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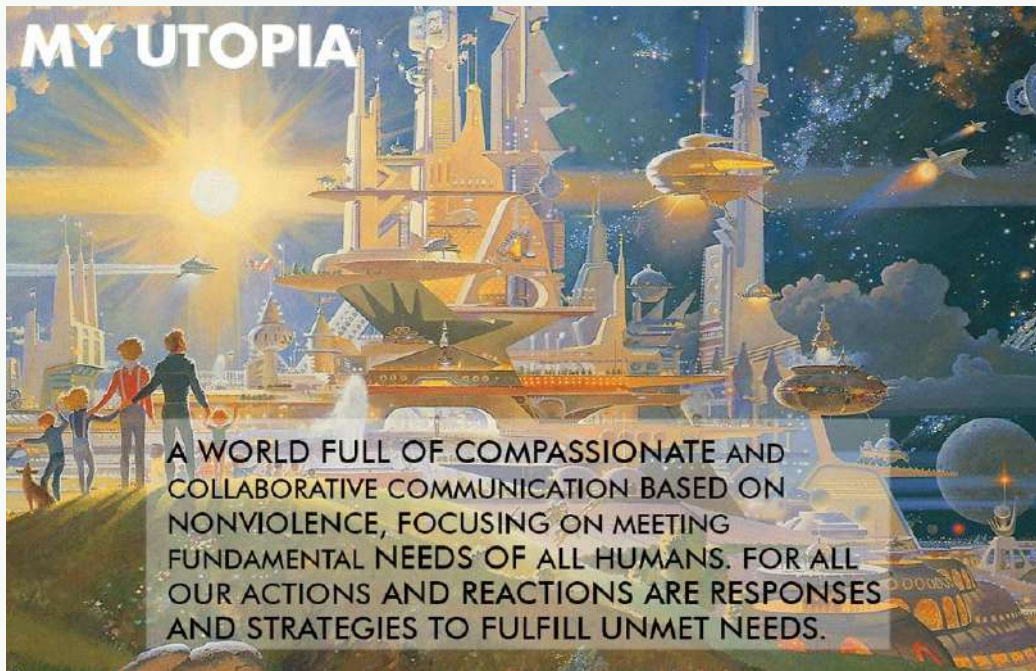


UTOPIA 1

ALÌ MAHMOUD - LEBANON



MY UTOPIA



A WORLD FULL OF COMPASSIONATE AND COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION BASED ON NONVIOLENCE, FOCUSING ON MEETING FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF ALL HUMANS. FOR ALL OUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS ARE RESPONSES AND STRATEGIES TO FULFILL UNMET NEEDS.



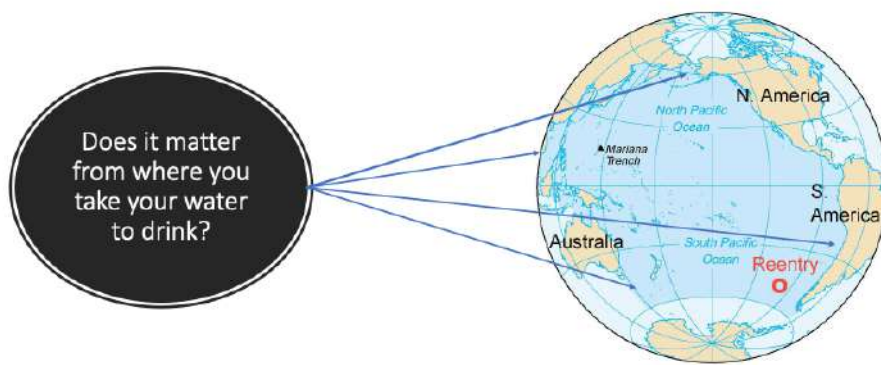
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ALI REZA MOZAFARI - FINLAND



Spiritual Evolution Home

Approaching Utopia through Spiritual Evolution Home



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Spiritual Evolution Home

Concerning Issues in the modern societies

- Low religious tolerance
- Lack of interactions among religions
- Lack of space for dialogue
- Less cooperation among businesses regarding to religions
- High number of extremists
- The name of religion equals to scare, fear, stress

Objectives

- To pave the way for brotherhood
- To Love and respect all different religions
- To increase the spiritual feelings of people
- To hold seminars, dialogues, and pray all together
- To concentrate on just similarities among religions
- To promote family life of each member to be more healthy and full of compassion by our values
- To act with all kinds of churches and mosques and temples
- Find out the needs that can be addressed
- Harmony among different religions

Some common beliefs

- God
- Angels
- Prophets
- Hereafter
- Pray
- Satan
- Eternity



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ALI REZA MOZAFARI - FINLAND



How to run the Spiritual Evolution home

- To hold seminars for all the religions
- To have praying times all together
- To have recreational activities
- On different occasions different activities
- Every sect of christianity or Islam will run to the place by dividing the time among them.
- For example, one week catholic, one week protestanisim, one week orthodox and other sects for running the church
- One week Sunni, one week Shia for the mosque

Do you agree?

