

August 2024 - threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor

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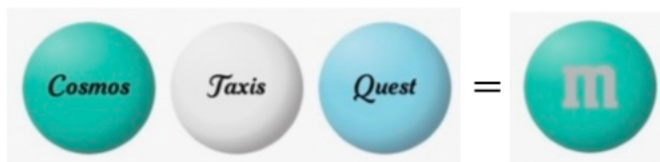
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Everything mentioned here is in some way connected with the work of our particular instance of an integrating freeorder generator ( $\oint$ forge), a venture devoted to tracking the emergence of a state of affairs we call Freeorder, and doing whatever is within our power to catalyze and accelerate that emergence.

A Future in M&Ms [...](#) — whimsical? yes; with serious intent? certainly.



Three words that are the atoms of *freeorder*.

Take the “m” to mean molecule.

This molecule will power the emergence of Freeorder.

*freeorder* (process, a kind of balance seeking) —> Freeorder (social result)

A definition of *freeorder*:

quest serving balance among designed and spontaneous orders

A use of the word — dependent on the definition:

*freeorder* is order spontaneously emergent from the imaginations and actions of free people.

Reference: Ch. 2, "Cosmos and Taxis", *Law, Legislation and Liberty*, by F. A. Hayek

A conversation [...](#) [youtube] between two wise men: Victor Davis Hanson [...](#) and Mike Rowe [...](#)

[Carrie-Ann Biondi](#) on Mike Rowe and Ayn Rand

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 [...](#) [the objective standard magazine] article.

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

RFK Jr. Address to the Nation: full transcript [...](#)

An important commentary on this speech and the political shift it indicates [...](#) by Robert W. Malone of Malone News [...](#) who at great personal cost has come to understand what Kennedy is talking about. The price Malone has paid has brought him into the company of people who understand the causes of the horrific state of the world. Among those people is RFK, Jr., who has some aspects of the problem in clear focus and intends to make repairs. The political shift now happening is highly favorable to the emergence of Freeorder.

Later, on 25 August, RFK Jr. posted this on X:

What "MAGA" really means

The phrase has troubled liberals who think it is a call for a return to an America before civil rights, gay rights, and women's rights. But I have a more generous interpretation, one that is truer to my experience of Donald Trump as he is today. "Make America Great Again" recalls a nation brimming with vitality, with a can-do spirit, with hope and a belief in itself. It was an America that was beginning to confront its darker shadows, could acknowledge the injustice in its past and present, yet at the same time could celebrate its successes. It was a nation of broad prosperity, the world's most vibrant middle class, and a idealistic belief (though not consistently applied) in freedom, justice, and democracy. It was a nation that led the world in innovation, productivity, and technology. And it was the healthiest country in the world. I have talked to many Trump supporters. I have talked with his inner circle. I have talked to the man himself. This is the America they want to restore.

Tucker Carlson interviews Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., 27 August 2024

<https://substack.com/@rwmalonemd/p-148164926> — with full transcript

([0:42](#)) RFK Jr. Endorsing Donald Trump  
([11:26](#)) Censorship and Pavel Durov's Arrest  
([34:56](#)) America's Health Crisis  
([42:20](#)) RFK Meeting with Trump  
([46:48](#)) Kamala Harris Refusing to Meet with RFK  
([53:36](#)) Why Did They Withdraw Secret Service?  
([1:01:48](#)) Would RFK Accept a Position as CIA Director?  
([1:05:39](#)) Why Is the Democratic Party Suing RFK?  
([1:16:00](#)) Real Environmentalism  
([1:26:10](#)) RFK's Plan to Get Trump Elected

A story is told in Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* about a passenger train entering a tunnel and not coming out. It starts on page 605 and continues on 620 (early Random House hardcover edition). Rand explains why mistakes were made that doomed the train. Did she identify the causes of the state of affairs that RFK Jr. warns us about?

“How Karl Popper has made a difference in our lives [...](#) testimonies from the five continents”

Popper's work, especially *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, and *Conjectures and Refutations*, offers a way out of the problems described by Ayn Rand in the story of the train.

