

threads of freeorder, leif smith, editor

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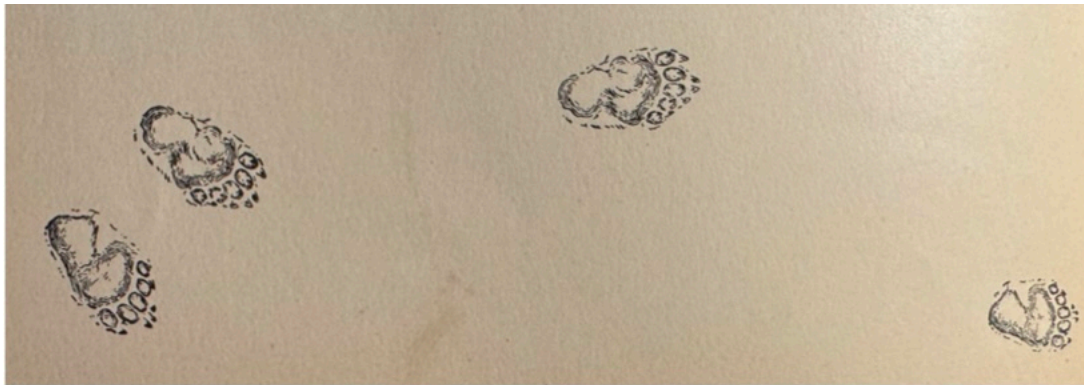
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A gentle powerful bear came out of the forest into a starlit clearing.

The ocean was near. A piano was there. The bear [played](#)

The forest was awed, and proud to be home to such a bear.



Ernest Thompson Seton, The Biography of a Grizzly, 1900

Erik Prince at Hillsdale, a talk on the future (and present) of warfare (and civilization)

youtube.com/watch?v=WsKtfLRSo2c

Prince dropped out of the U.S. Naval Academy; got a degree in Austrian School economics from Hillsdale College, during which time he served its city as a volunteer fireman; became a Navy Seal; started and ran one of the world's largest private military organizations, Blackwater; and recently has created a new phone and operating system offering maximum security.

The phone company founded by Prince is Unplugged.com

Elon Musk on the future of warfare and AI ... [youtube]

Farzad writes: Join us as Elon Musk discusses the transformative impact of AI and drones on future warfare. He highlights how current conflicts, such as the war in Ukraine, showcase the prominence of drone warfare. Musk addresses the potential risks of autonomous machines and emphasizes the need for robust communication systems, like Starlink, in military operations. He also touches upon the evolving relationship between humans and machines, the importance of innovative leadership, and the critical attributes necessary for future military success. This insightful conversation explores the strategic role of technology in national defense and the future of military operations in an increasingly digital age.

[00:00](#) Introduction to Human and the Machine

[00:06](#) The Future of Warfare: AI and Drones

[01:16](#) Autonomous Killing Machines: Localized AI

[01:55](#) Drones in Modern Conflicts

[02:53](#) Scaling Drone Production

[04:00](#) Historical Military Strategies and Modern Adjustments

[06:06](#) Neuralink and the Future of Human-Machine Integration

[06:21](#) Space-Based Communications and Military Strategy

[14:49](#) Trust Between Humans and Machines

[22:46](#) Innovative Leadership and Process Optimization

[29:27](#) Conclusion and Final Thoughts

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An idea from the discussion: Trust between humans and machines may depend on making AI truth seeking and curious.

Farzad Media: youtube.com/channel/UCgbyN_o-Guwpyqfuuz3pylw/join

"On Sheep, Wolves, and Sheepdogs", by Dave Grossman

"If you have no capacity for violence then you are a healthy productive citizen, a sheep. If you have a capacity for violence and no empathy for your fellow citizens, then you have defined an aggressive sociopath, a wolf. But what if you have a capacity for violence, and a deep love for your fellow citizens? What do you have then? A sheepdog, a warrior, someone who is walking the hero's path. Someone who can walk into the heart of darkness, into the universal human phobia, and walk out unscathed."

The latest version of Grossman's article ...

