

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

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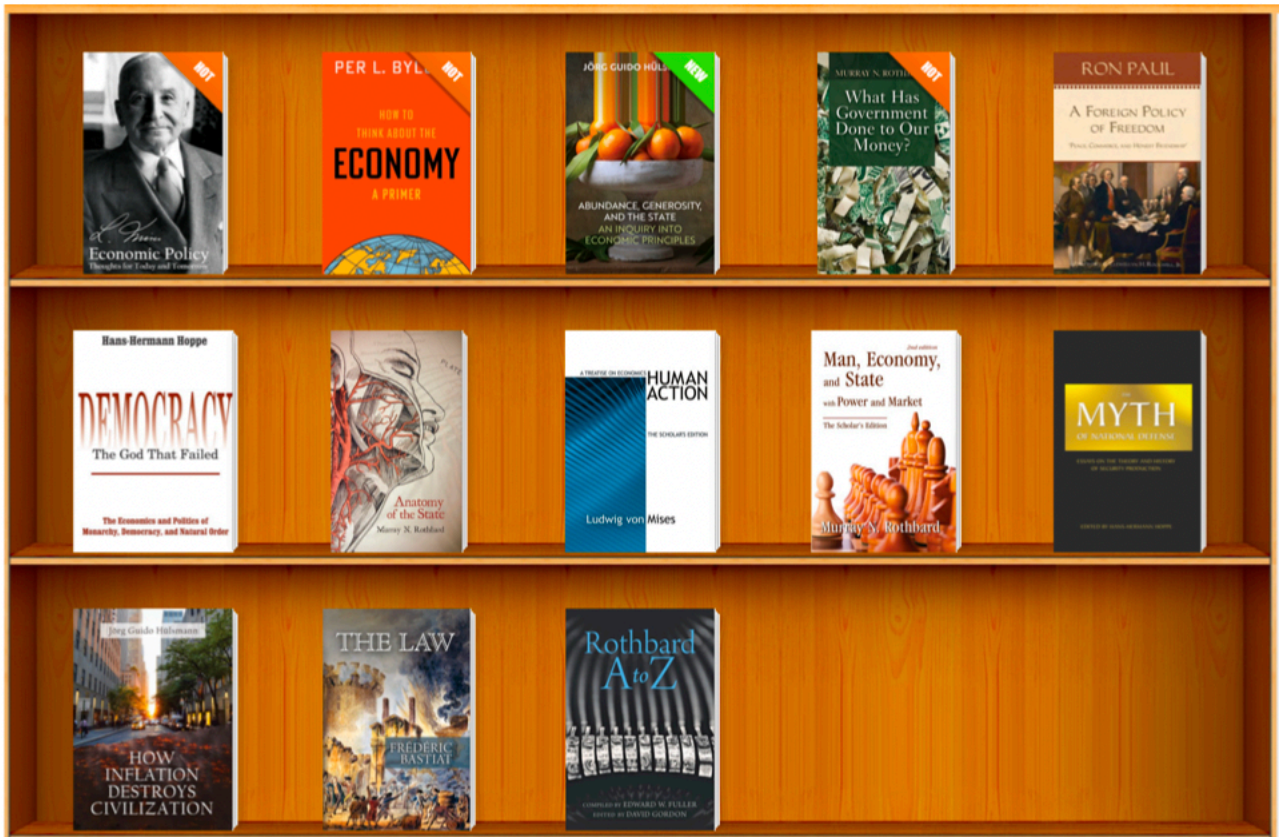
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The word *freeorder* (quest serving balances among designed and spontaneous orders) raises questions: If *quest* is taken to name a pattern of explorations within individuals, organizations, and cultures, which combine into stories its makers are pleased to own and sustain, then what balances among designed and spontaneous orders tend to produce success? What conditions benefit from more design, what from less? And, if design is needed, is behavior best fitted to it by compulsion or by persuasion? Can there be a deficiency of spontaneous order? If so, how is more of it to be brought forth, perhaps encouraged?

In a world habitually choosing to solve problems through quick recourse to increased compulsory design asking questions about freeorder can lead to less dangerous alternatives.