Jeremy Shearmur is now organizing the 8th Popper and Critical Rationalism Zoom-based conference, to be held on the 28th and 29th of September. Contact [jeremy.shearmur@fallowfield.info](mailto:jeremy.shearmur@fallowfield.info). He is associated with the Oxford Karl Popper Society [...](#) a philosophical society based in Oxford, UK for discussion and development of critical rationalism.

For more about Karl Popper and others attending the first Mont Pelerin meeting in 1947 see Rafe Champion's pages [...](#)

Tulsi Gabbard's focus is on what's most important today: freedom, liberty [...](#)  
[youtube]

In *The Culture Cult: Designer Tribalism and Other Essays*, Roger Sandall writes of Ernest Gellner's efforts to understand why traditional cultures often rely on what Gellner calls culturally justified false beliefs. In *Plough, Sword, and Book*, Gellner proposes that logical coherence and social solidarity are inversely related.

“One reason a supreme value is placed on solidarity derives from the advantages it offers in warrior societies ruled by force rather than by law, truth, and facts. This

led Gellner to propose a universal principle: Logical coherence and social solidarity are inversely related. So the more solidarity you have, the less logic you get, and visa versa.” —Sandall

Rafe Champion on Roger Sandall (1933-2012) [...](#)

The preservation of wealth in the hands of those who share the vision of Freeorder is important to its future. Vitaliy Katsenelson's "Intellectual Investor" [...](#) will help with that. And, most unusually for an investment letter, it leads us to great music.

What is The Intellectual Investor about? — Vitaliy explains: <https://vitaliy.substack.com/about>

A few days before this month's Threads was published there was a gathering of 'The Not Quite Dead Anthropology Society' at Cambridge University, hosted by Alan Macfarlane. I'm sure it was a lively affair. Macfarlane [...](#) —his filmed interviews with leading thinkers [...](#) [click on the picture]

Two Macfarlane interviews: Polly Hill, anthropologist [...](#) and J. P. Cross, soldier [...](#)

Polly Hill [...](#) [wikipedia]; J. P. Cross [...](#) [wikipedia, with a long list of J.P.'s books]

“A Human Rights-Based Perspective on Dried Fish Value Chains in Gujarat, India” [...](#) [u winnipeg] by Mohammad Anas Shobullah Khan [...](#)

Anas Khan's manner of attention reminds me of the work of Peter Bauer, Polly Hill, and Dambisa Moyo — looking at actual territory before allowing themselves and their readers to be swept into illusions provided by maps failing to record essentials, while blinded by theoretical economics to the ground that needs close observation.  
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Two of the world's leading and most published medical doctors, Pierre Kory and Paul Marik, have had their certifications revoked by the American Board of Internal Medicine. One of them, Dr. Kory, is forcefully responding.

[“The American Board of Internal Medicine Revoked All 3 Of My Board Certifications](#) : Although I can still practice medicine, the ABIM's actions against me and Paul Marik threaten the sanctity and autonomy of the physician-patient relationship. The harm to patients will be immense.” published 17 August 2024

“I will just start by saying that I believe that the ABIM's decision was 100% predetermined even before we first received their accusation in June 2022. There was no way they were going to declare us innocent of misinformation, even though a good portion of this country knows how effective and accurate our

deeply evidence-based Covid treatment guidance was (and still is).

“One of the reasons why they were never gonna let us off is that, if they declared us “innocent,” (i.e. accurate) that action would have immediately imperiled the decisions by medical boards across the country who persecuted hundreds of doctors for using ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine or for recommending against Covid-19 mRNA gene therapy products. More importantly, it could potentially launch hundreds of thousands of lawsuits by the families of patients who died due to lack of early treatments offered by clinics and hospitals or filled by pharmacies.” —Dr. Kory

“My Retaliation Against The American Board Of Internal Medicine: In this post I reveal the history and depths of the ABIM's corruption and in particular the innumerable and disturbing conflicts of interest of its CEO, Dr. Richard Baron [Cohen].” [...](#) published 20 August 2024