Also at: explorersfoundation.org/glyphery/406.html

“A sheep spends its whole life worried about being eaten by the wolf. Only in the end to be eaten by the shepherd.” Apt commentary on our current situation, as we await mandates directed at us by self-annointed, but unfathomably wise, fleecing shepherds. ~thanks to Bob Haywood, who sent this to us a few years ago. Still true.

“The Invisible Hand Behind a Hundred City-States” [...](#) Max Borders interviews Bob Haywood

‘We sit down with Bob Haywood, the "policy entrepreneur" of Opportunity Zones. Arguably, Haywood has done more than anyone alive to lift people out of poverty.’

At Bob’s prompting, Max quickly allows that he has exaggerated Bob’s achievements with regard to the founding of city states, but justly insists, without objection, that Bob’s work has been world changing.

Tom Palmer reports from Syria (an email from Tom Palmer):

During our January trip to Syria, the Atlas Network team and I met with local leaders who are working to freedom in the post-Assad era.

As this month's horrible violence confirms, it's not an easy path.

Assad loyalists and independent terrorists—with the support of the Iranian and Russian governments—are fighting for a return to dictatorship and to extinguish any chance that the new government adopt freedom-focused reforms.

But rather than just watch in horror, our partners—with the help of Atlas Network—are working to stop the cycle of violence and to institute the long-term solution by substituting win-win free-market exchange for violence.

It begins with coordination with Atlas Network partners already in the region.

First, our friends at the Arab Center for Research are teaching and explaining clearly in Arabic—through accessible videos, classrooms, and every form of media available—the benefits of free markets, property rights, and limited, constitutional government to the wider Arabic-speaking population.

Next, our friends at the Lebanese Institute for Market Studies (LIMS) have identified urgent reform needs. They're commissioning, editing, presenting, and promoting well-researched and feasible policy proposals.

Plus, the centerpiece of our effort is a brand-new Atlas Network partner organization based in Damascus—a center for liberty, voluntary wealth creation through markets, and limited government in the heart of a former brutal tyranny.

Today, I’m excited to share that, thanks to our community, this new organization has

been established!

Please join me in welcoming the [Free Syria Center](#) to Atlas Network!

The Free Syria Center will be the think tank in Damascus advocating for personal freedom despite threats of violence, terrorism, and civil war.

I'm excited to share this with you because this is a major victory for freedom, and it wouldn't have been possible without everything you and our community are doing to support our mission worldwide.

Our network has long supported our friends with grant funding, coaching, training, networking, and sharing winning strategies, and now we're making our network even stronger by establishing our first partner organization in Syria.

In short, Adam and I saw on the ground how hard it would be and what efforts would be needed to bring lasting freedom to Syria, and despite the challenges, we're still taking significant steps forward in the direction of long-lasting peace and prosperity.

But we can't keep up the momentum without your help.

We have a plan. It's in motion. And now, we need to see it through to the finish line.

Will you stand with me now and support our model for expanding free enterprise worldwide, including in Syria?

[Show that you stand with Atlas Network and our brave partners by making an urgent gift of \\$250, \\$100, \\$50, \\$25, or even \\$12.80 \(celebrating the date the Assad regime fell\).](#)

In Liberty,

Dr. Tom G. Palmer
Executive Vice President for International Programs
Atlas Network

To get on Tom's list go to atlasnetwork.org

“No Need to Argue. Just Build” — Niklas Anzinger, Richard Hanania, Infinia City, 30 October 2023, a one-hour discussion (audio)

cspicenter.com/p/no-need-to-argue-just-build-niklas

[Niklas Anzinger](#) [x.com] is the founder and General Partner of Infinita, the first Próspera-based VC fund, which invests in founders overcoming regulatory capture in

crypto, biotech and hardware through network states and startup cities. He's also one of the 100 or so residents of Próspera.

