

*June 2006 - threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor*

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Áza Valon, a Candidate for Liberty, was overheard talking to a group of politicians: “Before I became a candidate for liberty rather than a candidate for office, people like me could talk about the problems of government all they liked and no one paid much attention. But now that I am in position to determine which of you gets elected, suddenly I seem to be worth hearing, asked for ideas. Even the press has become interested.” Áza’s campaigns are based on a strategy proposed by Explorers Foundation, [here](#).

The restoration and keeping of liberty demands not only an alert population, but also a learning population willing to seek out and remedy their own mistakes, doing so without embarrassment or recrimination.

Michael Polanyi and Karl Popper on the importance of designed limits to enable spontaneous order:

Some complex adaptive systems flourish by developing ways to eliminate processes that fail to survive challenges. Such systems have been studied in ways useful to builders of Freeorder.

“The Republic of Science: Its Political and Economic Theory” by Michael Polanyi

<http://www.polanyisociety.org/mp-repsc.htm>

Karl Popper’s work - an excellent collection of articles on Rafe Champion’s site [...](#)

See also *Philosophy and the Real World* [...](#) by Brian Magee, on Karl Popper, published by Open Court. This is a wonderfully comprehensible explanation of Karl Popper's work and of its importance.

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Hemp as a construction material & an opportunity to be an entrepreneurial "maker"

HempBuild Magazine [...](#)

HempBuild Community Circle [...](#)

Wheaton Labs: Permaculture Bootcamp [...](#) learn permaculture skills through a little hard work...

'We spend our days gardening and building stuff to our standards. In the winter we heat our buildings with rocket mass heaters (we have more than a dozen). We are the host for the annual "Permaculture Technology Jamboree" - and in a way, the bootcamp builds those same things all year. We even get quite a few experts stopping by from time-to-time.'

Cabins [...](#) "Rent a humble cabin for a few days or weeks. Participate in the bootcamp as much or as little as you like. Maybe do some online work. Maybe you come as a couple and one person works while the other is in the bootcamp..."

"Liberator Rocket Heaters: burns pellets and wood at ~99.5% combustion efficiency. Consumes up to 50% less wood than traditional wood stoves. Feel the Freedom." —from Bourbon, Missouri, where they show us things like "eternal engines" [x.com](#) - stay tuned.

Windward Education & Research Center, Spring 2024 update [x.com](#) — EF has been following the remarkable achievements of Windward almost since its founding many decades ago.

Jeff Deist, general counsel for Monetary Metals ... discusses the utilization of undervalued resources such as gold. This interview by Ben Nadelstein is part of a series of podcasts sponsored by The Gold Exchange ... Those who admire the Austrian School of economics will find the discussion interesting, as Jeff's previous job was president of the Ludwig von Mises Institute — Jeff's pages ... at [Mises.org](https://mises.org)

The interview: <https://podcasts.bcast.fm/e/1n2051xn-how-to-monetize-gold-and-silver> [18 minutes]

Shakespeare and Morality ... [taylor & francis] by Patrick Gray, University of Austin ...

On the University of Austin's LinkedIn page: "Dean of Arts & Letters Patrick Gray's article "Shakespeare and Morality" is now the most-read of the past year in the British journal Shakespeare, published by [Routledge](https://www.routledge.com) under the auspices of the [The British Shakespeare Association](https://www.thebritishshakespeareassociation.org/). It is available to read via open access."