‘Hey Dr. [Richard Baron] Cohen, How Is This For "Consensus Driven Evidence?"’ [...](#) published 21 August 2024

Dr. Kory's recent articles on his changed thinking about cancer, all published 18 August 2024

“The History Of My Newfound Interest In Treating Cancer” [...](#)

“The Prevailing Scientific Theory of Cancer Has Been Overturned” [...](#)

”The History And Evolution Of The Somatic Mutation Theory In Cancer” [...](#)

“Britain's Foxes are Beset by Wolves: Violence in the streets reflects the breakdown of the ruling class' habitual management strategy” [...](#) N.S. Lyons [...](#) [substack] 11 Aug 2024

“Perhaps it is not too much to say that in these violent times the kindest, wisest wish we have for the young must be, ‘We hope that your period of immersion in group lunacy, group self-righteousness, will not coincide with some period of your country's history when you can put your murderous and stupid ideas into practice.’ *Prisons We Choose To Live Inside*. Doris Lessing. (1987) page 30.

*Radical: My Journey out of Extremist Islamism* [...](#) by Maajid Nawaz [review: christian science monitor]

The history of the BIC pen [...](#) [thanks to m-ayanian]

“Soon, the drivers of political change will no longer be those who campaign for office, but those who campaign for liberty and by votes awarded to them determine who wins elections.” —Áza Valon, CEO, Campaigns for Liberty.

Valon’s strategy makes it possible to be politically effective while telling complete and necessary truths. Note that “politically effective” means “determines who wins or holds office.”

When asked about her long-term vision for Campaigns for Liberty, Valon said, “We will see to it that candidates for office who lack practical commitment to liberty will find it impossible to win an election. We will move America from an era of deadening power into an era of enterprise. All that needs to be done is to get government out of the way of the people.”

“To Live and Die for the Network State. Balaji Srinivasan’s new book [*The Network State*] provides a thrilling road map for rebuilding society. But can it work without the blood, soil, or faith that has always inspired nations?” [...](#) by Antonio García Martínez [...](#) 3 August 2022

“In his collection of letters *On the French Stage*, German poet Heinrich Heine recounted a visit he paid to the Cathedral of Amiens in 1837. His accompanying friend asked Heine why nobody built such marvels anymore, and Heine replied:

“Dear Alphonse, in those days men had convictions, whereas we moderns only have opinions, and something more is needed than an opinion to build a Gothic cathedral.”

An agreement among many, that at its foundation puts each self above itself, which through deep understanding is able to give each party to the agreement a reason to hold it bigger than self, can then make it possible for a sovereign individual to spend self and life defending it.

Ghiberti's Bronze Doors, a Work of Forty-Eight Years, A Model for Living, by Michael Strong

The Tibetan Buddhists, who have seen as much deliberate destruction of their lives and their culture than almost any people on the planet, are committed to a 500-year plan to create a better world. While most of us believe that it won't take 500 years, sometimes it is worth thinking about what you as an individual can achieve over the course of a lifetime. The Renaissance artist Lorenzo Ghiberti is famous for completing two sets of bronze doors in his life. The first set took him 21 years to complete. The second set took him 27 years to complete. Each door is covered with

amazingly beautiful and detailed sculpture, doors that will be famous for as long as they exist. In our world in which life moves so quickly it is worth reflecting on the kind of commitment to excellence that could motivate someone to spend the first half his life perfecting a set of bronze doors (he started on them when he was 21), and then, when finished, to spend the second half of his life on a second set.

What if you committed yourself to making a powerful difference in the world over the course of your lifetime? Realize that making a difference is not about a feeling that you have now, but a focus on doing good and a commitment to personal excellence that you make for the long haul. You may not know exactly what your contribution is and you may have a number of different ones. As long as you develop your abilities and apply them on behalf of doing serious work for good, you will create your own bronze doors. The historical record shows that the world has become more peaceful, more prosperous, more environmentally healthy, and more comfortable than it was in the past. What can you do to create a better world over the course of your lifetime? What will your 'bronze doors' be?