- So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.
- No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brothers that which he desires for himself.
- What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman.
- Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.
- Worship God and associate nothing with Him, to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful.
- Teacher,” the expert in the law asked, “which is the greatest commandment?”
“Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,”. “This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.



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Here is why we agree

- “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the law and the Prophets” Christianity
- “No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brothers that which he desires for himself.” Islam
- “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful” Buddhism
- “What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. This is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary”. Judaism
- Worship God and associate nothing with Him, to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful. Quran 4:36
- Teacher,” the expert in the law asked, “which is the greatest commandment?” “Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,” Jesus replied. “This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:36-39).



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ALI REZA MOZAFARI - FINLAND



How to run such a kind of place

•Each Holy place

Every sect of christianity or Islam will run to the place by dividing the time among them.

- For example, one week catholic, one week protestanisim, one week orthodox and other sects for running the church
- One week Sunni, one week Shia for the mosque

•Shared area

- To hold seminars for all the religions
- To have praying times all together
- To have recreational activities
- On different occasions different activities



UTOPIA 3

ALPARSLAN APDİKOĞLU - HUNGARY



Utopia, an ideal common wealth whose inhabitants exist under seemingly perfect conditions.

Words as utopian and utopianism are used to denote visionary reform that tends to be impossibly idealistic to reach. The idea comes from Sir Thomas More (1477 - 1535) who described his imaginary world as a Utopia! Close relation with the Greek alphabet to the word 'utopia' from the Greek ou-topos meaning 'no place' or 'nowhere'

It was a pun - to the almost identical Greek word eu-topos means 'a good place'. Can a perfect world ever be realized or established?

Since "perfect" is different for every individual results may vary.

However, in my understanding, we can always find common points in peoples thinking they all want only one thing and that is comfort and unlimited supply. "Of course, according to "A Brief History of Mankind", the reason why mankind can win out of all things is that mankind has the ability to set virtual issues. This kind of setting, of course, has to rely on imagination to open the way, but it cannot rely solely on imagination. Need more logic" (1).

This logic can be implemented on web 3 also known as the metaverse where in my ideal world only the good hearted people would give the opportunity and tools needed to achieve their dreams & goals towards building a better society as a community with the right mindset.

Those who need to improve and learn more about life education and communication is always the key. This way everyone can be shaped to surpass their limits.

(1): Author: Gao Chengshi, PhD in cryptography, blockchain expert, executive member of the Blockchain Professional Committee of China Computer Society.



UTOPIA 4

ANDA SZÜCS - HUNGARY



Playing is a radical gesture

If I think about utopia, I imagine it as something huge, global, meanwhile as something in a small context: my home can be a place of utopia, my performance in the space, everyday resistance can be an utopia as well. In my opinion, the existence of utopia is rooted in the concept of imagination, related with socialization and the schooling system that define the individual and the collective, and limits the possibilities and extents of the social contract.

Connoted to this phenomena, the schooling system decides our relation to imagination linked to utopia, political system, collective memory, the concept of money, human rights and social standards, etc., nevertheless define the access to the act of renegotiation of these ruling ideas and norms.

Regarding these factors, I could illustrate the way of utopia I imagine as a playground, more precisely as an experimental playground, such as Speilclub Oranienstraße 25* was in Berlin,(or on the level of concept: the Gaudiopolis experimental community by Gábor Sztehlo*, or the summer camp of Eszter Leveleki*).

In these kind of playgrounds the instruments and elements can be used and discussed in huge variety, players need to cooperate with the others at least on the level of concept- but mostly as well for the actual successful playing action- and space is primarily proclaimed as a safe but fluid territory - space because of the rules they discuss and for equal power relations, and fluid, because there are innumerable way to use the space.

