogma and intellectual system, and “order”, meaning an arrangement of things from which we may form useful expectations. A more formal use of *freeorder* would be, “freeorder names quest serving balances among designed and spontaneous orders.” See chapter 2, “Cosmos and Taxis”, of *Law, Legislation and Liberty*, by F. A. Hayek. The word is applicable to individual minds, groups, organizations, and cultures.

Seedfolks, a remarkable book, short, simple, interesting, profound, inspiring, beginning here: “A vacant lot, rat-infested and filled with garbage, looked like no place for a garden. Especially to a neighborhood of strangers where no one seems to care.” *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman, illustrating three seeds of freeorder: individual initiative, unorganized good will, and emergent order.

“Thus, evolution has not hard-coded a set of specific movements that reliably turn standard tadpoles into standard frogs: instead, the genome specifies a cellular collective with massive plasticity, which executes rearrangements until the correct target morphology is achieved.” —Michael Levin

[https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674\(21\)00223-3](https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674(21)00223-3) [thanks to hollis danvers for this link]

A movie trailer for the book, *Atlas Shrugged*: <https://www.atlassociety.org/atlas-shrugged> produced by The Atlas Society [♦♦](#)

Reflections on the world situation, each written by someone contributing to the emergence of Freeorder.

Paul Rosenberg, creator, writer, and editor of “Free-Man’s Perspective” [♦♦♦](#)

“A New Model: Regardless of what we might call mega-government and the associated mega-destructions of the 20th century, humanity has not been overcome and will not be. We are conscious,

self-referential beings, able to create at will and to correct our course; all healthy humans are capable of these things. Beyond that, humans enjoy the act of creation very deeply. A passage from a business consultant named Gary Hamil illustrates this very well: [Continue reading](#)”

Charles Eisenstein [...](#)

“*Sailors on a becalmed sea, we sense the stirring of a breeze.* –Carl Sagan”

“The human collective has in the last several years transitioned into a new stage of its birth process. I will draw from Stanislav Grof’s concept of perinatal matrices, a four-stage description of the psychodynamics of birth.” — <https://charleseisenstein.substack.com/p/time-to-push>

Thanks to Shannon Ewing [...](#) for drawing my attention to Eisenstein. -Is

Sean Gabb [...](#) writer, speaker, teacher, important in the development of English libertarianism

Christmas Letter, 2023 [...](#)

Robert Gore, creator and editor of [Straight Line Logic](#) (“never underestimate the power of a question”) and author of *The Gray Radiance* [...](#) a novel published December 2023

Ants at the Picnic, Part 1 [...](#) Part 2 [...](#)

SJ, a special ops fighter who survived Vietnam, highly improbably, addresses the wish to give up and retreat into illusory safety

“Yup. Definitely time to stick our heads in the sand and let the current commie government use our asses as they see fit... Not!” Of one such SJ wrote: “Tell him for me: Buckup buttercup! Your only easy day was yesterday. Each and every new day is an adventure, a blessing and a challenge. Some days are more challenging than others but that is why we rise and shine.”

America 3.0 [...](#) [amazon] James C. Bennett & Michael J. Lotus, 2013

Reviewed [...](#) by Tanner Greer, of The Scholar’s Stage [...](#)

Leif Smith, editor of this page

See above, “On the Return of the Sun”

And see, below, a great speech, “Permissionless”, by Erik Voorhees, the founder of ShapeShift [...](#) a decentralized crypto exchange, and one of the most important voices in crypto.

Erik Voorhees on “Permissionless” [...](#) [youtube] the essence of liberty. This is what Mark Miller (see below) and his fellow builders of Freeorder made possible. And now, tens of thousands, or millions, are continuing that work. Erick Voorhees is one of them. He says, “We are saying ‘no’ to the perpetual existence of permissioned existence.”

Nick Giambruno [...](#) on Mark Miller’s contribution to the emergence of Freeorder.

“A Preemptive Strike Against an Orwellian Future” [...](#)

“If I disappear, make sure this gets out.”

That’s what Mark Miller, a young student at Yale, told his closest friends.

He knew what he was sitting on had revolutionary potential and that powerful people had disappeared others for much less.

Miller was steadfast. He wanted to get this information out, even if it was over his dead body. In 1977, a group of brilliant researchers at MIT made an astonishing discovery—public-key cryptography.

