

Why Utopias can Never Exist

It is a crowded, noisy, and exhausting world out there. Wouldn't it be great to get away from it all? What if you could step away from the world? Imagine a place where all your worries melt away, like ice cream on a hot summer's day. A place where the weight of the world went away. There were places like that once upon a time. These places were called utopias. Everyone is equal in a utopia, and no one must think about anything. These areas, on the other hand, felt cold and desolate, far from paradise. Many citizens soon abandoned the utopia they had kept to such a high standard. What is the explanation for this? They had to leave because they knew such a place could never happen. Utopias will never happen, no matter how hard people try.

Before we get into why utopias are difficult to achieve, it is necessary to understand what a utopia is. People think of paradise when they hear the word utopia. One of the meanings of utopia is a faraway imaginary site. Many attempts have been made throughout history to establish the ideal venue. In 1516, Sir Thomas More authored a book that compared the social and economic status of Europe to those of an imaginary island. This mythical island was supposedly the ultimate place to live. He drafted the book to show that no such place could exist. When describing this island More generated the word utopia by combining the Greek words *ou* (meaning "no, not") and *topos* (meaning "place,").

Now that we understand what a utopia is, we will address why it will never be achieved. Many utopias are created for the same reason, to get away from modern society. Having everybody the same and equal is one way they accomplish this. All should be treated fairly in a perfect, fair world. Nonetheless, not everyone is alike, and not everyone wishes to be alike. It can be extremely dangerous to spread the image that "if everyone is the same, then there will be peace."

Treating people equally and making all people uniform are two completely different things. Treating people equally means giving everyone the same rights without any discrimination. On the other hand, making everyone uniform means that everyone is the same, with no individuality or diversity. This is one of the main reasons utopias fail. Many utopia developers have good intentions when it comes to their desire for all to be the same. They see it as a way to ensure that no one is treated unfairly because of their differences. People can still be treated equally no matter their differences.

Society is unique because people are different. The diversity of the world is why there is never a dull moment. Where would diversity vanish to if everybody were the same? Life would be dreary and unoriginal. If we removed all our differences, we would never be able to express and discover our true self.

Not only do most utopias restrict one's quest for self-discovery, but they also promote unrealistic expectations of a perfect society. People who create utopias create their own ideal world. Even if the utopia's creators have a few supporters, many people would just have different views of what is perfection. Since the majority of people disagree with what defines perfection, nothing, no one, or anything can be ideal in everyone's eyes. People may believe that their approach is the "ideal" method, but not everyone's definition of perfect is the same.

It does not sound quite divine to build a perfect society of perfect people anymore. No matter how hard someone tries, there will and can never be a utopia. It is natural not to be happy all the time and it is okay to struggle. That is what makes life so unique and exciting. If you ever think that life would be a lot simpler if we all lived in a utopia, consider all the rich cultures and diversity that would be lost.