How is good mental & emotional balance achieved between the use of designed word orders and spontaneous word orders? What do various explications of this question and answers to it have to do with pedagogy? Or simply asked: how do we teach children to think about and use words? After all, they grow up needing to deal with realities that are more than words. It can be bad for them if they allow themselves to be governed by words that fail to match a reality that has the final say.

A starting place for thinking about this: *Science and Sanity*, Alfred Korzybski, 1933.



[Ludwig von Mises Institute](#) — a bookstore of use to forge builders

Danube Dialogues: The Reality of Civilizations: In this episode of Danube Dialogues, John O'Sullivan and Eric Hendriks discuss the reality of world-cultural zones with James Bennett, the popularizer of the term "the Anglosphere" [🔗](#) [video: youtube] [🔗](#) [audio: spotify (with list of all Danube Institute recordings)]

“Beauty within constructed limits” — in a New Atlantis article by Meghan Houser

‘We, people, are our own paradox: wanting new but not too new. We seek learning environments with strong patterns, challenging enough that we’ll make mistakes and then be able to course-correct, but not so unfamiliar as to thwart all attempts at prediction. We seem to love a bounded simulation of boundlessness. See the [absurdly](#) voluminous discourse around “ludonarrative dissonance,” debating which video games manage to balance prescribed story with open play. See the Disney empire’s influential, if [overreaching](#), immersive theme-park design. Or consider Marvel’s “cinematic universe” that is ubiquitous as fact and meme, offering illusions of endless expansion within constructed limits.’

The quote is from “AI Is a Hall of Mirrors: LLMs are giving us a billion ripoffs of what we already are at a moment when we yearn for something new” [🔗](#) by Meghan

Houser, in the Spring 2024 issue [...](#) of The New Atlantis magazine [...](#) a journal of science and technology

“Beauty will save the world.” —Dostoevsky; Solzhenitzyn explains [...](#)

Magatte Wade [...](#) reports that an AI advises against fossil fuels for Africans [...](#)

“Nothing is easier than to make a case for anything.” —attributed to Thomas Sowell

Like people, AIs become what they eat.

Brandon Hargreaves interviews the creator of Karate Combat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh7SmyGIWOI>

Imagine combining, through tokenization on web3:

- investment in new sources of wealth
- re-investment of gains into liberty projects
- building "fan clubs" capable of making liberty real

Karate Combat may be a model for something new.

The Helicity Drive: fusion propulsion for space [thanks to Jim Bennett]

<https://www.helicityspace.com/technology>

“There is no need to wait for terrestrial fusion power to begin using fusion propulsion in space. Pushing a spacecraft with short bursts of fusion can be achieved before (and on the way to) producing net electricity every second. Helicity Drive creates a short burst of fusion conditions in a geometry designed for propulsive plasma exhaust, which provides acceleration with every pulse.”

Jim Bennett, on returning from a major space conference this month: “The three most hopeful things going on in space: Starship, for lowering of launch costs to LEO; Vast, for finally beginning real research into variable gravity effects on health; and Helicity for the Fusion Drive that will open up the solar system.”

Austin’s interstate expansion becomes a test case for “induced demand” — and the culture war over faster traffic versus denser cities. “Does Highway Expansion Solve Congestion?” [...](#) by Joseph Lawler, in The New Atlantis [...](#) Spring 2024 — illustrating

issues and questions of design and governance characteristic of searches for freeorder balances.

“Wiley shuts down 19 science journals and retracts 11,000 gobbledygook papers” [...](#) by Jo Nova [...](#) [thanks to Straight Line Logic [...](#)]

‘Proving that unpaid anonymous review is worth every cent, the 217 year old Wiley science publisher “peer reviewed” 11,300 papers that were fake, and didn’t even notice. It’s not just a scam, it’s an industry. Naked “gobbledygook sandwiches” got past peer review, and the expert reviewers didn’t so much as blink.

‘Big Government and Big Money has captured science and strangled it. The more money they pour in, the worse it gets. John Wiley and Sons is a US \$2 billion dollar machine, but they got used by criminal gangs to launder fake “science” as something real.’

Congratulations to the people at Wiley who discovered this and shut it down!

