

February 2024 - threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor

Each separate month of *Threads* will be found at leifsmith.substack.com

The entire *Threads* is at <http://explorersfoundation.org/threads.html>

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The word *freeorder* can be taken as a question: What balances among designed and spontaneous orders best serve human *quest*? and if *quest* is understood to name a growing pattern of explorations, within an individual, an organization, or a culture, which with passage of time, and partially without conscious direction, combine into a story its makers are pleased to own and sustain, then to what resources are explorers most usefully directed?

The 20th Anniversary of the publication of James C. Bennett's *The Anglosphere Challenge*, will be celebrated in Budapest this April with a full day program, "The Anglosphere and Europe", organized by the Danube Institute. Václav Klaus, former prime minister and president of the Czech Republic will participate. There will be more on this in the March 2024 *Threads* - access here, anytime: <https://explorersfoundation.org/threads.html> to see updates.

Explorer Foundation, and some friends, have provided significant support for Bennett's work, which continued in 2023 as financial backing for Jim's research for a book on the history and future of private space ventures. He was a pioneer in this field as leader of one of the first rocket companies, has been a major contributor to the law now governing space ventures, and currently serves as a consultant to space port and space technology ventures, public and private.

[vAnglosphere](#)

"Federal Health Agencies and the COVID Cartel: What Are They Hiding?"

<https://rumble.com/v4fpw4c-federal-health-agencies-and-the-covid-cartel-what-are-they-hiding.html>

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson leads a roundtable discussion. A panel of experts exposes the truth about how the COVID Cartel – federal health agencies, Big Pharma, legacy media, and Big Tech – engaged in censorship and coverups. This discussion will also shine a light on the failures and corruption of the global elite and their institutions. [Please note the blue highlight below; I think it's important to hear Lara Logan. -ls]

Senator Ron Johnson - starts the program at 0:29:50

Dr. Robert Malone, MD

Dr. Jessica Rose, PhD

Mr. Ed Dowd

Mr. Kevin McKernan

Dr. David Gortler, PharmD

Dr. Harvey Risch, MD, PhD

Ms. Barbara Loe Fisher

Dr. Brian Hooker, PhD

Mr. Del Bigtree

Dr. Sabine Hazan, MD

Dr. Pierre Kory, MD

Dr. Christian Perronne, MD, PhD

Dr. Raphael Lataster, PhD
[Ms. Lara Logan - at 2:50:00 \(10 minutes\) - why it matters](#)
Mr. Jason Christoff
Mr. Rodney Palmer
Dr. Mattias Desmet, PhD
Dr. Bret Weinstein, PhD - at 3:30:30 (8 minutes)
Mr. Randy Hillier
Dr. Sorin Titus Muncaciu
Mr. Rob Roos
Mr. Phillip Kruse

Read Spotted Newt [...](#) a bookstore, Hazard, Kentucky; tiny store, great inspiration!

“Opioids Decimated a Kentucky Town. Recovering Addicts Are Saving It. After the collapse of coal mining and the rise of the opioid epidemic, Hazard, Kentucky, seemed finished. Then locals started to rescue it.” [...](#) by Sam Quinones, February 6, 2024 [article found through Bari Weiss’ The Free Press [...](#)]

From the above article: “But then, weirdly and unexpectedly, at the same time that everything was falling apart, things started to get better—and that old world started, very tentatively, to build itself back up.” — including the creation of Read Spotted Newt bookstore, occupying only 250 square feet, but offering big inspiration.

Buying books through [Bookshop.org](#) results in significant support for small independent bookstores. [today, 25 February 24, I bought a copy of Jan Swaford’s *Beethoven* and chose Read Spotted Newt as the beneficiary. -ls]

“The key to trust in America lies in localism” [...](#) by Salina Zito [...](#)

Great Books + Great Minds [...](#) [substack of Diamond-Michael Scott]

An interview [...](#) with Seneca Dunmore - “Ms Dunmore is an Angel Investor, International Speaker, Global Philanthropist, and Founder of Dunmore Capital Ventures - a capital consulting firm committed to connecting founders with funders.”

Jeremy Shearmur’s work on Popper, Bartley, Hayek

Shearmur’s review [...](#) [site not secured by https; it is safe] of Rafe Champion’s *Reason and Imagination: Philosophical Writings on the works of Karl Popper and William Bartley*, Sydney, Australia, 2000

Rafe Champion: <http://www.the-rathouse.com>; about Rafe [...](#) by Rafe

Shearmur’s edition of Hayek’s *Law, Legislation, and Liberty* [...](#) [u chicago press]

Shearmur’s sixth zoom conference (2024) on Karl Popper is now being organized. Here’s a link to the fifth conference (2023) [...](#)

[vPopper](#)

The first sentence of an extraordinary book, *The Laws of Form* [...](#) [glyph 0] by G. Spencer Brown.

