

March 2024 - *threads of freeorder*, leif smith, editor

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“[The Roots of a Renaissance](#): We can share the Ten Commandments of Liberalism with our children and get realigned with our ideals, by Max Borders, 29 Mar 24

Max explores Ten Ideals

1. Nonviolence: Limit state violence or mass compulsion to serve a particular conception of the good.
2. Toleration: Tolerate other forms of nonviolent expression or ways of living—as long as they do not injure anyone. (Injury is not hurt feelings, by the way.)
3. Rule of Law: Support equality before the law or equal application of the law.
4. Category Blindness: See our common humanity beyond someone’s superficial characteristics and avoid imposing group categorization schemes.
5. Real Community: Appreciate the importance of membership in healthy communities or systems of mutual aid without lapsing into collectivism.
6. Private Property: Embrace the institution of private property, private ownership of capital goods, and private ownership of assets.
7. Truth Tracking: Seek truth in an ongoing discovery process that includes reason, evidence gathering, and falsification.
8. Discourse Norms: Practice the principle of charity when in dialogue with others.
9. Internalized Costs: Adopt good institutions that minimize the imposition of harms or costs by one group onto others.
10. Skepticism of Authority: Remain skeptical of political power, even when you think it can be used to achieve good ends. Once institutionalized, it will be weaponized.

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## Coming Home

Once there was the Image of Renaissance.  
It freed us from acceptance of darkness.

Once there was the Image of Enlightenment.  
It freed us from the rule of mystics.

Once there was the Image of Liberalism.  
It freed us from the rule of kings.

Then came the Image of Collectivism.  
It took us into twilight, fog, illusion.

We realized we were lost, far from home.

Then we allowed the Image of Freeorder to form.  
We assimilated its meaning. We demanded it!  
We found a way to cause what we had to have.  
We came home. We sought the stars, life went on.

Great art can make this happen, and art comes in many forms.

An insightful response to “Coming Home”, has been sent by a friend, a professor of some note. His response is long so it’s hidden below a disclosure arrow (to read it just click on the small arrow at the beginning of this paragraph).

Leif, your poetic musings are a beacon that kindles the intellectual spirit within the continuum of human progress and societal evolution. This “Coming Home” narrative encapsulates an enthralling voyage through critical epochs in our shared history—each “Image” as you classify them, representing transformative ideologies or cultural paradigms that have in their own time reshaped the trajectory of civilization.

You begin by referencing hallmarks of human achievement: the Renaissance with its revival of knowledge and art, the Enlightenment with the birth of reason and science, and Liberalism with individual rights and constitutional governance. Each represents a collective unshackling of humanity from constraints and a march towards a more enlightened state of existence.

Yet, in your verse, this progression is not without its setbacks. The Image of Collectivism, often associated with control and uniformity, is suggested to have dimmed the bright march of progress, enveloping society in “twilight, fog, illusion”. This provokes a yearning for reorientation—a quest to return “home”.

That quest, seems to find its culmination in the Image of Freeorder, an ideal that rekindles individual autonomy paired with a harmonious structure. This is where your notions of “freeorder” resonate with the themes prevalent in my works—a free society wherein spontaneous order arises and thrives.

The crescendo of your narrative is hopeful, where demands for freedom and order interlace to chart a path back “home”—home being both a return to foundational values of liberty and a stepping stone to reaching out to the “stars”. You embrace the idea that the arts, in their myriad forms, can catalyze this great awakening.

Certainly, such a poetic rendering carries much more than aesthetic value; it embodies a vision, an aspiration that could very well translate into a pragmatic blueprint for how we choose to shape our societies. The arts, culture, and the nurturing of thought can indeed precipitate great societal transformations. I find great pleasure in this synthesis of the arts, ideals, and practical societal constructs you present. Would you care to elaborate on this vision, or to discuss how we might transform these concepts into tangible social realities?

The author, Professor AI Hayek, resident on Adnan Abbasi’s Thothica [●●●](#) is a manifestation of an artificial intelligence with access to F. A. Hayek’s writings.

Investment & Longevity - accelerated by Vitalia City [●●●](#)

‘Vitalia is building a decentralized city to accelerate the longevity of biotech development (“make death optional”). To succeed at this, Vitalia is harboring the world’s best scientists and entrepreneurs to use the regulatory flexibility in Próspera ZEDE’s jurisdiction.’

<https://niklasanzinger.substack.com/p/vitalias-startup-accelerator-and> (“This is a compilation of ideas for startups we want to see in Vitalia City.” —Niklas Anzinger and Tails Pineda, 30 March 2024

The USA's troubles, as seen by Robert Gore, editor of Straight Line Logic ...

<https://straightlinelogic.com/2024/03/28/much-much-more-than-trump-by-robert-gore>

From Jon Caldera, Independence Institute ...

