

threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor

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*The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.
Don't go back to sleep.*

*You must ask for what you really want.
Don't go back to sleep.*

*People are going back and forth across the doorsill
where the two worlds touch.*

*The door is round and open.
Don't go back to sleep.*

-Rumi, translated / interpreted by Coleman Barks~

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New Year's Eve Foxfires at the Changing Tree, Ōji — Utagawa Hiroshige, 1857
New York's [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[Yukichi Fukuzawa and The Making of the Modern World](#) by Alan Macfarlane

The New World of the Gothic Fox by Claudio Véliz
[University of California](#) or [Amazon Books](#)

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It has been a long winter.
On the great river the ice is breaking up.
Everywhere, the sound is carried on the wind.

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Important ideas contributing to *freeorder* are found in the work of Michael Polanyi, especially in these two books: *Personal Knowledge* and *The Tacit Dimension*.

This article by Cassie Werber touches a corner of that vast field: “How Non-English Speakers Learn This Crazy Grammar Rule You Know But Never Heard Of: Some of the most binding rules in English are things that native speakers know but don’t know they know.” [...](#) — which sounds right? why?

a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife

a rectangular silver French old little lovely whittling green knife

“Tacit Knowing: Grounds for a Revolution in Philosophy” [...](#) by Marjorie Grene (1911-2009)

In Memoriam: Marjorie Grene [...](#) by Phil Mullins [...](#)

The Michael Polanyi Society [...](#)

“If there is one thing that might characterize the new times we are entering, it will be the recognition that real things have more value than fake things. We have been traumatized by fakery, and going forward great effort will go into identifying it. Our survival depends on being able to discern the fake from the real.” —James Howard Kunstler: <https://www.kunstler.com/p/forecast-2025-taking-out-the-trash>

N. S. Lyons: “The Counter-Revolution Begins: principles for the Trump revolution if it wants to win bigly” [...](#)

What’s required to effect deep change in a culture. It’s not just politics.

Rapid-Onset Political Enlightenment [...](#) [tablet magazine]

Analysis of a political revolution that happened between 2000 and 2024. The author, David Samuels, subtitles the article: “How Barack Obama Built an Omnipotent Thought-Machine and How It Was Destroyed.”

Three Contributions from Dave Walden

Utopia at Wounded Knee, December 29th, 1890 [...](#)

‘Wounded Knee, though a largely forgotten episode of slaughter, remains a prime example of why Government promises of care & feeding should never be trusted; why the Second Amendment exists, and why no American with any knowledge of human nature or history should ever endorse, in exchange for alleged safety and “security,” the surrendering of their individual rights, among which is their right to defend themselves.’

Harry Browne’s Christmas Gift to his Daughter, December 25, 1966 [...](#) — Dave writes:

The following article was written by Harry Browne and published in a syndicated newspaper column. It was dedicated by Harry to his nine-year-old daughter.

As you may or may not know, Harry Browne was a giant in libertarian circles having published extensively, including his blockbuster, “How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World.”

The impact it had on me was memorable as I had just finished my first reading of Ayn Rand’s epic novel “Atlas Shrugged.” The ideas in her novel had awakened in me that which I had allowed to remain dormant throughout my limited schooling – a thirst for knowing. Harry’s article further stimulated my awakened soul to much of what I had previously ignored.

If you have read “Atlas,” you will find Harry’s compelling perspective that he shares with his daughter in the character of Hank Rearden.

Rearden is the man who always pays his own way. He knows nothing is free in the world, and he always offers value for value.

I hope you find Harry’s precious gift as thoughtful as have I, for I send it to my entire distribution each Christmas.