Top British troupe to make China debut of Shakespeare classics ... ~thanks to Alan Macfarlane

"NANCHANG, Sept. 17, 2016 (Xinhua) -- Cambridge Shakespeare Festival artistic director David Crilly will lead his troupe to stage classic Shakespeare dramas in the hometown of Chinese playwright Tang Xianzu in east China's Jiangxi Province during a Sino-British culture exchange week in October. The premiers of the dramas including "Hamlet" and "Romeo and Juliet" will be a highlight at the Tang Xianzu International Theater Exchange Month held in the city of Fuzhou from Oct. 19 to the end of November. ... During the upcoming exchange month, two lectures will be given by Alan Macfarlane, professor of social anthropology at the University of Cambridge, and Lucy Hamilton, editor-in-chief of literature at Cam Rivers Publishing ..." —Nanchang, Sept. 17 (Xinhua)

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Cam Rivers Publishing & Education ... Cambridge + China

Alan Macfarlane & Zilan Wang co-founders: <https://www.cambridgerivers.com/en/history>

Cam Rivers published *Wonder and Art: Cambridge Conversations with Tim Yip* in September 2023

A partner of Atlas Network [...](#) CDE Great Lakes in Burundi, is developing the defense of Freeorder through micro-challenges and innovations based on macro-principles.

CDE GREAT LAKES [...](#) [in french] is a research organization focusing on public policy reform for a free and prosperous Burundi: “Notre Mission: Réduire les obstacles à la prospérité et aux opportunités pour un Burundi libre et prospère.”

George Ayittey’s great speech on African Cheetahs and Hippos, a TED Talk.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/  
george\\_ayittey\\_africa\\_s\\_cheetahs\\_versus\\_hippos](https://www.ted.com/talks/george_ayittey_africa_s_cheetahs_versus_hippos)

Someday this talk should be immortalized as one of the great modern catalysts of Freeorder.

In a few words and with refusal to shade essential truth N. S. Lyons defines the battle for the restoration and defense of liberty that ever fewer of us can fail to perceive. Two essays from his substack, The Upheaval [...](#)

“Cast Away Illusions and Prepare for Struggle: A response to old guard conservatism” [...](#)

“The Right’s Future Must be Parallel, and Counter-Revolutionary: What I Told National Conservatives in Brussels” [...](#)

Lyons attended the Danube Institute conference where Jim Bennett recently spoke.

Digital Asset Valuation Framework, HashKey Capital [...](#)

“In [Digital Asset Valuation Framework](#), the team at HashKey Capital and I set out the case for applying fundamental valuation frameworks and high-

level technical analysis to navigate the market's inherent volatility and avoid the pitfalls of memecoin mania.” —Jupiter Zheng, 13Jun24

“HashKey Capital is a leading global vc firm that invests exclusively in blockchain technology and digital assets” —<https://hashkey.capital>

“Be Water” [...](#) [substack] invites subscription: “In an age of radical uncertainty, resilience and adaptability are the ultimate edge.” This substack may present ideas pertinent to understanding freeorder balances. I subscribed, and Be Water subscribed to this substack.

From Be Water: “To begin, we highly recommend diving into our foundational series, [The Sorcerer's Apprentice](#). This will immerse you in our key themes and provide a comprehensive understanding of our unique perspective.” ... “When the map becomes the territory and the model becomes the market, how do we navigate the labyrinth of mirrors and illusions?”

In a email from Be Water: “Future posts will get to the Mises and Hayek in greater depth ...”

Peptides to maintain and recover health - pioneering research by Vladimir Khavinson, Russia

[https://khavinson.info/assets/files/2014-Khavinson\\_Kuznik.pdf](https://khavinson.info/assets/files/2014-Khavinson_Kuznik.pdf)

In October, 2020, Emma-Jo Morris published a series of stories.in the New York Post, asserting that the Hunter Biden laptop was real. Soon “everyone” had been informed by expert authorities that she was wrong, and access to her story was blocked. Now, we know she was right. She did the job of a journalist, not a propagandist doing the work of an expanding tyranny.

“Breitbart's Emma-Jo Morris Testifies at House Hearing” [...](#) [cspan, 20 Jul 2023]

A new novel [...](#) telling the story of Frederick Douglass and New Bedford, Massachusetts, reviewed by Diamond-Michael Scott [...](#)

“Thomas Sowell: The Most Influential Conservative Economist of Our Time?” [...](#) also by D-M Scott

Douglass and Sowell lived in different times, but are so much together in spirit and intellect that I see them as close collaborators in the long story of the emergence of Freeorder.