“The theme of this book is that a universe comes into being when a space is severed or taken apart.”

“In this book, Mr. Spencer Brown has succeeded in doing what is very rare indeed. He has revealed a new calculus of great power and simplicity. I congratulate him.” —Bertrand Russell [quotation taken from the 1969 edition of the book]

The latest edition (includes new material) [...](#) 2008 [alibris, paperback]

Austrian Economics Center's petition [...](#) to the EU

Austrian Economics Center's 2024 Road Show [...](#) (March 3 to May 25, coming to the USA, too)

Quest supportive balances among designed and spontaneous orders inspire and permit the emergence of Freeorder, a concert of civilizations fit for explorers.

Yuriy Drohobych - a great Ukrainian medic and astronomer [...](#) born in Lviv (original home of Ludwig von Mises [...](#))

Reasons for 20th Century Drop in Mortality Rates

“Infectious Disease and Social Change” [...](#) — Edward H. Kass, 1971

“The Questionable Contribution of Medical Measures to the Decline of Mortality in the United States in the Twentieth Century” —John B. Mckinlay and Sonja M. Mckinlay, 1977

Both of the above papers found through <https://www.2ndsmartestguyintheworld.com/p/the-impact-of-vaccines-on-mortality>

“How Can We Bring Down the National Security State?” by [Jacob G. Hornberger](#), February 15, 2024

Academy of Ideas [...](#) “The Parallel Society vs Totalitarianism: How to Create a Free World” [...](#) [youtube]

Paul Rosenberg's Free-Man's Perspective & Parallel Society [...](#)

A freeordered culture requires and rewards freeordered minds. Such minds evolve through the recognition that limits set by respect for truth and logic create and defend space within which unexpected novelty of conjecture and venture may arise. The key to emergence is carefully conceived limits. When this is understood, it is possible to “design for emergence.”

Education: a great poem on teaching and learning [...](#) by Margaret Anna Alice

“A dear mentor reached out to see if I would be willing to share a few anecdotes for her to cite during her speech at the retirement dinner of another cherished mentor. This poem is what poured out. I am sharing it with you because I believe this encapsulates what true education is about, and I feel fortunate that both these mentors and several others nurtured my intellectual curiosity; cultivated my critical thinking skills, analytical abilities, empathy, and moral courage; and challenged me to become the reader, writer, and person I am today.” —Margaret Anna Alice

An instance of what Margaret Anna Alice's poem is about: “The First Three Days of Socratic Practice in an Inner City Classroom: A Case Study in Changing Classroom Culture” [...](#) —Michael Strong's Socratic social alchemy in action

[glyph 369](#) January 6, 1906, Maria Montessori, Casa de Bambini, Children's House, San Lorenzo, Italy - Michael Strong writes of Montessori, of learning in a stream of exploration flowing onward from childhood (one of the most popular of EF's glyphs)

[vMontessori](#) [vSocrates](#)

There come times in history when ordinary people begin to become interested in how to prevent their governments from stealing everything.

https://www.lewrockwell.com/2024/02/no_author/sorry-you-cant-have-your-gold/ by Jeff Thomas, linked by Lew Rockwell, 13 February 2023

Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin

<https://tuckercarlson.com/the-vladimir-putin-interview/>

Carlson on why this interview: <https://tuckercarlson.com/why-were-in-moscow/>

Lieven, Dominic. *The End of Tsarist Russia: The March to World War I and Revolution* (pg. 1). Penguin Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

“As much as anything, World War I turned on the fate of Ukraine. To an English-speaking audience, this statement will seem final confirmation that most professors are crazy. No Allied soldier believed he was risking his life over Ukraine. Few of them had heard of the place. The same was true of German soldiers in 1914.”


“The great irony of World War I was that a conflict which began more than anything else as a struggle between the Germanic powers and Russia to dominate east-central Europe ended in the defeat of both sides. The dissolution of the Austrian Empire into a number of small states incapable of defending themselves left a geopolitical hole in east-central Europe.”

“This underlines a basic point about World War I: contrary to the near-universal assumption in the English-speaking world, the war was first and foremost an eastern European conflict.”

“F.A. Hayek's Foresight: Imagining Bitcoin's Unstoppable Rise Through a 'Sly, Roundabout Way’” [...](#) by Jaime Redman, at news.bitcoin.com, 11 February 24

“I don't believe that we shall ever have good money again before we take the thing out of the hands of the government. We can't take them violently out of the hands of the government, [then] all we can do is by some sly, roundabout way [and] introduce something they can't stop.”

[vMulligan](#)

 Hayek was speaking to and for gothic foxes
The New World of the Gothic Fox by Claudio Véliz
about this book: <https://stpeter.im/journal/457.html>

Tess Lawrie is an organizer of events illustrating a vital principle:

In a body or society having a remnant of a sound immune system a life-threatening intrusion may provoke a sudden strengthening which given sufficient support can eradicate the disease.