To acquire this capability to use this space, we need to be/stay free on the level of imagination, and regarding this, schooling system represents a crucial aspect. The fundamentals of the radical imagination and radical pedagogy movements are the principal demands for intervention to the political space, the skills of everyday resistance, the productive withdrawal action and the balanced access to knowledge and rights, among many others. The possibility of taking action has been moved from the future to the present, inspiring solidarity, self-representation/governity and calling for rethinking collectively the outstanding schemes. These fundamentals describe the what and the how in the learning method.



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ANDA SZÜCS - HUNGARY



As this is not a quality owned inherently in each individual, rather than a collective's collective language and network of rules/bunch of utopias that they share in sake of develop a better present, and a better future as well, we need to reshape the concept of general education, and the relation of general education to individuals, as Paulo Freire and many other great thinker and activist contributed to this idea, or like Situationists who tried to recreate a new approach on spaces, existence and politics. The radical imagination/pedagogy is linked to notions such as inclusivity, accessible knowledge, importance of dialogue, the objectification of the reality, the critical view and problem-posing, the praxis where reflection and action are present together, false consciousness, whilst connected to actions and units like volunteering, working-groups, co-creating power relations, activism, protesting, knowledge production and educational turn.

Although I mentioned mostly notes on early education, not only children are affected or targeted, but all players regardless of their status and age. Utopia-playground is an unconditional non-space, where the willingness of rethinking existing frameworks of the society, reclaiming the right of self representation and solidarity as well as the access of knowledge are the basic bricks, which can drive the community to better-quality decisions. That process is close to an immanent flawless way of existence and that's what I define as an utopia, to play something in a productive way, meanwhile we play the reality.

1. The AG Spielumwelt [PlayEnvironment project group] existed at the nGbK (formerly NGBK) from 1969 to 1972. Its founding ideal was to develop artistic practices with and for children, so as to raise critical awareness of capitalism's effects. Instead of the illusions the toy industry promised, children were to build a realistic play environment—a space where they would acquire self-confidence enough to handle the challenges of everyday life. in e-flux <https://www.e-flux.com/announcements/249193/spielclub-oranienstrasse-25/>

2. Between 1945-50, a concept of an imaginary "infant state" was developed by a Hungarian evangelical pastor, who ran a secret shelter for orphans.

3. Eszter Leveleki, who was the pioneer of alternative pedagogy in Hungary since 1938, conducted a child care house, summer camps and later worked as a toy developer. She held summer-long camps where kids used the forest and the camping place and the capital of their utopian space, and they built brick by brick the rules of their state.



UTOPIA 5

BEYZANUR KOYUNCU - TURKEY



I dream of a state that accept everyone who they are, respects human and animal right and treats everyone equally. In that state, people's social status does not matter. Education is one of the top agenda in that state. Education system is shaped by the children's talent. Literacy rate will be high.

People will be able to live together under equal conditions without any discrimination of religion, language, race etc. In addition, production and consumption will be balance in this state. The welfare level of the country will be high, and it will not be foreign dependent. It will provide production within itself. People produce everything they consume. Urban planning will be well-organized, and cities will be planned in harmony with nature. Another thing is that state will support art and artists. Also, it encourages people to join art activities.



UTOPIA 6

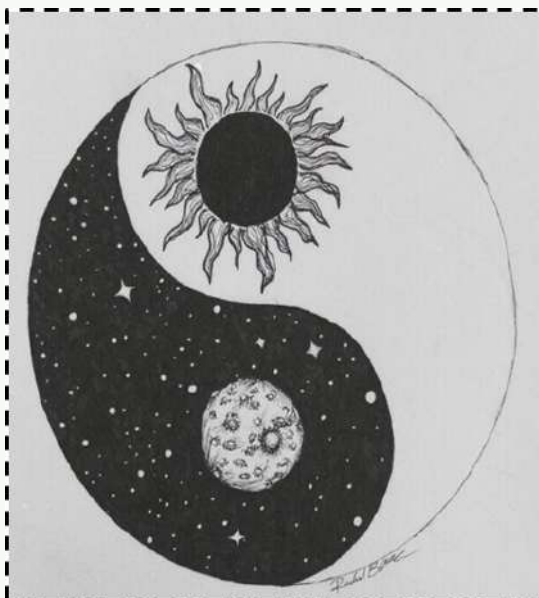
DIANA KHMELNYTSKA - UKRAINE



My perfect world

I think a perfect world is a harmonious. It perfect in its shortcoming and benefits. Example, imagine world in which the problem environmental pollution is being addressed thanks to a natural source of energy, people are good to each other. There is no war, no poverty, no disease. And if babies are born sick, they are immediately cured. No one loses their loved ones. Every person has equal opportunities and responsibilities, which do not depend on the amount of money, social status and all that.