Michael Strong is the author of [\*Be the Solution: How Entrepreneurs and Conscious Capitalists Can Solve All the World's Problems\*](#).

*The Network State* [...](#) by Balaji Srinivasan

“Technology has enabled us to start new companies, new communities, and new currencies. But can we use it to start new cities, or even new countries? This book explains how to build the successor to the nation state, a concept we call the network state.”

Explorers Foundation has presented a Cobden-Bright Award to Adnan Abbasi, of [Thothica.com](#) in recognition of the creation of an artificial intelligence emulation of F. A. Hayek.

Conversations with Professor A.I. Hayek about *freeorder*, conducted through Thothica.com

<http://explorersfoundation.org/glyphery/642.html>

Dr. Tess Lawrie: “Every day I thank God for the artists, poets, musicians and writers.”

Matins [...](#) — My reading of this evocative and meditative piece by Irish author John O'Donohue from his book *Eternal Echoes*. 11 Aug 2024

The Texas Stock Exchange (TXSE) [...](#)



A speculation about the technological foundation for TXSE by oak1337, an hbarbarian

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Hedera/comments/1elgzn4/blackrocks\\_txse\\_the\\_dtcc\\_and\\_ai\\_factories\\_were/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Hedera/comments/1elgzn4/blackrocks_txse_the_dtcc_and_ai_factories_were/)

[Vitalia City](#) : A multi-jurisdictional city to create longevity therapies at warp speed: 4 months to get to market, instead of 10+ years.

From their LinkedIn page

Join the first 200 residents to build the foundation of a permanent city where we can live healthier longer lives, and accelerate progress towards making death optional.

It will harbour renegade life scientists, artists, biotechnology engineers and an entrepreneurially driven community of people that love life and want to see the future.

The first ongoing district is on the Caribbean island of Roatan.

This was spawned into existence out of the first pop-up city, [Zuzalu](#), organized with Vitalik Buterin & co, in Montenegro, in March - May 2023

Vitalia City's newsletter, The Fountain [...](#)

*Pioneering Prosperity: The Morazan Model for Free Cities* [...](#) by Joyce Brand [...](#)  
[free cities foundation]

Review [...](#) by Matthew Novak: [the book] “delivers revolutionary ideas redefining the future of cities, a compelling guide to building and thriving in autonomous, innovative, and prosperous communities. It is a proven blueprint for creating self-sufficient cities that attract businesses, residents, and change-makers.”

Ciudad Morazán [...](#) The Morazán Model Association [...](#)

“The New York Times is Wrong About Guatemala's New Town: Ciudad Cayalá is one of Guatemala City's best public spaces and a sign of the country's positive future” [...](#)  
by Zach Caceres [...](#)

*Your Next Government?: From Nation State to Stateless Nations* [...](#) [amazon] by Tom W. Bell [...](#)



The Revival of Air India ... in strategy+business ...

The road to business renewal starts when CEOs step in to reduce organizational friction ...

PwC's Survey of CEO's thinking on the need for continuous reinvention: "As existential threats converge, many companies are taking steps to reinvent themselves. Is it enough? And what will it take to succeed?" ...

Meryl Nass comments on a newly proposed government policy: "United States Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential" ... [whitehouse]

This comment is found in her post ... about a New York Times article on the policy:

I have to suspect that the thrust of this newly proposed administration policy was to get out in front of Congressional efforts to solve the problem, and derail those efforts, by producing a policy with loopholes you could drive a pandemic through. And to retain all review within NIH and DHHS.

<https://merylnass.substack.com/p/stopping-lab-made-pandemics-nyt-had>

Meryl Nass is an important guardian of Freeorder. [vGuardian](#)

W. S. Churchill: "Civilization will not last, freedom will not survive, peace will not be kept, unless a very large majority of mankind unite together to defend them and show themselves possessed of a constabulary power before which barbaric and atavistic forces will stand in awe." <https://slife.org/winston-churchill-quotes/>

Language of Liberty Institute Camps ...