Practical work the world depends on, as understood by Emily Griffith, and Mike Rowe

Touching Tomorrow: The Emily Griffith Story [...](#) by Debra Faulkner

Griffith founded the “Opportunity School” [...](#) in Denver, 1916

Her work inspired Griffith Centers [...](#) a tradition of caring since 1927

[Carrie-Ann Biondi](#) on Mike Rowe and Ayn Rand [from Jan 2023 Threads]:

‘Regarding: “my article on Rowe and Rand! [...](#) I was delighted that Mike Rowe [...](#) on his own noticed it and then shared a link [...](#) to my article--along with a beautiful write-up on his Facebook page. That post got over 20,000 likes and 1,500 (mostly positive) comments, making it the most widely read TOS [...](#) article.

‘Mike Rowe and Ayn Rand on the Virtues of Thinking and Producing [...](#) by [Carrie-Ann Biondi](#) September 22, 2022

‘If you are interested in other Rand-related pieces that I have published, there are several freely available:

- A chapter on Ayn Rand (pp. 67-78) in [The Essential Women of Liberty](#).
- "[Surrender in The Fountainhead](#)," on Kurt Keefner's blog.
- "[On the Enduring Appeal of Ayn Rand's Philosophy](#)," in IAI News.
- "[Review Essay of Allan Gotthelf and Gregory Salmieri's \(ed.\) A](#)

[Companion to Ayn Rand](#)," in Reason Papers.

- "[Book Review of Tara Smith's Judicial Review in an Objective Legal](#)

System," in Reason Papers.

- "Review Essay of Tara Smith's Ayn Rand's Normative Ethics," in Reason Papers.'

Filter Press has published Southwest and Colorado history for educators and the casual historian since 1956 — <https://www.filterpressbooks.com>

Ebola, Covid, Bird Flu, Disease X? - all treatable with ozone? Robert Jay Rowen, MD

“Rapid resolution of hemorrhagic fever (Ebola) in Sierra Leone with ozone therapy” — summary: <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajid/article/view/126773> — a link on this page allows download of the full article.

[Is Ozone Therapy the Miracle Cure That So Many Seek? - Dr. Robert Rowen - YouTube.webloc](#)

“Updates on Ebola and Ozone Therapy: A Special Interview with Dr. Robert Rowen, by Dr. Joseph Mercola” [...](#) [text version saved in our archive]

A treatment such as this would make Diseases X less useful. Possibly related: looks like YouTube has removed the video of this interview - Mercola's link to it no longer works. A question: if cheap and effective therapies were to be known and available just think of the damage it would do to the world economy!

Small Nuclear Reactors, Last Energy [...](#)

“Last Energy uses a customer-driven approach, focusing on first principles to bring nuclear energy to scale. Our innovation is simple: leverage only proven nuclear technology, create a replicable, manufacturable power plant, and size for private capital. This is how you unlock nuclear power at scale, and that is what we founded Last Energy to do.” —at the above link

Maps and Territories ≡ Words and ~Words (not words)

“It is customary to say that he learned the art of war from Turenne, and attempts have been made to draw comparisons between the attacks across the Breusch at Enzheim and across the Nebel at Blenheim. This is going too far. No competent officer of that age could watch the composed genius of Turenne in action without being enriched thereby. But no battle ever repeats itself. The success of a commander does not arise from following rules or models. It consists in an absolutely new comprehension of the dominant facts of the situation at the time, and all the forces at work. Cooks use recipes for dishes and doctors have prescriptions for diseases, but every great operation of war is unique. The kind of intelligence capable of grasping in its complete

integrity what is actually happening in the field is not taught by the tactics of commanders on one side or the other—though these may train the mind—but by a profound appreciation of the actual event. There is no surer road to ill-success in war than to imitate the plans of bygone heroes and to fit them to novel situations.”

Churchill, Winston S. Marlborough: His Life and Times, 1933. This is near the end of chapter 4 of volume 1. In October 1674 early in his career, during the Franco-Dutch war, Colonel John Churchill served under the command of Turenne.

The distinction between Maps and Territories is of fundamental importance in observing and planning the emergence of Freeorder. Churchill’s observation applies not only to war but to all complex ventures.

To form battle tactics by close imitation of an earlier battle would risk suffering the adverse consequences of one of two principle defects of freeorder possible in the organizing of complex affairs. That defect is an excess of designed order and consequent lack of spontaneous order.