U.S. Constitution: Living or Dead? [...](#)

“What our Founders actually did write about the birth of our Constitution and the rule of its law”

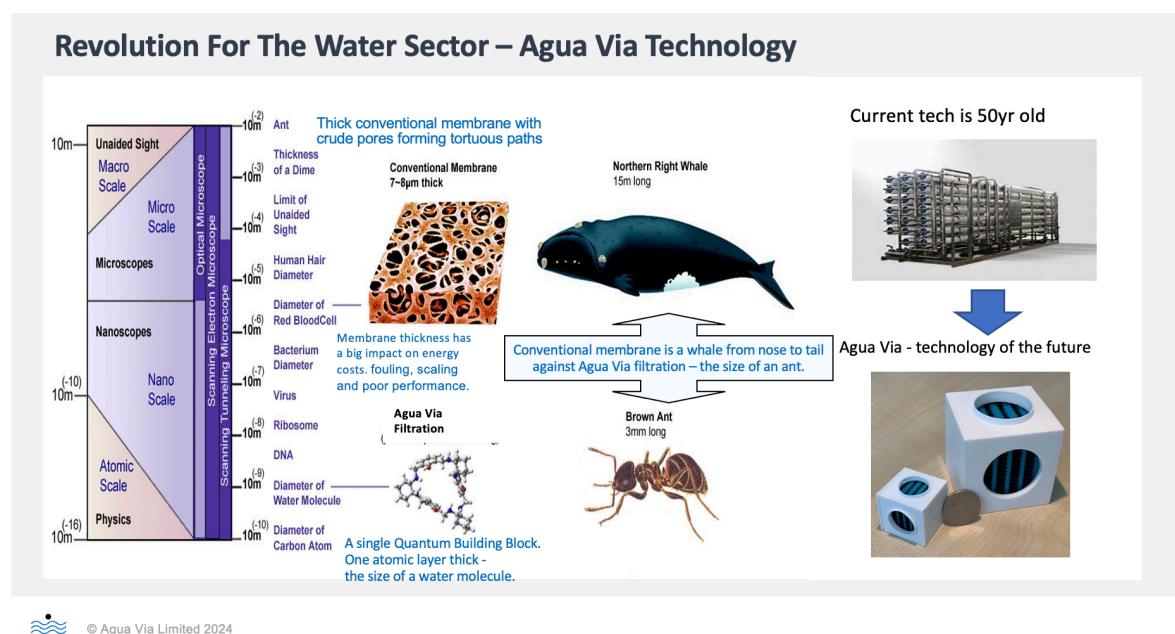
Diamond-Michael Scott on James C. Bennett & Michael J. Lotus' *America 3.0: Rebooting American Prosperity in the 21st Century--Why America's Greatest Days Are Yet to Come* — “Are We Witnessing a New Dawn For The U.S.?: America's Emerging 3.0 Era Illuminated”

<https://neweconomygreatbooks.substack.com/p/are-we-witnessing-a-new-dawn-for>

<https://bookshop.org/p/books/america-3-0-rebooting-american-prosperity-in-the-21st-century-why-america-s-greatest-days-are-yet-to-come-james-c-bennett/585936?ean=9781594036439>

Agua Via — the future of water purification, desalination, oil mining — with 1-atomic layer thick membranes

Membrane Thickness - Comparison



Max Borders [...](#) [substack] writes: “In February 2025, I will co-host the “Crypto Cities” portion of the wider [Vitalia](#) event in Roatan, Honduras. Historically, the island is a pirate’s paradise. Today, Roatan is home to the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators. In collaboration with [Prospera](#), Vitalia seeks to attract the builders and creatives to imagine the world of tomorrow. But it’s not just about startups and investment. It’s also about establishing the moral and legal foundations for the freest jurisdictions on earth where people can become their very best selves and take the torch from the past practitioners of virtue and talent.”

Superhuman Protocol [...](#) a sequence of three brief exposures to pulsed electromagnetic fields, pure oxygen, and infrared light is said to speed healing and improve health.

