

Utopia

The philosophical idea of Utopia describes the concept of an ideal or perfect society.

Let's think about such a perfect society, we will call it Utopia for now.

Utopia would be a society in which everyone can live happily and harmoniously.

Everyone could follow whatever religion they want and worship the stars, deities, planets, spirits of the wild or any higher power of their choosing.

Utopia would have no crime, war or fighting.

For Utopia to exist without crime, one would need to remove the incentive to commit these crimes.

This could mean that everyone would be provided with what they need to live their lives happily, without

resorting to other means to acquire what they want.

For it to have no war or fighting, everyone would need to keep themselves in check.

It would be a self-containing and self-restraining society.

However, who decides what is crime and whether or not everyone is living up to the perfect ideal?

For such a society, or any society in fact, to be created decisions would need to be made.

Someone would need to make rules to describe what is perfect and what does not belong in Utopia.

In Utopia everyone could together create the rules for a perfect Utopia, or would directly or indirectly elect decisionmakers.

This is where one of several problems of Utopia start to appear.

The notion of a perfect society is subjective, every single person has his or her own idea of such a society.

For the society to be objectively perfect, every person living in such a society would have to subjectively believe it to be perfect.

Unfortunately, in a perfect society with imperfect beings, it is impossible to reach consensus on one particular subject.

When one person, let's call her Alice, believes any one thing to be perfect, another person, Bob, could believe this to be unwanted and therefore imperfect.

If what Alice wants is implemented into the society, Bob would see the society as imperfect.

If one person has to give up what they would like to see in a perfect society, to create such a society the society itself would be imperfect in the eyes of that person.

For Utopia's sake, let's assume such a society exists.

It would be self-containing and self-restraining.

It would have rules in place to keep everything perfect and everyone would accept and follow these rules.

It would have rules without leadership, a perfect society does not need change and there are no decisions to be made.

All beings in this society interact without hate or distrust.

A perfect society needs only the knowledge for it to contain itself and continue to be.

I believe such a Utopia to be unreachable, simply due to the curiosity and imperfection of all beings.

A curious being could never know all it wants to know and would therefore be imperfect itself.