[vGuardian](#)

J.D. Bertron to friends of BqETH [...](#) [excerpted]

NuCypher/Threshold [<https://blog.threshold.network/what-is-threshold/>] has released their technology and is slowly building up the network of nodes that will ultimately ensure the security of BqETH secrets. ... As Erik Voorhees recently explained [“Permissionless”, see above] A.I. cannot use the conventional, linear money of today, mired with terrestrial constraints, it will have to use crypto in some form. The resilience of such systems will depend on the resilience of their money and its safeguards. BqETH is decentralized crypto inheritance & a weapon of mass disclosure.

Libre Solutions Network: digital autonomy and the arts

“Art is the expression of the human soul, with its value being largely in the eye of the beholder. Corporations and governments can imitate art, or mass produce it with financial advantages, but they can’t compete with genuine creativity borne from real passion and real experiences. Tyranny isn’t beautiful, and slavery isn’t inspiring. When given a choice, people will naturally choose the free and beautiful over the rigid and stagnant. As freedom loving people it is absolutely vital for us to encourage, support and fund ventures to provide people the opportunity to enjoy pro-human media and creative works.” – <https://libresolutions.network/videos/arts/>

Karl Fogel, “The Surprising History of Copyright and The Promise of a Post-Copyright World” [...](#)

Implementation of a multitude of independent servers always coordinated through one metaweb might provide the basis for interweaving many \oint forge [...](#) (freorder generators).

Mastadon [...](#) [wikipedia] introduced through Brewster Kahle’s pages [...](#)

Nostr [...](#) a decentralized social network with a chance of working

A simple, open protocol that enables a truly censorship-resistant and global social network.

Brewster Kahle’s Wikipedia page [...](#) founder of Internet Archive and the Wayback Machine

Dorothy Thompson’s Political Guide: A Study of American Liberalism and Its Relationship to Modern Totalitarian States [...](#) [bookscouter.com] a magnificent work, originally published by Stackpole Sons, 1938, and republished by Hassell Street Press [...](#) an imprint of Creative Media Partners [...](#) who write:

This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. [true -ls]

Available on Anna’s Archives [...](#) [thompson’s book] The largest truly open library in human history.

★ Mirrors Sci-Hub, LibGen, Z-Lib, and more.  25,207,653 books, 99,425,826 papers — preserved forever. Learn more...

This is a digitized copy of the original Stackpole edition of 1938, in which is found: “For the privilege of using material in this book the publishers are grateful to the editors of good HOUSEKEEPING and THE LADIES’ HOME JOURNAL”

The digitized copy contains this acknowledgment: “Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2019 with funding from Kahle/Austin Foundation” [...](#) Brewster Kahle [...](#)

Stackpole Books [...](#) [wikipedia]

“Meet the First American Journalist to Interview Hitler—and the First Expelled From Nazi Germany Dorothy Thompson deserves to be far better remembered than she presently is.”

<https://fee.org/articles/meet-the-first-american-journalist-to-interview-hitler-and-the-first-expelled-from-nazi-germany/> -by Lawrence W. Reed

Someday a venture may be created with the purpose to do what can be done so that in one billion years, in some part of the AI diaspora, the music of Bach and Beethoven will be understood, felt, and loved. Will that venture be created by us, by AI alone, or through a collaboration?

Gary Hamel explores *freorder* in business management as found at Morning Star [...](#) one of the world’s largest tomato processing companies.

“First, Let’s Fire All the Managers” [...](#) [harvard business review, 2011]

Hamel does not use the word *freorder*, but it fits.

Max Borders writes about Chris Rufer, the founder and leader of Morning Star.

“The Man Who Built a Bossless Tomato Empire: Chris Rufer is an entrepreneur whose singular focus and unrelenting commitment to growth has created a tomato-paste empire without bosses.” [...](#)

Dr. Peter McCullough Criticizes by Creating [...](#) posting a paper showing that Covid can be treated with inexpensive “unauthorized” drugs and methods

This paper could be taken as a response from Dr. McCullough to authorities who attempted to destroy his and his colleagues careers and reputations. In many cases, and in his, Dr. Pierre Kory’s, and Dr. Paul Marik’s, that destruction has been complete, and to me, clearly, it was carried out in response to the use and recommendation of the treatments studied in the following paper. Why was that done? Who benefited?

Dr. McCullough’s introduction to the paper, 10 Dec 2023, “Critical appraisal of multidrug therapy in the ambulatory management of patients with COVID-19 and hypoxemia” is online here: <https://petermcculloughmd.substack.com/p/critical-appraisal-of-multi-drug>

The preprint: https://figshare.com/articles/preprint/Reanalysis_of_several_case_series_of_COVID-19_hypoxic_patients_treated_with_multi-drug_therapies/24330046

In 1954, The Caxton Printers, Ltd., published a new revised and enlarged edition of Rose Wilder Lane's *Give Me Liberty*, first seen as a shorter article, "Credo", published in the March 7, 1936 edition of Saturday Evening Post. Caxton's introduction:

In GIVE ME LIBERTY, Rose Wilder Lane has expanded her sensational Saturday Evening Post leading article, "Credo." This was the first candid, personal account of the changing of an American's mind, from an uncritical acceptance of socialist-communist-New Deal philosophy to an understanding of American values.