A Book and a Story (ideas & trains)

*Ideas Have Consequences* [...](#) by Richard M. Weaver, this Kindle edition includes a new forward by Roger Kimball: “The Consequences of Richard Weaver”. Kimball is the editor of *The New Criterion* [...](#) magazine. His Encounter Books published *America 3.0* by Bennett & Lotus in 2013 [...](#) an excellent review of which was written by Tanner Greer, and published in his *The Scholar’s Stage* [...](#)

In Ayn Rand’s *Atlas Shrugged* we meet fourteen ideas (pg. 605), each represented by a passenger traveling west on the Comet, a legendary Taggart Transcontinental passenger train. Those ideas, having become dominant throughout the culture are proposed to be the cause of an event described later when a newspaper reports that the Comet, pulled by an emergency coal-fired engine, entered the Taggart Tunnel, a passage through the Rocky Mountains, and that when the crew was disabled by smoke, both train and tunnel were destroyed — a vivid and grim illustration of Weaver’s thesis.

Gemini, an AI (from Google), is asked about *freeorder*:

**Q: What do you know about the word “freeorder”?**

**A:** Freeorder refers to a concept introduced by the Explorers Foundation. It describes a type of order that:

- Emerges spontaneously: Freeorder isn't imposed by a central authority, but rather arises from the combined actions and ideas of free individuals.
- Can be superior: Proponents believe this self-organized order can be more efficient and adaptable than a system with a rigid, top-down

structure.

Here's a breakdown of the concept:

- Simple Definition: "Order spontaneously emergent from the imaginations and actions of free people." [Explorers Foundation]
- Core Idea: Focuses on achieving order without the need for centralized control.
- Potential Benefits: Proponents suggest freeorder can lead to greater creativity, innovation, and responsiveness to changing circumstances.  
(then recommends the Explorers Foundation website)

**Comment:** A good answer, but misses the idea of *balance*, essential to *freeorder*

*freeorder* is not a synonym for spontaneous order.  
If that were so there would be no need for the word.

*freeorder* is made of three essentials:

Quest (individual and shared)

Designed order (intention, deliberate action)

Spontaneous order (self-assembly, autopoiesis)

*freeorder* is a kind of balance among kinds of order.  
A balance to be sought, found and remade endlessly,  
more by art than by science.

Quest is the standard by which attempted balances are judged.  
All experimental ... conjectures, successes & refutations, forever ...

[VAST Space.com](http://VAST Space.com) — will allow exploration of micro-gravity effects on physiology. [~Jim Bennett]

“Live in space for up to 30 days aboard the world's first private space station. Targeted to launch no earlier than August 2025 in a SpaceX Dragon vehicle.”

Immortal Data  systems for deep space and time – data capture, storage, retrieval - for objects subject to rapid catastrophic disassembly.

Defense of Freeorder makes it necessary to limit the power of government officials to threaten legal action against businesses serving customers in ways not in alignment with the officials' personal preferences. FIRE [...](#) reports [...](#) a U.S. Supreme Court unanimous decision that told New York's Department of Financial Services that this must not be done.

‘The Supreme Court reaffirmed a bedrock First Amendment principle on Thursday: "A government official cannot coerce a private party to punish or suppress disfavored speech on her behalf."

‘Those words were written by Justice Sonia Sotomayor for a unanimous Court.

‘And they precisely describe the claims at issue in [National Rifle Association v. Vullo](#).’

[https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/22-842new\\_e29f.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/22-842new_e29f.pdf)

Alex Berenson's Supreme Court suit against the Biden administration and media for attempting to induce X to suppress him is discussed in Berenson's substack, Unreported Truths: Independent, citizen-funded journalism [...](#)

Berenson: "In 2021, they tried to destroy me for telling the truth. This isn't paranoia. Hard evidence shows the White House and media targeted my right to speak - and support my family. If not for all of you, they would have succeeded. Yeah, I'm still angry." [...](#)

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