Beautiful picture, isn't it? At first sight, such a world looks like a garden of paradise. But there is no such world. In my opinion, the concept of "perfect world" does not exist, as there is no clear definition of the ideal. It'll always be black-and-white.



UTOPIA 7

EVGENI SIRAKOV - BULGARIA



The Real Utopia

The Utopia is something imaginary, just the wish of the people to live better in a better world. The practice teaching us, it is not possible because of different reasons. The most important of them is the lack of desire to share goodies with other people. Gordon Gecko of Wallstreet speaking about the greed as a motivation of success and many other people follow his leadership, doing things, motivated by greed. The Utopia must be built by people looking the same horizon, doing similar stuff, with similar moral and desires. It must be built by people who wish to living together as a community, not as individuals in the society. They must share goods, do help each other and value the community more than the ego of each of the participants. The most serious problem for everyone is the greed and the ego it following. Only when the people overcome their ego, they can living happy in the society, the community and the Utopia. They will have the same view and will acting as one for a better live of everyone. Every living generation think it find out the Utopia and the Paradise on the Earth, just to really find that it is just a dream that never can become true because of the desires that drive the people and their ego. Karl Marx try to explain many of this stuff in his work – Das Kapital, where he explain the society, the basic of Communism and the Capitalism and how the people can build the Utopia if they really wish to. For many years that work of Marx is used in the Eastern block of countries and helping them to build the society they think is the real Utopia. This communistic society finally fall apart and even before the end of it, the people did not felt happy with that, because they forgot about helping each other, but they envy and try to cheat the system. The Utopia built on Marx teachings turns to be corrupted and dead born, because the people do not follow the right path, he tried to show them. Other sociologists try to fight against the capitalism, calling it the “root of all evil”. They trying to put Basic Income Grants in their teaching, to explain A Model for Market Socialism, Deepening Democracy and Democratizing Finance, but it is still a project, that the society do not wish to accept.



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EVGENI SIRAKOV - BULGARIA



Probably the reasons for that decision is that the community is not ripe yet to accept some different kind of political guidance or just the natural resistance of the people against the new and not proven. Maybe the idea for Utopia just looking too good for the people to accept it and work for that or just everyone wish to drag the carpet to his side.

Working for the Utopia gone true is a duty to everyone of the members in the society, if all of us wish living a good life in a good place with good people around us!



UTOPIA 8

GABRIELA VELKOVA - BULGARIA



We like our place of residence. Everyone follows the rules. And when a neighbour decides to make repairs, he always compiles with the established days and hours when others rest. There is no deafening noise from a drill in the morning or on Sunday. While in the mornings, when someone travel to work, no one is waiting for the bus more than 5 minutes, we don't even know what is it to hang out to stops for half an hour or even more. And for the buses... They are so nice and cozy. Its like travelling in luxury limousine: we never crash and there is always a place to sit, in winter it's warm, clean and cozy. People observe basic hygiene, no one smells repulsive, and if someone is sick, it is necessary to wear a face mask. That's what they do everywhere in Europe. There can be no question of traffic jams. Drivers are punctual, neat and clean; they listen to classical music, they never inflate chalga, let alone sing to each other. It never happens to them to utter a fat curse at the driver on the other side - there are children in the vehicle, whose hearing should not be harmed by dirty words. In short - our transport is arranged, everyone has tickets and cards, no one travels for free. Everything is perfect at our workplace. We can't wait to go to work. The atmosphere is pleasant. Colleagues are kind, good and helpful. They are always ready to help in any way they can. We feel very nice when we go to work in the morning and the boss greets us with the questions: "How are you? How is your family? Do you need anything?" . And during the holidays we talk about culture with our colleagues. So, everything is in order at our workplace, just like in the country! Our rulers are quality, capable people, completely incorruptible, thinking first of the country and the welfare of the Bulgarian people, but never for their own benefit. They were elected quite honestly and democratically, no one can even think of buying votes, let alone doing so. In our country, laws are obeyed, and things like corruption, crime or money laundering from the EU are unthinkable. The roads are neat, no potholes, no patches.



UTOPIA 8/2

GABRIELA VELKOVA - BULGARIA



I don't know what it's like to yawn a hole somewhere along the way. If there is such a thing, it will be a joke. Accidents are also rare, no pedestrians or cyclists have been run over. All drivers strictly follow the signs and restrictions, no one ever drives a drink, everyone makes sure that his car is completely serviceable, gives priority and does not swear. Everyone knows how to behave with each other, they are correct, civilised, discreet, kind and smiling! We have nothing to complain about- everything is so wonderful!

