# My vision of a utopian society

Mankind has come a long way since the era of hunter-gatherer societies from 10,000 years ago, but there is still much ground to cover. For instance, poverty, disease, natural disasters and armed conflicts still affect a large portion of the human population.

In a future utopian society these issues have largely been dealt with. All of mankind will be united, live together in peace, and considered equal regardless of race, gender, age, personality or anything else. All of the dirty, dangerous and boring work will by then be done by machines, largely hidden from public view, and with little to no negative externalities. Technology and computing that supports and improves us will be so ubiquitously intertwined in our daily lives, that we no longer are able to imagine life without them.

A utopian society is not just a land of plenty as described in medieval poems like *The Land of Cockaigne*. Despite there being a state that takes care of its subjects, and people having access to technology that greatly improves the quality of life, all members of society still are expected to work in order to gain more for themselves, but also further improving science and technology, and creating art, thus raising mankind to an even higher level.

In the current western world Christianity has traditionally played a pivotal role in giving people a value system to adhere to and intrinsic motivations to be a good person, but the role of religion nowadays has largely been diminished. Although the desirability of this can be debated, the positive effects of religion should not be overlooked. In the utopian society all people therefore follow an ideology that upholds science and independent rational thinking, while at the same time incorporating the desirable social values from religions like Calvinism, Buddhism and Confucianism. Ideally this ideology is so deeply entrenched in society that the enforcement of laws will no longer be necessary.

For this to work, it's important that all members of society are well-educated. This can be achieved by creating a culture wherein lifelong learning is encouraged, but also by genetically engineering and bio-electronically enhancing humans to become more intelligent and rational, and better able to adapt to changes. Serious games can also aid people by teaching them what can be improved, and how, all of this is a playful or gamified manner, so that self-improvement will be associated with fun, and people will want nothing else but to improve themselves and the world around them.