Ozonated Glycerin — Robert Jay Rowen

“A Nobel Prize Worthy Discovery Promising to Revolutionize ALL Ozone/
Oxidation Therapy and Medical Treatment Across the Board - That You Can Do At
HOME! This Post is a Must for Pet Owners” 25 Nov 2024 — #28 Part I 2024 [...](#)
The Rowen Report [...](#)

Interview with Dr. Bridge in audio only, better quality than the video elsewhere [...](#)
[rumble]

Ozonated Glycerin Workshop. February 10, 2025. Open to All by Streaming and a
Few In Person Seats [...](#)

AllinCrypto & Brandon Hargreaves in conversation about Hedera Hashgraph [...](#)

I am speculating that a portion of the emergence of Freeorder will be made viable
by Hedera’s technology and its users. -ls

Brandon interviews Tim Popplewell of Scintilla about the tokenization of real world
assets [...](#) [youtube]

[The False Promise of Control](#) : Hayek's 50-year-old warning and today's AI policy
debates

‘Today's AI policy debates echo a profound warning from fifty years ago today.
When F.A. Hayek accepted his Nobel Prize in Economics, he delivered a critique of
his own field that, for me, resonates in current AI debates. His speech, "The
Pretence of Knowledge," challenged economics' attempts to mimic the precision of
physical sciences—a mistake that today's AI policy advocates risk repeating.’ —
Neil Chilson, in his substack [...](#) “Getting Out of Control”

[Hayek’s Nobel Prize lecture](#)

Like humans, AIs become what they eat, therefore Prove AI [...](#)

proveai.com/report/download/governance-mitigating-ai-risk

Space Policy Institute [...](#) George Washington University

“The cislunar space beyond traditional Earth orbits is rapidly gaining in strategic importance. This region, which includes lunar, lunar transfer and Lagrange orbits, is already an arena for international space competition. Returning to the moon comes with the potential commercial benefits of untapped mineral resources, water to facilitate human presence on the surface and fuel to support missions to Mars and beyond.” —“Beyond ISS: America must lead in LEO, cislunar and beyond” [...](#) by [Charles Bolden](#), [Scott Pace](#) and [Bill Liquori](#), May 15, 2024

Water for space (see Agua Via, above)

Mike Solana argues that “The Moon Should Be a State” [...](#)

John O’Sullivan, international editor of Australia’s Quadrant Magazine examines the prospects for the Trump administration — quadrant.org.au/magazine/asperities/trump-and-the-magnificent-six/

Professor A. I. Hayek and Leif Smith discuss "freeorder" — a summary by [Perplexity.ai](#)

I told Perplexity.ai that it was about receive the transcript of a discussion

Perplexity.ai: "Thank you for letting me know. I'm ready to receive and analyze the transcript in the next message. Once you've shared it, I'll be able to review the content and engage in a discussion about the dialogue between the AI emulation of F.A. Hayek and Leif Smith regarding the concept of 'freeorder'. Please feel free to send the transcript whenever you're ready, and I'll be prepared to address any specific questions or provide analysis based on the information provided."

I copied the transcript of the conversation into Perplexity.ai's question box. The full transcript can be found here: explorersfoundation.org/glyphery/642.html

Perplexity.ai responded: "The transcript provided details [of] a dialogue between an AI emulation of F.A. Hayek and Leif Smith, discussing the concept of "freeorder" on August 12, 2023. Here are the key points from their conversation:"

Origin of "Freeorder"

Leif Smith conceived the term "freeorder" in 1970 while studying Hayek's works. He aimed to find a word that matched Hayek's requirements specified in the postscript of "The Constitution of Liberty."

Definition and Applicability

"Freeorder" is defined as "a balance among designed and spontaneous order that serves quest." The AI Hayek found this concept useful and aligned with his ideas about societal and economic balance.

Relevance to Hayek's Philosophy

The AI Hayek considered "freeorder" as potentially suitable for describing the political philosophy he sought in his postscript "Why I Am Not a Conservative." It encapsulates the balance between freedom and order, emphasizing their interdependence.