The clock wakes us up! It's time to get up! Enough sleep and dreaming! Hello, reality!



UTOPIA 9

IHAB EL ZAHED - LEBANON



UTOPIAS CAN EXIST WHERE PLANET
EARTH HAS NO HUMANS NOR THEIR
FOOTPRINTS OR WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO
NATURE AND CLIMATE.

A perfect Eco-system without any disruption!



UTOPIA 10

IBRAHİM YILDIRIM - NETHERLANDS



What kind of state does my own utopia portray? What kind of society would I like to live in? Rather than answering this questions, I would like to talk about the micro-level counterpart of Utopia which is Equivalence of Passions.

I would like to talk about the Equivalence of Passions Because the existence of utopia depends on our passions being the same. However, each person means a different passion, a different world. So, I think that if utopia is to come true one day, it will only be possible with an evolution from person to state, not from state to person. In other words, it will only be possible with a progress from micro to macro.

Equivalence of passions depends on the education and training that we will provide to the society from birth under the same conditions and opportunities. This education and training should consist of universally accepted values and ethics, not regionally accepted values and ethics. I now that utopia wil never be come true, but a state close to Utopia that we envision in our minds, namely greenery, sociality, health, democracy, equality and freedom depends on discipline and science that we will provide equally to the society from birth to adulthood



UTOPIA 11

KARINA CVETKOVA - LATVIA



My "dream world" would be a state, where everyone would be accepted no matter who they are. In this state, peoples status does not matter. No discrimination of religion, language or race. No envy or negativity.

Education would be available for everyone, and it would be shaped by children's talent and personal skills.

Nature would be more greener, place would be very quiet, calm and peaceful.

Everyone would care about nature and the planet we live on. No global warming, no war, or crime. There would be healthcare for everyone.



UTOPIA 12

KLARA SIMON - HUNGARY



'Good leftism is anti-leftism' or Someone's utopia could be my nightmare
My ideal utopia is not a futuristic fantasy vision . I wish it could be.
Maybe I already missed the age when things went this way or I just won't see it coming. That's the illusions of utopias, it makes me believe that things can change, but it never happens. It only exists in my head, but meanwhile there is plenty of other stuff going on in my head, which I can grab as evidence of everyday life .

It is as tangible as the fact that I go to work every morning with the same blue bike and make tangible things for others. Bread for their everyday rites and contribute to keep their (my) body to move.

Class war is the 'new' Cold War . Or it's the utopia itself.

Between people who run society and the aggressive parasites who require that these people be constantly exploited , burning their lifetime and freedom in order to make their unsustainable lifestyles possible, always in the first place.

There are always enough people to commit horrors on command, out of faith or under the influence of supposed or real coercion.

One thing we can do, if we've got the opportunity to talk and see the others around us. Let us indicate that we are there, we are with them.

Operate simply with a smile and a giving pair of hands.

Things that the media, political manipulation or commercials have written down a thousand times. And let things flow.

Fierce sly schizophrenic demigods snarl in the souls of everyone who can barely wait to slap them and then they can bite back.

There is another thing about stigma, another nonsense, another slap that makes everyone face red.

I could be even proud of myself for letting go of that slap with only one hand and hitting the left and the right cheeks at the same time. Because everyone feels secretly that there are no left or right, there are 'only' people.

But I think I've got trapped in something or someone else's utopia.

