

threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor

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A question that will drive the emergence of Freeorder: “What are good balances among designed and spontaneous orders if the test of balance is fitness to support lives of subjectively rewarded quest?”

A convergence is happening among those now catalyzing the emergence of Freeorder

The Blob (the administrative state and its entanglements) hates those who are passionate about truth, and who therefore will not be silent. When quarantine of dissident questioners fails the blob forcibly ejects them, many of whom have served with distinction for entire careers. The exiles go through a time of isolation, but begin to find one another. As these homeless recognize each other they find that they share principles and visions.

From the Brownstone Institute [●●](#) a home for exiles and pioneers

<https://brownstone.org/articles/in-praise-of-brownstonians/> — published 17 Jan 2025

‘The upheavals of our time are not only political; they are also intellectual. They call upon all people of goodwill to rethink old ideological categories and loyalties.

‘No one ten years ago, for example, could have imagined the fusing of interests of America First foreign policy interests with working-class concerns about middle-class living standards with naturalist health concerns and civil-libertarian concerns over censorship and medical compulsion.

‘These groups, having been separated by artificial barriers of political labeling, found each other seemingly in an instant, and in light of the Covid

experience. We are now busy learning from each other. The ruling class imagined a “whole-of-society” approach to infectious disease but instead generated “whole of society” incredulity and fury, and a new awareness of how the commanding heights have set themselves against the interests of everyone else.’

“Thoughts on Wizards” [...](#) by Leif Smith — darkness summons light

Written in 1973 for a Tolkien fanzine, “Amon Din”, edited by Steve Porter, published by the Tolkien Society of Treewood in Englewood, Colorado. The magazine was created by a group of teenagers living in an admirable world of their own.

"Inklings of Another World" [...](#) by Mary McDermott Shideler — the significance of J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*

The first meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society, was called together by F. A. Hayek, April 1947 at Mont Pelerin, Switzerland (a list of all participants [...](#)). The significance of this meeting for freeorder may be illuminated by Tolkien’s account of the meeting of the Council of Elrond [...](#) at Rivendell, called to respond to the threat posed by the One Ring. “One Ring to Rule All? Caution Advised, thank you F. A. Hayek,” [...](#) by Pat Wagner, May 8, 2014.

On Hayek’s reason for organizing the Mont Pelerin Society see “Liberalism: Its Adversaries and Allies”, chapter 25 of *Hayek: A Life, 1899-1950* [...](#) [u chicago press] by Bruce Caldwell and Hansjoerg Klausinger. That meeting changed the world and its prospects in more ways than are often understood, except by a very few who possess good memories of the future.

A kind of Venture Investors, drivers of Freeorder Emergence

When Anthony Fisher met with F. A. Hayek at the London School of Economics in 1945 there were in the world few ventures researching and teaching about freeorder (under any name). Today, worldwide, in important part due to Fisher’s work, there are hundreds. The investment of lives and wealth has been substantial. In 1945, ex-RAF pilot Fisher did not have the money to engage in this work. He solved the problem by building a company to provide the English with chicken.

Chickens and Freedom: Sir Anthony Fisher and his Buxted Chicken Company, founded in England in 1954, played a key part in creating over five hundred free market oriented think tanks, now in almost every country in the world. His start was to smuggle a dozen chicken eggs from Cornell into England decorated as Easter Eggs — only fitting since smugglers of beneficial goods are heroes of freeorder. See entries below (February) on Brasil for evidence of the impact of these groups.

Anthony Fisher: Champion of Liberty ... (Amazon) Gerald Frost ... [danube institute]

This book is available as a pdf ... without charge from the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) ... London.

Dr. Pierre Kory, a tribute by Lilly Defina posted by Robert W Malone MD, MS, 11 Jan 2025

Lilly Defina's tribute to Dr. Pierre Kory ... "The Man, The Myth, The Legend"

Dr. Malone writes:

'Dr. Pierre Kory. What a physician and warrior. Most shirk, and a few rise to the challenge. I consider him a fellow truth teller, friend, mentor, and colleague. I have been in foxholes with him and know that he will neither weenie out nor will he stab me in the back. A key groundbreaking medical leader throughout the COVIDcrisis. I first came to know him when, as editor, I asked him to submit his review regarding early treatment for COVID using Ivermectin to an edition of "Frontiers in Pharmacology" focused on repurposed drugs. The subsequent events starkly revealed the corruption of medical journals. Since then, he seems to have finally found a modicum of peace, after all the outrageous slings and arrows.'