The other principle defect in efforts to achieve freeorder is excess of spontaneous order enabled by a lack of designed order. Consider discussions of complex ideas conducted without concern for definitions or logic.

In a model of rational, kind, yet disruptive discussion of a critically important issue, Robert W. Malone is interviewed by Jan Jekielik about how delivery of information to the public about ivermectin was shaped by an almost universally accepted “narrative scaffolding”.

“Did the FDA Just Admit It Was Wrong About Ivermectin?” <https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/did-the-fda-just-admit-it-was-wrong-about-ivermectin-fallout-5621510> — this is part of a series called “Fallout” by Malone and Jekielik. This episode ends with a trip to Malone’s farm where Robert teaches Jan how to prune young fruit trees. The emotional transition from heavy to light is fascinating and welcome.

Ethics & Critical Rationalism: Two forthcoming Karl R. Popper-related events

(a) On Saturday 3rd August, there will be a Zoom-based workshop on Popper and Ethics. The format will be that there will be, circulated in advance, a paper, which Jeremy Shearmur

will draft, which tries to set out the problem-situation relating to ethics in Popper's work. There will then follow several papers, which will also be circulated in advance, in which different people take up and argue for what, in their view, the approach should be that they think that we should take towards these issues. Sessions are likely to allow for 30 minutes for presentation, 30 minutes for moderated discussion. The papers, and the discussion, will be academic in their character. (I.e. we will be working at the level of a postgraduate-level academic seminar.) It is hoped that revised versions of the papers will be published.

(b) Eighth Zoom-based conference on Popper and Critical Rationalism, 28th-29th September. This will be held in the now-usual format: Those who wish to offer a paper should send me a brief description, and an indication of roughly when they would like to speak (the conferences are world-wide, and we have to stagger speaking-times in the light of this). The format is that those whose proposals are accepted will undertake to prepare a paper in advance of about 3,000 words, which will be circulated to those participating in the conference. At the conference, paper-givers will have 15 minutes to speak to their paper, and there will then be 15 minutes of moderated discussion.

Will those wishing to present papers, and those wishing to attend, please let me know.

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“Micropayments between IoT devices is going to dwarf everything.” —Rob Allen, Future Payments Systems - Australian Payments Plus — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXEsnLk2lHY> at 16:45; the quoted statement is at 19:25 ... Digital IDs for things: <https://www.wisekey.com/> —things can't get paid for services unless the payer knows who they are and how to reach them. Wisekey and their satellites will help.

Question: Does flight from untrusted money accelerate as crypto ETFs multiply and offer escape? Does each new door opened out of a burning building allow ever more rapid vacating of the building? What happens when no one wants to remain in the building? What when the crypto held in ETFs becomes easy to buy and sell because it is represented by divisible web3 tokens? What when ventures arise offering “stable tokens” designed to maintain purchasing power estimated in ways designed to accommodate the buying patterns of different kinds of token holders? Would such stable tokens be

preferred to other media of exchange, even to tokenized gold holdings? [vMulligan](#)

“People were asking the same thing about canned peaches in the 1880s.” —Pat Wagner

“Echoes of Resilience, Alex Haley's Literary Legacy and Its Impact on Black Identity”

Alex Haley and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* ... by Diamond-Michael Scott, on Black Books + Black Minds: <https://blackbooksblackminds.substack.com>

Honor Levy, a new writer discovered by Contarini ...

When a serious reader of Disraeli's novels praises a new writer it's worth paying attention.

Contarini's account of his experience with Levy's writings ...