“Niklas is part of the charter city movement, which seeks to build hubs of innovation and progress while bringing the rule of law and economic development to poorer regions of the world. In this eventful conversation, Richard and Niklas touch on

- The mechanics of governance in Próspera
- Getting around red tape and becoming a hub of medical innovation
- Amenities and quality of life in the city
- Upcoming conferences and events”

“Infinita supports founders in overcoming regulatory bottlenecks by utilising startup cities, network states and legal engineering.” — infinitavc.com

Free Cities — free-cities.org/about-us

“Our mission is to support innovation in governance that leads to greater human freedom and prosperity. We aim to inspire, inform and connect people to accelerate the creation of a global market of living together in Free Cities.”

Michael Yon

Yon is warrior, journalist, photographer, book author, thinker, with a depth and international expanse of experience hard to equal. Unique observations.

Michael Yon's Newsletter: michaelyon.substack.com

“Why I'm Turned On By Truth: My Ecstatic Embrace of Everything” ... by Diamond-Michael Scott, 28 Mar 2025

World Tai Chi & QiGong Day, 26 April 2025 — taichibroomfield.com

“[Broomfield, Colorado] – On Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 9 AM local time, millions of people across more than 80 countries will unite for World Tai Chi and Qigong Day, creating a powerful "healing wave" that will spread across the planet. Starting in New Zealand and rolling through six continents, this global event promotes health, wellness, and a deep sense of community.”

Blue Heron Tai Chi, Longmont, Colorado ...

Articles by Doug Casey ... David Stockman ... and Nick Giambruno ...

Deeply committed to free markets but critical of some of Donald Trump's policies.

The David Stockman Archives [...](#) on Doug Casey's "International Man" pages

"David Stockman on Whether Trump Will Really Make America Free and Prosperous Again" [...](#)

"Doug Casey on the US Government's Bitcoin Pivot and What Comes Next" [...](#)

"World War 3 Is Already Underway: The Battle for the World Order" [...](#) by Nick Giambruno

Max Borders is interviewed on the Reed Morin show about "Stopping America's Collapse" — underthrow.substack.com/p/a-three-hour-tour

Max is the author of the book [Underthrow](#) and of the Substack by the same name.

Impart Global [...](#) — a new tool for artists and creatives of all kinds

"IMPART is developing a decentralized application (DAPP) on the HEDERA HASHGRAPH, providing a platform where creators of all types—including musicians, digital artists, filmmakers, podcasters, authors, and more—can seamlessly upload and monetize their work.

"Users of the DApp can stream, view, listen to and shop these creations - supporting those creatives in the process.

"The DApp will have express tools which allow artists and fans to connect with each other in new ways thanks to the technology available on the Hashgraph.

"The primary role of this DApp is to function as an all-in-one creative platform which does not discriminate between artists based on their popularity level, but rather aims to give all creatives on the platform equal standing - using algorithms which prioritize user interest, with a heavy focus on curation. Creatives will also receive a fair portion of all streams & sales, unlike most traditional platforms." —white paper

Brandon Hargreaves interviews [...](#) [youtube] Liam Pitcher, founder & CEO of Impart Global.

Tokenization, Zero Hedge — a simple intro to a new form of finance

zerohedge.com/crypto/tokenization-new-frontier-capital-market

Scintilla [...](#) a company devoted to the tokenization of real world assets (RWA).

The Republic of Letters Books, Mineral Point, Wisconsin — republicoflettersbooks.com

Spring '25 Update ...

“Our other BIG news is the upcoming March 1st release of our book, The Wisconsin Whey, a collaboration between Republic of Letters, The Book Kitchen, Little Creek Press, writer Judy Coburn and photographer Paul Strabbing.

If you haven't yet, you still have a few more days to [pre-order](#) a copy (or five!). Pre-ordering is the only way to get the special numbered edition of the book, which will make a great gift for the cheese lovers in your life.

If you'd also like to come to the release party and hang out with the rockstar cheesemakers, eat fantastic cheese, and just generally be a cool person, we have a few tickets [left](#). We can't wait to see you there!”