Dr. Malone's substack ...

Dr. Kory's substack ...

Lilly Defina's substack ...

Freedom Worldwide with Tom G. Palmer: Iran in a Changing Middle East —
Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time: Sign up here: <https://resources.atlasnetwork.org/freedom-worldwide-iran-in-a-changing-middle-east/> —
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"Iran's authoritarian regime is losing power. Everyday Iranians are rejecting official propaganda and have even refused to take part in state-sponsored pro-Hamas demonstrations. Although it still faces government oppression, the freedom movement in the country is growing as more and more people come in contact with the ideas of free markets and individual rights. The regime's waning strength has created a unique opportunity for growing pro-freedom momentum in Iran and across the region to advance peace, prosperity, and human dignity.

"Join Dr. Tom G. Palmer—live from the Middle East—as he leads a conversation on the changing situation in Iran and what it means for the future of freedom in the country and across the region. This webinar will feature Mohamad Machine-Chian,

an Iranian public policy scholar and a leader of the country's freedom movement.

“What’s in Store:

What role the Iranian regime plays in the broader Middle East

How the freedom movement in Iran has grown

What this movement means for the region

What the future holds for free markets and individual rights in Iran and beyond

“About Dr. Tom G. Palmer:

Atlas Network’s Executive Vice President, Dr. Tom G. Palmer, has played a pivotal role in advancing liberty in challenging environments, from behind the Iron Curtain to the heart of the Muslim World. His rich experiences fostering young freedom movements around the globe make him the perfect guide to explore the current situation in the Middle East.”

Current Bird Flu Outbreak is Man-Made: USDA Serial-Passage Gain-of-Function Research Extended Host Range to Migratory Waterfowl, Cattle, Sea Mammals [...](#) by Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH, 2 Jan 2025

‘We have reached crisis levels of doubt. It is The Age of Unenlightenment or what Brett Weinstein calls the Cartesian Dark Ages.’ by David Collum — <https://peakprosperity.com/2024-year-in-review-what-is-a-fact/>

‘My frustration levels soar when I try to provide what I believe is an uncomfortable truth and my victim responds, “I Googled it, and you are wrong.” Oh for fuck’s sake: how many Deep-State sponsored fact-checkers told you that? It feels like we are suffering from a non-kinetic assault from somebody using Sun Tsu’s Three Warfares Doctrine: psychological warfare, media warfare, and legal warfare. I have no idea where this is coming from, but I have ground my brain to mush trying to understand why so many of our leaders show no evidence of foundational beliefs in the American Experiment. Paul Harvey nailed it in his 1965 diatribe, “If I Were the Devil.”’ [...](#) [rumble]

“Forecast 2025 — Taking Out the Trash” [...](#) by James Howard Kunstler, 27 Dec 2024

"A core reflex in these decades of postmodern insanity was constant rejection of things we thought we knew in favor of New, Improved Beliefs packaged from above." — Matt Taibbi, Racket News

James Watt [...](#) [project gutenber] a biography by Andrew Carnegie

Michael Polanyi - Resources, collected by Phil Mullins and Walter Gulick

<https://polanyisociety.org/2022Zoom/June2022Zoom/Polanyi-Resources-Michael-Polanyi--the-Basics-1May22-master.pdf>

Alexander Dugin, “Trump’s Revolution” — on understanding Trump

<https://www.arktosjournal.com/p/trumps-revolution>

The Byzantine Empire  [youtube] by Sean Gabb — a series of twenty videos

“Between 330 AD and 1453, Constantinople (modern Istanbul) was the capital of the Roman Empire, otherwise known as the Later Roman Empire, the Eastern Roman Empire, the Mediaeval Roman Empire, or The Byzantine Empire. For most of this time, it was the largest and richest city in Christendom. The territories of which it was the central capital enjoyed better protections of life, liberty and property, and a higher standard of living, than any other Christian territory, and usually compared favourably with the neighbouring and rival Islamic empires.

“The purpose of this course is to give an overview of Byzantine history, from the refoundation of the City by Constantine the Great to its final capture by the Turks.”

Asynchronous Byzantine Fault Tolerance (aBFT)

This did not help in the year 1453, but may be important today.