HHS Suspends Funding and Proposes Formal Debarment of EcoHealth Alliance

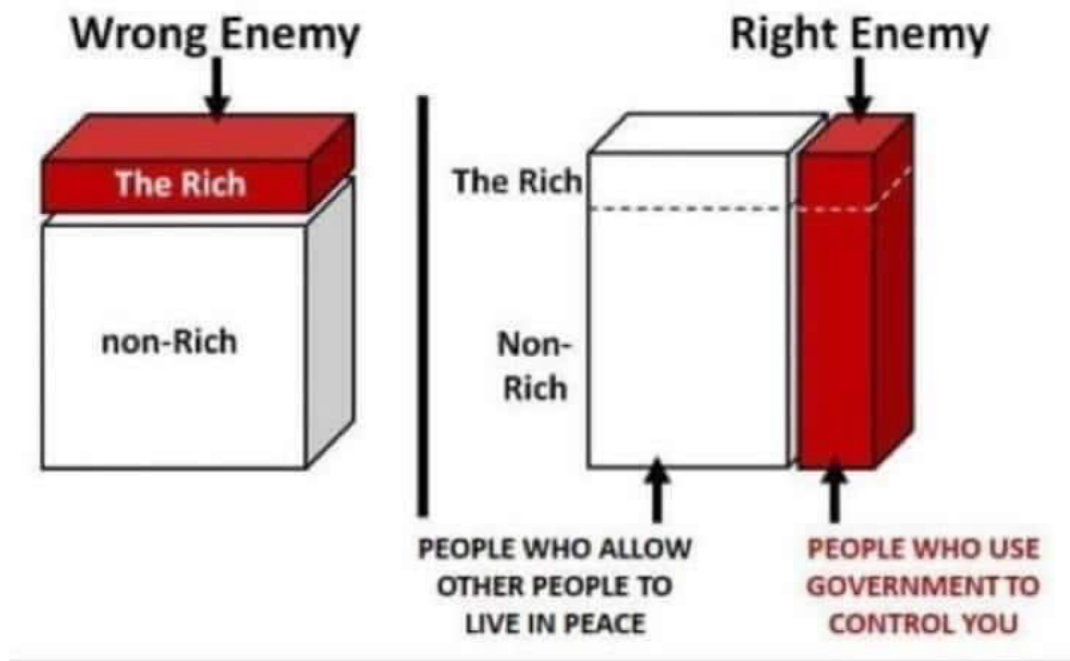
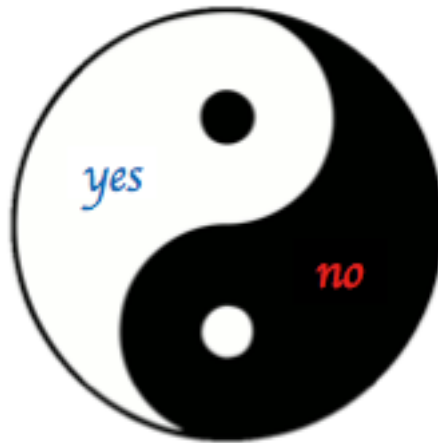
https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Tab-2-EHA-SUSP4D-ARM_05.15.2024_signed.pdf — An unusual and remarkable event.

Robert W. Malone, MD, quotes Chairman Wenstrup, Committee on Oversight and Accountability - COVID-19, U.S. Congress:

“EcoHealth Alliance and Dr. Peter Daszak should never again receive a single penny from the U.S. taxpayer. Only two weeks after the Select Subcommittee released an extensive report detailing EcoHealth's wrongdoing and recommending the formal debarment of EcoHealth and its president, HHS has begun efforts to cut off all U.S. funding to this corrupt organization. EcoHealth facilitated gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China without proper oversight, willingly violated multiple requirements of its multimillion-dollar National Institutes of Health grant, and apparently made false statements to the NIH. These actions are wholly abhorrent, indefensible, and must be addressed with swift action. EcoHealth's immediate funding suspension and future debarment is not only a victory for the U.S. taxpayer, but also for American national security and the safety of citizens worldwide" - and see <https://oversight.house.gov/release/wenstrup-americans-have-serious-concerns-with-nih-grant-awarding-oversight-procedures/>

Who is Robert W. Malone ... [his substack]

A single “no” may open the way to the emergence of a network of unexpected creations.



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Weavers of Freeorder

Weavers of freeorder are pattern seers, connection makers, thinkers, artists, entrepreneurs who work for all who discover that their home is Open Network.

Open Network names a freeorder comprised of and arising from all aspects of the world in which an explorer of sovereign spirit may rejoice.

It is very old. No one invented it.

Freeorder is a balance among designed and spontaneous orders that serves quest.

Quest is an aesthetics governed pattern of explorations in course of which resonance grows.

Resonance is the expectation of magic.

Magic is emergent, an awareness arising from a fusing through present action of curiosity, intensity, sensitivity, integrity, and wonder.

Such capabilities of human beings are the reason why Open Network came into being, why it continues to exist, and why it is inextinguishable.

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