An immune system, biological or social, is an error detector capable of summoning life support.

Illustrated here: <https://drtesslawrie.substack.com/p/photos-from-the-irish-expedition>

We are living among heroes who fight for our lives.

[vGuardian](#)

The word “freeorder” has been used for the first time in a substantial article.

Robert Gore, novelist, entrepreneur, and curator of “Straight Line Logic” has written a fine article on the state of the world, today, and as it may become.

<https://straightlinelogic.com/2024/02/06/controlled-instability-by-robert-gore>

Toward the end of the article Gore found it appropriate to employ the word ‘freeorder’.

'Multipolarity will proceed full steam ahead, but it won't stop until there are 8 billion plus poles, call it multi-multipolarity. The age of the state and ostensible control is giving way to the age of the individual and instability. That doesn't mean that order won't eventually emerge, but it will be order based on individual sovereignty, cooperation, and voluntarily exchange, or as friend of SLL Leif Smith calls it—freeorder—“Order spontaneously emergent from the imaginations and actions of free people.”'

I was glad to see this, as the word has broad application, and as it's wide use may prove to be beneficial. It has been said that whatever is without name tends to non-existence.

The article was reposted on Zero Hedge (2024/02/06): <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/controlled-instability>

The writings of Paul Rosenberg, in his “Free-Man's Perspective” and “Parallel Society” are making a profound contribution to the emergence of *freeorder* — <https://freemansperspective.com>

The river of ideas and “sense of life” that Ayn Rand started has been running through the world, underground. Tributaries to that river are springing up everywhere, catching some of the best young people in their currents, sweeping them into larger streams destined to make an ocean whose waters, drawn upward by the hopes of a billion suns, will bless the earth with new rain.

The wave that sweeps away authoritarian culture will be romantic. It will not be fundamentally rational or logical. Freeorder names a romantic movement in which logic is an indispensable servant of art, never forsaken, never dominant. The songs that rise among us will make a wind to sweep authoritarian opposition to oblivion.

Objective Standard Institute conferences are inspired by the writings of Ayn Rand.

objectivestandard.org (institute) & theobjectivestandard.com (magazine)

Robert Gore on government by and for spoiled brats

“Some things are simpler than they appear. During the past few years, countless words have been spilled that ask and try to answer the seemingly complex question: What in the hell is wrong with these people? How do we get Russiagate, COVID hysteria, killer vaccines, vaccine mandates, George Floyd riots, rigged elections, the January 6 travesty, Biden, the botched Afghanistan withdrawal, open borders,

runaway debt, suffocating regulations and taxes, elite pedophilia, war in Ukraine, war in the Middle East, Trump’s show trials, woke, DEI, and a plagiarist puff-ball promoted to president of a once prestigious Ivy League institution?” ... “government of the spoiled brats, by the spoiled brats, for the spoiled brats cannot long endure.”

<https://straightlinelogic.com/2024/01/19/spoiled-brats-by-robort-gore/>

The damage done by the promotion and financing of ventures by government

“It turns out that government does far more harm to a country’s economy not when it regulates and impedes, but when it subsidizes and “promotes” economic growth.” —Dr. Jerome Huyler, in his article, “Not Worth a Transcontinental: Railroading a Nation into Prosperity” [...](#) published in The Savvy Street [...](#) but found in Robert Gore’s Straight Line Logic [...](#) (an excellent source of writings pertinent to *freorder*)

A small window into the future of Africa: Kwik Pic delivery service, on chain (DePIN)

2024-02-02 HBAR Weekly Update @09:34, interview [...](#) with Obasi Ifegwu, Founder

Remember George Ayittey’s introduction of African Cheetahs? [...](#) Here they come.

Applied Economics for Africa [...](#) by George B.N. Ayittey, PhD

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Michael Yon, ex-Green Beret, now a independent journalist, in the words of Bret Weinstein, is the eyes of David in a David-Goliath battle. Yon has covered the Darien Gap extensively, and has led Bret Weinstein to take an interest. Tucker Carlson explores that with Bret here:

<https://tuckercarlson.com/the-tucker-carlson-encounter-bret-weinstein-at-the-darien-gap/>

I regard this as essential listening. If Bret’s hypotheses are wrong, as he suggests they may be, it would be well that they be refuted as quickly as possible. As Bret says, he hopes there may be people who will talk him off the ledge. But, if Bret’s guesses are accurate then it is urgent that something be done. This interview demonstrates a blend of scientific reluctance to draw an insufficiently grounded conclusion with fearless willingness to consider things that most people would rather not think of at all.

This will become even more interesting when/if Tucker has Michael Yon [...](#) on his program.

A question Bret leaves with us: Why during his time at Darien Gap did he not see a single journalist from a major media company? What could explain that?

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