Hashgraph Consensus: Fair, Fast, Byzantine Fault Tolerance, by Leemon Baird, May 31, 2016, Swirlds Tech Report TR-2016-01

<https://www.swirlds.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/2016-05-31-Swirlds-Consensus-Algorithm-TR-2016-01.pdf>

Abstract. A new system, the Swirlds hashgraph consensus algorithm, is proposed for replicated state machines with guaranteed Byzantine fault tolerance. It achieves fairness, in the sense that it is difficult for an attacker to manipulate which of two transactions will be chosen to be first in the consensus order. It has complete asynchrony, no leaders, no round robin, no proof-of-work, eventual consensus with probability one, and high speed in the absence of faults. It is based on a gossip protocol, in which the participants don’t just gossip about transactions. They gossip about gossip. They jointly build a hashgraph reflecting all of the gossip events. This allows Byzantine agreement to be achieved through virtual voting. Alice does not send Bob a vote over the Internet. Instead, Bob calculates what vote Alice would have sent, based on his knowledge of what Alice knows. This yields fair Byzantine agreement

on a total order for all transactions, with very little communication overhead beyond the transactions themselves.

Leemon Baird | The Future of Distributed Ledger Technology Is Not Blockchain, It's Hashgraph, Episode 22 of Demitri Kofinas' Hidden Forces, 16 Oct 2017

<https://hiddenforces.io/podcasts/leemon-baird-hashgraph-consensus-whitepaper/>

Kofinas was one of the first to recognize the significance of Baird's invention for networks of computers that must maintain trusted agreement about the data they hold.

Baird earned a Ph.D. in computer science at Carnegie Mellon in less than three years, the fastest ever, but it took him another five years of failed attempts to solve the problem of achieving consensus about the state of data commonly held by computers in an extensive worldwide network. His solution is now almost invisibly changing the world. [this speculation can be contested -ls]

“Reform the Federal Reserve’s Governance to Deliver Better Monetary Outcomes” [...](#)
by Daniel Katz and Stephen Miran, Adjunct Fellows, Manhattan Institute, 24 Mar 2024

“This report argues that important benefits flow from a central bank that can conduct monetary policy free from short-term political pressures—and that to enable the Fed to do so, its governance should be overhauled. We propose a series of reforms aimed at recalibrating the Fed’s governance to ensure that it remains insulated from day-to-day politics while enhancing its accountability and democratic legitimacy.”

Question: Is it the fundamental purpose of a central bank to give government a way to spend without taxing? This is a question not asked in the above paper, but something I’m curious about. -ls

Another question: How can someone be responsible for a debt they did not agree to incur?

Thinking about this places weight on the use of the word “responsible”, and thinking about that raises further difficult questions.

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

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

EQTY Lab’s AI Integrity Suite: A Framework for Transparent AI [...](#)

Verifiable Compute, white paper [...](#) Dec 2024

Steve Kirsch writes: “Official Czech Republic record level data released Nov 2024 confirms Moderna has nearly 50% higher ACM than Pfizer — For the first time in human history, a national government has voluntarily released record level data for vaccine. Epidemiologists worldwide IGNORE this data. But it doesn't stop me.” — 19 Jan 2025

<https://kirschsubstack.com/p/official-czech-republic-record-level>

Kirsch’s summary: “No more needs to be said. Expect the medical community to do nothing. The data that is now in plain sight is too embarrassing for anyone to look at. Kudos to the Czech Republic. More countries should do the same. Medical outcomes are never improved when public health data is kept secret.”

Escaping Stock Market Double Hell [...](#) by Vitaliy Katsenelson, 23 Jan 2025

With a postscript about Shostakovich’s Piano Concerto 2, and a link to a performance by the composer.

Naum Katsenelson [...](#) a Russian artist now living in the United States.

“Naum Katsenelson matured as an artist in Russia. He became passionate about art at the age of ten. Naum visited the art classes of many famous teachers and masters of Soviet art, such as Alexander Mikhailov, Vasiliy Voronin, and Valentin Alekseev. From 1948 through 1952, in his teenage years, Naum’s artwork was exhibited in Moscow, All-Soviet Union, and international youth art exhibits.”

I like this artist’s work and hope to do a little to make him better known. -ls

Donald Trump’s speech at the Davos World Economic Forum, 23 Jan 2025, introduced by Klaus Schwab — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Wwzj29kuvo> [starts at 8:00 minutes]

The Wheel of Emergence
yes drives no — no enables yes



The image of Freeorder summons expectation of light, the energy to remove darkness.

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