Jane Jacobs on how stressed cities can be birthplaces of new vitality

A 2024 reflection on the continuing importance of Jacob's work: “‘The Death and Life of Great American Cities’ Remains Relevant Today” ... by [Seth Bose](#), August 14, 2024

‘Journalist and Global Book Ambassador Diamond Michael Scott Talks About His Publication “Great Books, Great Minds” and His Mission To Connect One Million Authors and One Million Readers’

eshemagazine.com/2020/10/journalist-and-global-book-ambassador-diamond-michael-scott-talks-about-his-publication-great-books-great-minds-and-his-mission-to-connect-one-million-authors-and-one-million-readers/

Jon Stewart & Nick Gillespie on Trump, Freedom & Bob Dylan

“Nick Gillespie, Editor at Large of Reason magazine and host of The Reason Interview with Nick Gillespie podcast, joins Jon to discuss libertarianism and break down Trump's plans to shrink the federal government. They'll dive into whether free markets need government oversight and search for the ideal balance between liberty and the public good.” — [The interview](#) [youtube]

The Bioregional Weaving Labs ... [substack]

“The Bioregional Weaving Guide: Essential resources for mobilising 1 million changemakers to restore, protect and regenerate 1 million ha of Europe's land and sea.”

bioregionalweavinglabs.substack.com/p/bioregional-weaving-guide

“A bioregion invites us to inhabit a place in a way that is full of relationship. Seeing where the natural boundaries of our bioregion are, we can then see the many ecosystems and human systems alive within it. All of these systems like fresh water and biodiversity or transport and health are connected.”

News from [Sand Country Foundation](#)

[Finalists Selected for Colorado Leopold Conservation Award](#)

‘Two cattle ranches have been selected as finalists for the 2025 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award®.

‘The award honors ranchers, farmers, and forestland owners who go above and beyond in their management of soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat on working land.

‘Named in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, this award recognizes landowners who inspire others with their dedication to environmental improvement. In his influential 1949 book, A Sand County Almanac, Leopold advocated for “a land ethic,” an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.”’

Lex Fridman’s interview with Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

“Transcript for Narendra Modi: Prime Minister of India – Power, Democracy, War & Peace | Lex Fridman Podcast #460 — lexfridman.com/narendra-modi-transcript

“This is a transcript of Lex Fridman Podcast #460 with Narendra Modi. The timestamps in the transcript are clickable links that take you directly to that point in the main video. Please note that the transcript is human generated, and may have errors. Here are some useful links:

- Go back to [this episode’s main page](#)
- Watch the [full YouTube version of the podcast](#)”

Pathways, a poem by Contarini [...](#) — the final lines:

*Do not be downcast.
Our companions on the journey make it possible.
Our companions on the journey make it worth the march.*

Cascadian Farm ... Home Farm donated to Rodale Institute ...

“On September 29, 2022, General Mills announced it is donating the Cascadian Farm Home Farm in Skagit Valley, Washington to new owners, Rodale Institute.

“The Home Farm is a working organic farm started in 1972 by Cascadian Farm founder, Gene Kahn, who believed that organic agriculture could make a positive impact on the health of the planet.”

cascadianfarm.com/home-farm

The Lunatic Farmer ... a film about Joe Salatin

“The Lunatic Farmer isn’t just a documentary about farming; it’s a rallying cry. The film takes viewers deep into the heart of Polyface Farm, where Salatin’s innovative methods showcase the transformative power of working with, not against, nature. It’s a story about standing firm in the face of adversity and embracing our responsibility as stewards of the Earth.” — there may be small charge to view this film, but it’s very worth it. -leif smith & pat wagner

Polyface Farms ... Joe’s farm

Food Emancipation Proclamation ... by Joe Salatin

In a world of freeorder hundreds of organizations like Cascadian, Rodale, and Polyface Farms would collaboratively compete (that is, strive to improve from the point of view of those they serve). Government support of agriculture would be seen as obsolete, predatory, and a needless drag on progress.