To the many Americans who are still confused, and to all young Americans, Mrs. Lane's experience is fascinating and profoundly helpful. She describes vividly her friendliness with Communists in New York, her enlightening encounters with socialist bureaucracies in Europe, and her observations and discussions with simple villagers and primitive communists in Russia during the early years of the Soviet regime. One finds laughter, surprise, excitement, and shock in this personal story. It will grip and hold any reader's interest.

As one reads on, the deeper meaning emerges. The conflict between the Old World's ancient and now reactionary collectivism and America's new and unique individualism becomes clear. Mrs. Lane and her readers come to understand the rarity and the supremely precious values of the personal freedom which only Americans have ever known, the freedom which we have foolishly taken for granted, and which we could lose.

The complete book: https://dn790005.ca.archive.org/0/items/GiveMeLiberty3/Give%20Me%20Liberty_3.pdf

Commons & Contracts ... The Evolution of Peer-to-Peer and Community Governance w/ Michel Bauwens and Max Borders —Niklas Anzinger's Stranded Technologies ... 9 Dec 23

Niklas Anzinger ... Michel Bauwens ... Max Borders ...

F. W. Maitland's contribution to the idea of *freeorder*

Alan Macfarlane" on FELLOWSHIP AND TRUST — <https://alanmacfarlane.com/TEXTS/FELLOW.pdf> (the entire document)

In his consideration of the balance of liberty, equality and wealth through time, Maitland had effectively demolished one side of the famous nineteenth century dichotomy which was the basis of most thought on the evolution of societies. He had shown that not all civilizations had started in a world where individuals were embedded within the community, where contract was entirely subordinate to status, and where hierarchy and patriarchy were universal. Yet his magnificent achievement would be incomplete if he were to be unable to re-construct the other end of the famous supposed transformation. He needed to re-think the nature of the modern world as supposedly constituted by contract, individualism and absolute equality.

In the last few years of his life, Maitland sketched out a plan for how this re-thinking might be done. He died without implementing the scheme in detail. But we can see in his hints the way in which he finally reconciled those great contradictions which he had wrestled with in his youthful fellowship dissertation on liberty and equality, namely how Adam Smith's 'self love' and 'social love' could be harmonized, and how Tocqueville's problem of how to reconcile equality with liberty could be achieved. Maitland did this through an exploration of what he came to believe was the greatest of all English legal contributions to the world, the Trust. This was an institution born by accident, not from Roman law, but

which became the third great principle of social organization in the world, standing on the same level as Status and Contract. It was the Trust and the trust which it engendered which provided the foundations for modern liberty, wealth and equality.

The above is from: Alan Macfarlane, *The Making of the Modern World: Visions from the West and East* (Palgrave, London, 2002)

[vFreeorder](#)

Virus Response, Testimony of Robert W. Malone, 4 Dec 23, UK Parliament

"The expert testimony at the invitation of MP Andrew Bridgen in the UK parliament yesterday was important.

"The room was overflowing with people. Many members of Parliament and Lords showed up to listen. The testimony given by myself as well as other scientists and physicians was science based, truthful and accurate."

<https://rwmalonemd.substack.com/p/testimony-in-uk-parliament-show-us#media-3ce2a9b5-3850-40f7-8af0-56879c3fabbd>

Let's add this to our bins of material for "Truth Mills" in whatever form they may appear.

On truth mills see chapter 13 of K. Eric Drexler's *Engines of Creation*, the book that introduced nanotechnology and told us the importance of developing foresight.

Israel and Palestine

West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, and Daniel Barenboim's message:

<https://west-eastern-divan.org/our-message-must-be-stronger-than-ever>

The Arava Institute: <https://arava.org/>

Max Borders on "The Death of Ideology" [...](#)

China: respiratory illness in children

Chinese research shows vitamin A deficiency. The WHO press release [...](#) does not tell us this. But it does recommend vaccination. Dr. John Campbell [...](#) [facebook] covers the Chinese research [...](#) [youtube]

<https://www.who.int/news/item/22-11-2023-who-statement-on-reported-clusters-of-respiratory-illness-in-children-in-northern-china>

Why no mention of vitamin A?

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