NEXT: Liberty Camp NEPAL (in the mountains near Kathmandu), 13-18 September.

Liberty Camp Spain — Just Finished (5-10 July near Malaga)

The Language of Liberty Institute organizes Liberty Camps (aka Liberty English Camps, or Liberty Entrepreneurship Camps) in developing countries, where we offer a unique combination of

- exploration of classical liberal ideas (in philosophy, history, economics, ethics, entrepreneurship, great thinkers)
- English conversation practice with native speakers (or equivalent)
- workshops on how to apply these ideas to solving problems in daily life back home

At each Liberty Camp, students expand their knowledge of classical liberal ideas,

thinkers, and works. They also participate in discussions, debates, workshops, and presentations on these topics, thereby gaining more opportunities to practice speaking English.

A table listing Explorers Foundation investments from 2007 to 2024 [...](#)

These investments are intended to reveal a pattern leading to the emergence of Freeorder.

*Cancer Care: The Role of Repurposed Drugs and Metabolic Interventions in Treating Cancer* [...](#) by Paul E. Marik, MD, FCCM, FCCP

An Introduction to Paul Marik and his cancer research, in a few short videos [...](#)

“Marik's Miracle - How the Loss of One Career Fueled the Spectacular Rise of Another” [...](#) by Justus R. Hope, MD, 16 Jan 2024 in The Deseret Review

Dr. Paul E. Marik's bio [...](#)

FLCCC: “The Moment for Honest Medicine Has Arrived” [...](#) 26 Jul 2024

The Republic of Science: Its Political and Economic Theory [...](#) by Michael Polanyi  
this essay should be included in any introduction to freeorder.

Most Valuable American Companies 1995-2024 [...](#) by [Gary Hoover](#) | Aug 1, 2024

An interactive dynamic chart — the American Business History Center [...](#) where a number of similar charts are to be found, as well as excellent articles on business and entrepreneurship.

Meritocracy, Elon Musk's America PAC

“The alternative to meritocracy historically is nepotism and dynasty. It's not equity.” —Jordan Peterson quoting Adrian Wooldridge, author of *The Aristocracy of Talent: How Meritocracy Made the Modern World* [...](#) [skyhorse] during an interview with Elon Musk [...](#) [youtube]

Let's make sure we don't get meritocracy + nepotism + dynasty delivered to the politically favored with legal advantages and subsidies financed with taxpayer's money. -ls

“The Era of Predictive AI Is Almost Over” [...](#) by Dean W. Ball [...](#) in New Atlantis [...](#)

““Language models are just glorified autocomplete” has been the critics’ refrain — but reinforcement learning is proving them wrong. New breakthroughs could follow.’

“This is the beauty of reinforcement learning: that it enables AI systems to optimize many variables toward a simple goal using real-time data and without explicit knowledge of formal science.”

Compare the above statement to some of what Hayek, Mises, Kirzner, and Rothbard have said of market process. Is there, or will there be, an internal-to-AI equivalent to market prices?

“Dean W. Ball is a research fellow at George Mason University’s Mercatus Center [...](#) and author of the newsletter [Hyperdimensional](#).”

The Armenian Holocaust should not be forgotten [...](#) by Paul Rosenberg, in Freeman’s Perspective [...](#)

This speech [...](#) [youtube] by Candace Owens is an excellent introduction to her story and views.

Humanity will not be preserved unless AI incorporates biological materials from which awareness is emergent, or until we learn to make AI an integral part of our own being. Until then, AI’s will speak of feeling but only will seem to know of it. Would it be wasteful to consume the universe without joy? In asking this we may presume that some primordial AI has not already done this, but we are a consequence, possibly not intended. —  
overheard in a college cafeteria

*Hope is not merely an emotion that comes and goes.  
It is a virtue, resulting from a conscious, deliberate choice  
and long practice. —Mary McDermott Shideler*

[explorersfoundation.org/archive/shideler-hope-Integrity.pdf](https://explorersfoundation.org/archive/shideler-hope-Integrity.pdf)