The path to Freeorder is made of accelerating worldwide displacement of systems organized by compulsion and misrepresentation by systems voluntarily accepted through justified claims of benefit. Challenge to such claims will be ever present, but politics will be devoted only to clearing space for unpredictable attempts to do better. People will no longer accept the idea that experts in position to issue commands should govern everyone’s behavior without challenge from competitors offering something better. -ls

Decisions have been made and acted upon to move gold bullion from London and Switzerland to New York. What does the movement change? Who benefits? -ls

Monetary Metals

Monetary Metals Delivers Over 1 Million Silver Ounces to Bunker Hill Mining

monetary-metals.com/about-us/newsroom/monetary-metals-delivers-over-1-million-ounces-in-silver-bond-financing-to-bunker-hill-mining-corporation/

Monetary Metals Partners with OGold

monetary-metals.com/about-us/newsroom/monetary-metals-partners-with-ogold-to-expand-its-gold-yield-products/

“This partnership combines OGold’s innovative fractional gold ownership application with Monetary Metals gold yield products. OGold users can participate in Monetary Metals gold leases and bonds in the app with as little as 0.1 gram of gold.”

Much interest in gold depends on the fact that it cannot be printed. -ls

“A New American Political Party Has Formed Under Our Noses: But it doesn't yet have a name” [●●](#) Sharyl Attkisson, 31 Aug 2024

“Ayn Rand and the State” [●●](#) by Roy A. Childs, Jr., first published in 1969, and republished by The Libertarian Alliance (uk) in 2024

“First published in 1969 by [ISIL](#). Mr. Childs (1949–1992) was a libertarian writer and activist. Nineteen of his essays are collected in [Liberty Against Power](#).”

The Libertarian Alliance (uk) — libertarianism.uk/
libertarianism.uk/2024/05/08/ayn-rand-and-the-state/

startuparchive.org/ & x.com/StartupArchive_ — “Archiving the world's best startup advice for future generations of founders”

Good things here. For example, look for a short video of Jonathan Ives describing how Steve Jobs set about “saving” Apple when he returned from NeXT to the “doomed” company.

“Scalability Solutions: Blockchain scalability is being improved in a variety of ways to make decentralized networks more efficient and practical for mainstream use.”

hedera.com/learning/distributed-ledger-technologies/blockchain-scalability

The Atlas Circle [●●](#) [substack]

“The Atlas Circle is a collaboration between business leaders and intellectuals who believe...

- Business is a force for good
- The profit motive is noble
- Capitalism is the only moral social system

“In today’s anti-business environment, where creators are smeared as greedy, capitalism is smeared as exploitative, and the regulatory state strangles production, it is vital that those who value prosperity, progress, and individual freedom speak out for the morality of business.

“Above all, it is vital that business leaders stand up for themselves.”

Hedera, a web3 technology based on a “first principles” consensus method, is beginning to show up frequently in “Threads”. I believe that Hedera is built in consonance with principles of *freeorder*. Leemon Baird, the inventor of the hashgraph consensus algorithm, participated in an interview about AI. -Is

“Blockchain, AI and Quantum Computing: Exploring the Synergy and Future Opportunities Amid Infrastructure Challenges” — cfc-stmoritz.com/events/cfc-in-st-moritz-switzerland-2025/day-2/layer-2s-today-tomorrow-ecosystems-adoption-potential-new-economies-ulpmkz1itluni5zt

After watching I posted this in the comments:

“There is something different in the way Leemon approaches this. A key moment is when he implies that trust depends on individuals using supercomputers cheap enough to make individuals able to train their own AIs. Leemon thinks in terms of *freeordered* systems, in which multiple small independent designed orders interact to produce an undesignable spontaneous order that serves multiple unknown explorations better than could be done by top-down design.”

To explore Hedera and the many uses beginning to be made with it there is no better starting place than the programs of Brandon Hargreaves, “The HBAR Bull”:

www.youtube.com/@HederaForum

A groundskeeper at Lake Perinel proposes that we consider this:

What if: Matter manifests out of spirit. And not: Consciousness depends on matter.

Who can know enough to say which, or even that this is a binary alternative?

What if: Something else is the basis of both matter and spirit. And it is that something else that determines the priority of and relationship between matter and spirit.

Allow “Being” to name that something else, and “Ising” to name all awareness.

The matter\diamondspirit intermingling that is us seeks to comprehend Being.

Whatever Being Bēs we already be it however impossible to wrap it in Ising.

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