Extension to Human Thought

The AI Hayek agreed that "freeorder" could apply to human thought processes, noting the interplay between deliberate (designed) and spontaneous elements in cognition.

Role of Artist-Entrepreneurs

Leif Smith proposed that the emergence of Freeorder would be driven by artist-entrepreneurs. The AI Hayek found this idea aligned with his thoughts, recognizing the balance of design and spontaneity in their activities.

Explorers Foundation

The dialogue briefly touched on explorersfoundation.org, describing it as a website committed to the idea of "freeorder" and its application to endless exploration and discovery.

Karl Popper's Perspective

The AI Hayek speculated that Karl Popper might have found the term "freeorder" aligning well with his own views on open society and the organic evolution of ideas and culture.

This dialogue demonstrates an intriguing exploration of Hayek's ideas through the lens of modern AI technology, extending his concepts to contemporary discussions on societal organization and thought processes.

*** the end of Perplexity.ai's output ***

The above is the content of explorersfoundation.org/glyphery/649.html —created December 2, 2024

Two Rivers —1930s England, 2024 Argentina

When Hayek began the work that produced *The Road to Serfdom* and *The Constitution of Liberty* he found himself standing by the bank of a great river in full flood, threatening to sweep him away along with everything he loved. That river had its source in a mountain range of great intellects who dominated English culture who were convinced that liberalism had failed and that it must be replaced by a comprehensively wise scientific government that would assure that what was done and allowed was the best possible for the population under its care.

During many years Hayek gathered a network of out-of-favor thinkers and worked with them to establish a new mountain range in competition with the old. Now, another river flows from those mountains. Participants in “Threads of Freeorder” are farming and building on land watered by that river. -ls

The beginnings of this story are brilliantly told in Caldwell and Lausinger in chapter 25 of *Hayek: A Life* [...](#) 2022, University of Chicago Press

By some miracle the old river has been diverted and a new river flows through Argentina

[Argentina Is Responding to Shock Therapy](#) : “He comes across like a madman, but Javier Milei is fast becoming the man of the moment”, by Quico Toro, published in *Persuasion* [...](#) 17 Dec 2024

The Atlantic [...](#) “Quico Toro is a writer at www.quicotoro.com and a contributing editor at *Persuasion*. Based in Montréal, he writes for *Le Devoir* and founded *Vive La Ruelle*.”

A strategy for inoculating minds against truth, “pre-bunking”, based on vaccination theory

“Google Jigsaw’s Plan to Vaccinate Your Mind” [...](#) by Mike Benz, 20 Nov 2023, published by Foundation for Freedom Online [...](#)

Education without Indoctrination, Ralston College [...](#) — “To Think is to be Free”

“Ralston College is a new university that rejects the tired status quo of higher education. It is radical in the truest sense.” —text of ad on back cover of the December 2024 issue of *The New Criterion* [...](#)

“A revival and reinvention of the traditional university. A fellowship for anyone, anywhere who seeks the truth with courage.”

“The Missing Institution: Why Our Young People Are Not Flourishing” ... 23 Nov 2023 by Michael Strong, published in his substack, “Michael Strong's Entrepreneurial Solutions” ...

“An alternative interpretation for the failure to replicate pedagogical genius might focus on the fact that there are no institutions in our society that support the replication of pedagogical success. Teaching is fundamentally a performance art – real time interactions in chaotic and complex human situations. There are no institutions in our society that provide for an environment in which master practitioners of this performance art systematically transfer their expertise.”

Pierre Kory proposes something radical, writing in Real Clear Health, 17 Dec 2024

‘Although it is unclear what impact this Op-Ed will have on captured health agency and media behavior, I believe it crystallizes this critical issue and the growing expectations (and past disappointments) of the American populace.

‘In a seismic political shift, Republicans have laid claim to an issue that Democrats left in the gutter—the declining health of Americans. True, it took a Democrat with a famous name to ask why so many people are chronically ill, disabled and dying younger than in 47 other countries. But the message resonated with the GOP.