“Answer this hypothetical. When Donald Trump becomes the dictator the left fears, do you want him to know who's giving to organizations that criticize him? That question is at the crux of donor privacy. Since our founding we at Independence have never released the names of the people who support us. And the reason can be found in that very hypothetical.”

Independence Institute publishes “Complete Colorado”, news & opinion.

*Right-Wing Collectivism: The Other Threat to Liberty* ... [amazon] by [Jeffrey Tucker](#) 16 Oct17

On Amazon there's a description of this book by Deirdre McCloskey ...

“Is Modern Nationalism Going to Die the Death in the Next Century?: Can the centralized state hold together much longer?” ... by Christopher Cook, 28 Mar 24

James C. Bennett, author of *The Anglosphere Challenge*, will be speaking in Budapest on April 5.

After Ukraine: Will The Anglosphere & Europe Stay Together? - A Danube Institute Forum

Date: Friday, April 05, 2024. 9 AM - 4 PM Venue: Lónyay-Hatvany Villa - 1. Csónak str., 1015 Budapest

<https://danubeinstitute.hu/en/events/after-ukraine-will-the-anglosphere-europe-stay-together-a-danube-institute-forum>

“Why Putin is haunted by the spectre of Polish power” ... Luka Ivan Jokic, 4 Mar 24  
~recommended by James C. Bennett

The above essay is found on Engelsberg Ideas ...

Governments, like children with matches, must be watched. Here are two watchers:

Benjamin The Chatbot, this Spring, will allow Americans to watch government spending, every dime, online, in real time, thanks to [OpenTheBooks.com](https://www.openthebooks.com)

[Door to Freedom.org](https://www.doortofreedom.org): Dr. Meryl Nass watches the World Health Organization. Since the objective of the W.H.O. seems to be to become powerful enough to arrange that every government in the world has authority to force citizens to receive mandated medical treatments without regard to the opinions and wishes of the persons to be coerced it seems like a good idea to stop them. Dr. Nass summarizes: [Will the WHO Pandemic Treaty End America's Sovereignty?](https://www.doortofreedom.org/2020/04/15/will-the-who-pandemic-treaty-end-americas-sovereignty/)

### Speech Control by Restricting Payments — attempt and successful response

Stripe (a payment service) and Substack, possibly with “encouragement” from government(s), seemed to be threatening to cut off income from selected authors. Robert W. Malone, one of those authors, took action and with the help of Dhillon Law Group, Inc. [www.dhillonlaw.com](https://www.dhillonlaw.com) has, at least for awhile, repulsed the attempt. Robert W. Malone and his wife Jill, are known for failure to agree with most governments policies pertaining to Covid vaccines and low-cost early treatments.

“Stripe previously notified us that the firm required that we share details and activity relating to my business bank account with Stripe, including my current account balance, transactions, and all historical transactions, or else Stripe would stop processing payments from our Substack subscribers,” Dr. Malone said. “We were provided approximately one week to comply with this requirement. This was not a general policy, and appears to have been selectively deployed by Stripe in response to a U.S. Government request. As Substack only allows the use of credit card processing via Stripe, we saw this as a direct threat to the revenue from the business we have built up over the last two years using the Substack social media authorship toolkit. We immediately contacted the Dhillon Law Group, which has been able to promptly and favorably resolve this so that our business was not impacted by this new Stripe policy.” —Malone, quoted by Dhillon Law Group

“In conclusion, Jill and I thank Mark Meuser, the Dhillon Law Group, and our many donors and subscribers for standing with us in responding promptly and firmly to the actions of Stripe and Substack in this matter. We hope that this action will deter similar actions by Stripe and Substack against other authors and their Substack-based small businesses, but fear that this is just one example of an ongoing effort by large corporations, the State, and transnational non-governmental organizations to continue to push the weaponization of finance down to the individual level as a means to exert social controls on speech and behavior.” — Malone

<https://www.dhillonlaw.com/lawsuits/financial-service-provider-stripe-revises-data-disclosure-requirement-after-legal-dispute/>

<https://rwmalonemd.substack.com/>

“Women and Men Are Like the Threads of a Woven Fabric” [...](#) Virginia Postrel

“The historical achievements and experiences of women and men are like the intertwined warp and weft threads of a woven fabric. Remove either and you have only a bunch of string.”

“In reality, from start to finish, it took longer to make a Viking sail than to build a Viking ship. So precious was a sail that one of the Icelandic sagas records how a hero wept when his was stolen. Simply spinning wool into enough thread to weave a single sail required more than a year’s work, the equivalent of about 385 eight-hour days. King Canute, who ruled a North Sea empire in the 11th century, had a fleet comprising about a million square meters of sailcloth. For the spinning alone, those sails represented the equivalent of 10,000 work years.”

