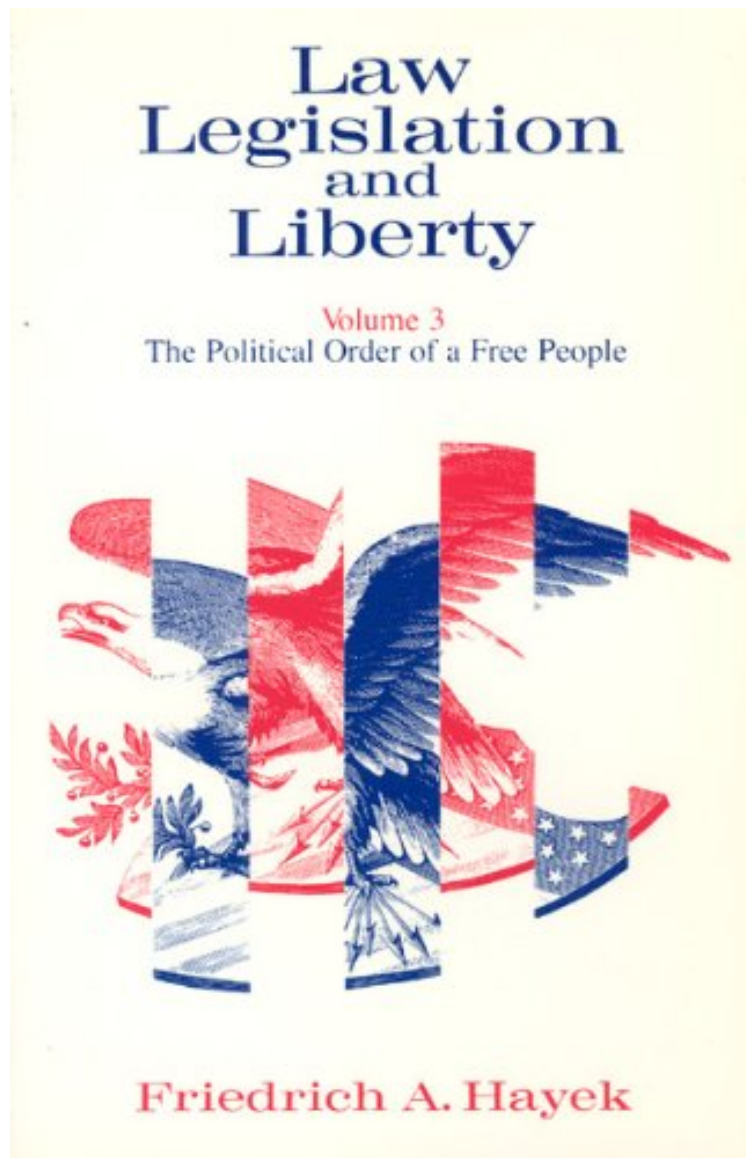


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revolution is brewing and it is just a matter of time before it explodes into the mainstream. What many refer to as Austrian economics, in other words, the proper understanding of the market process and how it creates the social order... and evolutionary psychology, are finally being recognized as simply being manifestations of the single simple theory which explains both biological and social orders. Natural selection. Hayek understood how natural selection works at the level of societies, groups... To this day most evolutionary biologists are too focused in their tiny micro world of genes and they completely overlook natural selection working at a more macro level (I hate using the words micro and macro.. it makes it seem like there is some point where a difference exists while there is none) . I can't say I've read that many books, but I have read many great books from Mises, Rothbard, obviously Hayek, Hazlitt... ie.. the REAL economists... and plenty from the evolutionary psychology camp like Dawkins, Ridley, Pinker, etc... The epilogue to this book, page for page (24 of them) might very well be the most insightful and farseeing piece of writing published in the 20th century. This was the last work in a trilogy that tried to explain in more depth concepts discussed in Hayek's "constitution of liberty" and the epilogue is a great summary of Hayek's ideas.... He concludes with "Man is not and never will be the master of his fate: his very reason always progresses by leading him into the unknown and unforeseen where he learns new things. In concluding this epilogue I am becoming increasingly aware that it ought not to be that but rather a new beginning. But I hardly dare hope that for me it can be so" Fortunately Hayek lived long enough to work on his final work "The Fatal Conceit". A lot of people... unfortunately many current and well respected Austrian economists whom I have learned much from and really like, dismiss Hayek or like to label him as some kind of "statist". I understand that Hayek has written some very statist sounding things.. but I believe that much of this has been taken out of context. And even if he has made some mistakes there, it is a MONUMENTAL mistake to dismiss his body of work, which in my opinion, happens to be the single greatest contribution to the proper understanding of how the world works by a single human being. This mistake was unfortunately made by none other than the great Murray N. Rothbard who basically only credits Hayek with a few clarifications or additions here and there to Mises business cycle theory, and sticking with Mises while the world was being swept by Keynes and his inflationary communism.. which is true. No disagreement here that Mises was the greatest economist of the 20th century. But to ignore and dismiss Hayek's contributions via his "sensory order" and work on cultural evolution and the evolutionary processes that shape the social order, "spontaneous order", religion and its evolution and importance and many other things... is, again, a MONUMENTAL mistake, especially when such dismissal comes from other great minds... But anyways... eventually the right ideas are naturally selected in a free environment.... They grow and spread through .com reviews and many others.... It is just a matter of time... I can't say I've read much in my short years, but thus far, the Epilogue to this book is page for page the most in 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Hayek is a great thinker and writer. These are crucial ideas that must be known 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Chris Great, all as promised.

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