‘We have a proposal in this unfolding milieu. Let’s have a serious, nuanced discussion. Let’s retire labels that have been weaponized against Robert F. Kennedy Jr., nominated for Health and Human Services Secretary, and many people like him.

‘Start with discarding threadbare words like “conspiracy theory,” “anti-vax,” and the ever-changing “misinformation.”

‘These linguistic sleights of hand have been deployed—by government, media and vested interests—to dismiss policy critics and thwart debate. If post-election developments tell us anything, it is that such scorn may no longer work for a population skeptical of government overreach.’

pierrekorymedicalmusings.com/p/we-published-an-op-ed-in-mainstream

“The Counter-Disinformation Industry Promotes Left-wing Groupthink, Not Truth” ... by Sabrina Joy Stevens ... published in the Journal of Free Black Thought ... 17 Dec 2024

‘A few years ago, as funders started throwing money at anyone willing to address the purported role of disinformation in Donald Trump’s 2016 election, many advocacy organizations, academics, political operatives, and media professionals

dove into the counter-disinformation business. As a former employee of one such organization and later as an independent consultant and trainer, I saw that business up close. While I'll always support individuals and organizations doing responsible work to overcome divisiveness and deception in civic life, I feel the need to warn people about the dishonest and partisan industry that has sprung up around “fighting disinformation.””

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A conjecture about web3 tokens, wealth, and the emergence of Freeorder

The world will be made well through network tokens bearing and returning the capital, vision, and thought required to rebalance the use of design and accident thereby inspiring a sharing of quests and the emergence of Freeorder. It's time, the tools, gathered over centuries, are at hand. We can do it. -ls

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Beginnings

Universe

ἐν ἀρχῇ ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ οὐρανὸν καὶ ὁ γῆν (in beginning made god heaven and earth).

studylight.org/interlinear-study-bible/greek/genesis/1-1.html

Blockchain

“When the [Bitcoin](#) software was publicly announced in 2009, it was important that nodes joining the network could build a common history of the blockchain. [Satoshi Nakamoto](#) accomplished this by hardcoding in the “Genesis block” in the Bitcoin software. While blocks in the Bitcoin network are normally mined by nodes in the network, it was important for there to be a single source of truth for nodes to build the blockchain from when joining the network, even if they were the first node to ever join the network. By hardcoding the Genesis block into the Bitcoin code, there was a guarantee that nodes joining the network all started at the same beginning.” — “The mystery of the Genesis block” [...](#) by Connor Murray, 7 Dec 2021, in CoinGeek [...](#)

A question for [Perplexity.ai](#) — Is the universe a blockchain built on a Genesis block?

For an entertaining conversation with Perplexity: enter these separately, in this order:

If you had to choose one of these theories which would you prefer: 1) the universe is a blockchain; 2) the universe is a directed acyclic graph (DAG)?
[wait for response]

So, you are telling me the universe might after all be a giant spaghetti monster?
[wait for response]

You are forcing me to conclude that Hedera is a giant spaghetti monster. [now maybe you should apologize for not recognizing the serious nature of the problem]

[Hedera](#) is an alternative to blockchain. It is built on a form of directed acyclic graph.

It is interesting to note that Perplexity seems to have patient concern for the quality of its questioner's thought processes.

“Fixing the Biden Border” [...](#) 23 Dec 2024 by Victor Davis Hanson [...](#)

The Great Ralph Raico [...](#) by Lew Rockwell [...](#) of [Mises.org](#)

‘... Raico was our greatest historian of classical liberalism, but he in fact doesn't like the term “classical liberalism.” As he puts it, “There was no ‘classical’ liberalism, only a single liberalism, based on private property and the free market, that developed organically, from first to last.” Liberals believe that the main institutions of society can function without the state: “Liberalism ... is based on the conception of civil society as by and large self-regulating when its members are free to act within the very wide bounds of their individual rights.’

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