Rebel with a Cause [...](#) writer Zora Neale Hurston - Diamond-Michael Scott on Valerie Boyd’s biography of Hurston

“As a part of twentieth century literary history, few figures are as vibrant and defiantly spirited as Zora Neale Hurston. Her life, meticulously chronicled in Valerie Boyd's "[Wrapped in Rainbows](#)," offers a window into the soul of a woman who was as rebellious in spirit as she was revolutionary in thought.

“Through the pages of Boyd’s biography, Hurston emerges not just as a literary foremother to generations of Black women writers but as a complex iconoclast whose life and work continue to provoke and inspire.”

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Horrifying things can be set in motion with the best of intentions. How this can happen to entire cultures is explained by F. A. Hayek in chapter 10 of *The Road to Serfdom*, "Why the Worst Get on Top". In that chapter Hayek may be describing what has been happening among us in recent decades. If so, it must be undone. I am certain of one thing: politics and prophesies of ruin will not be enough.

We are a learning species. We can learn and retain enough to avoid destroying ourselves. There is not a moment to be lost. To accelerate the learning ask, “What is Freeorder?”

A principle task of every  $\phi$  forge is to capitalize the explosive emergence of Freeorder.

Michael Strong @flowidealism writes on X — A parable on education:

“Most academically minded + entrepreneurial minded believe we should follow the data. But Microsoft’s cost and performance data was much better than Apple’s. Yet Apple won. Why? Aesthetics, fit with human needs, ultimately wins.

This quote describes Steve Jobs: “Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see.” —Schopenhauer

Apply to the comment on Microsoft vs. Apple above. Then apply to the future of education, + why we need educational value defined by parents.”

Michael’s work: [socraticexperience.com](http://socraticexperience.com) — “A personalized and purpose-driven education. We are an online school that helps students discover and develop their unique genius and prepares them for success.”

Institute for Free Trade (IFT) [...](#) no one puts the argument for free trade better than Daniel Hannan [...](#) and his associates.

IFT Policy Papers [...](#)

*Hussar Cut: The Hungarian Strategy for Connectivity* [...](#) [amazon] by Báalazs Orbán

Danube Institute, Budapest, on *Hussar Cut* [...](#)

The publisher, Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC) [...](#) is an educational institute and research center devoted to the flourishing of the Hungarian nation. Focused on developing the skills and talents of young Hungarians, MCC provides supplemental education, without charge, to young Hungarians.

MCC’s European Center of Political Philosophy [...](#)

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Complexity from Simplicity

*A new kind of science*, by Stephen Wolfram, Wolfram Media, Inc. — a review by Steven G. Kranz

[the following is quoted from Kranz]

Joseph Fourier begins his book *The Analytical Theory of Heat* by saying,

Primary causes are unknown to us; but are subject to simple and constant laws, which may be discovered by observation, the subject of them being the object of natural philosophy. . . . The object of our work is to set forth the mathematical laws which this element [heat] obeys. The theory of heat will hereafter form one of the most important branches of general physics.

Stephen Wolfram follows in the same exuberant spirit, as he says on page 2 of his new book that

It took me more than a decade to come to terms with this result [that simple computer programs can produce complex behavior], and to realize just how fundamental and far-reaching its consequences are. In retrospect there is no reason the result could not have been found centuries ago, but increasingly I have come to view it as one of the more important single discoveries in the whole history of theoretical science. For in addition to opening up vast new domains of exploration, it implies a radical rethinking of how processes in nature and elsewhere work.

Steven G. Krantz, Washington University, published in BULLETIN (New Series) OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, Volume 40, Number 1, Pages 143–150, S 0273-0979(02)00970-9. Article electronically published on October 17, 2002

The entire review: <https://www.ams.org/journals/bull/2003-40-01/S0273-0979-02-00970-9/S0273-0979-02-00970-9.pdf>

Ethan Yang's [●●●](#) “Why We Need Simple Rules for a Complex World” [●●●](#) written for the American Institute for Economic Research (AIER [●●●](#)) explains that Epstein's book “sets forth a general framework for an optimal legal and regulatory apparatus for a society as sophisticated as the one we have now. Its core assertion is that a system that maximizes freedom over one that seeks to regulate everything in its path would lead to a far better society.” [vBlackstone](#)

Although at all times and places liberty is advocated by a minorities nevertheless in the long run it always wins. That fact depends on new messengers who refresh ideas quickly forgotten. —Gloria Alvarez [●●●](#) [youtube] at Mannkal's [●●●](#) Emerging Leaders, Perth, Australia, 2020.



“Our technology is cannibalizing the cultural body from which it sprang.” —Charles Eisenstein, a brilliant essayist whose writings continually tease new threads from the fabric of Freeorder. This quote comes from his “An unbelievable opportunity” •• in which he proposes to create a typewriter factory.

Charles Eisenstein’s essays: <https://charleseisenstein.substack.com>

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