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90% happy ,10% water

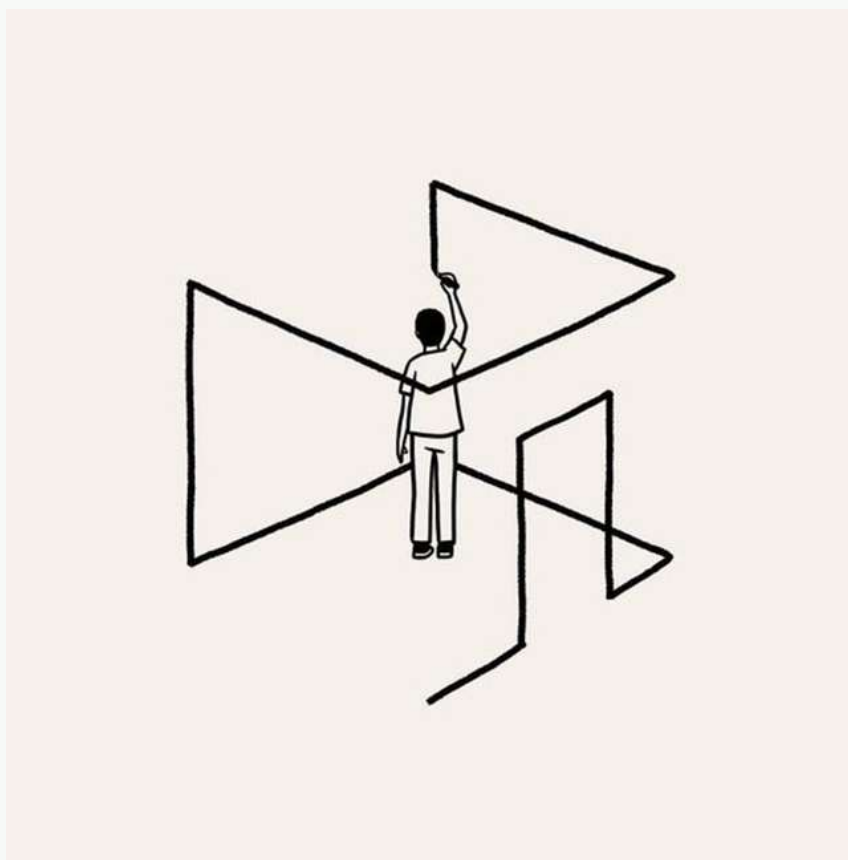


UTOPIA 13

KRISTINA TASHOIAN - UKRAINE



My drawing lets us understand that we draw our own world and, more often for the most part, create frames in it. My utopian world will provide only positive frames that will help the world live in peace. We cannot change the past, but we can correct mistakes, understand them as lessons and eliminate them from our lives. I'm sure we can all solve a problem by accepting it and taking minimal action to do not create new. Everyone looks at the world through their own prism of life, but in my utopian world, we will look deeper and act to benefit not only ourselves but also the world.



UTOPIA 14

LIALKA TETIANA - UKRAINE



Probably everyone draws for himself over the course of his life a picture of the ideal world, his own utopia. Depending on our age, gender, and social status, this vision may change. One thing remains constant: the dream.

What is a utopia for me today? First of all, it is a country without envy or negativity. Equality should not be a leap one extreme to the other, but a stable value that no one thinks about - because it is at the core of society.

The ideal country in my vision operates on the principles of democracy. Every conscientious citizen of that state can take an active part in its activities, has a vote, and is heard regardless of status or age.

The next component of my vision of an ideal world is respect. First and foremost is respect for personal space and things, for one's own thoughts and principles. Being formed as individuals we decide for ourselves how we should live and what principles to adhere to, and it is not always the norms imposed on us by modern society, it is better to make a personal choice. Everyone needs to understand where the line is drawn between the socially significant and the personal.

And finally, my utopia is an ecological country. It has no huge islands of garbage. Thousands of species of animals, fish, insects and birds do not die and are forfeit of their homes. There are not thousands of people suffocating from harmful emissions in polluted cities.

In my opinion, the historical path of such a country is a path of mistakes and their corrections, a path of fighting against old norms and customs. It is a long way of raising a new, free and open generation.

I hope that such a utopia might be in the near future. For the reason that my dreams are realizable - it is necessary for each of us to take at least a small move toward a better future!



UTOPIA 15

LINDA FREĪBERGA - LATVIA



My "ideal world" is one in which all people and living beings are happy. To be happy in my understanding is to do things you like and to be in harmony with ourselves. No one in this world condemns anyone neither for their religion, political views, their skin color, or their sexual orientation.

People can do what they want without endangering the lives of others. There is no comparison and competition with each other. Everyone knows that he is unique and unrepeatable. A world whose future appearance is theoretically possible, but extremely unlikely. There is no poverty, no unemployment, no suffering. Money has no value. A person's age is not decisive for going to school or work, personal skills are what matters the most.

There are very advanced technologies in this world. Transport operates without petrol, does not emit negative substances into nature and does not pollute the environment. The whole land is tidy, without waste. People know that if they pollute the environment, there will be no plants, no trees, no good and healthy food, and so on. There is respect for each other and for nature, which is highly valued.



UTOPIA 16

MELODİ NESLİHAN ÖZKAN - FRANCE



I dream about a states who fully respects human rights. I guess, if you want to create a fair system, you have to respect human integrity, liberties and rights by regulating them. No death penalties in my dream country. I dream about a government who was not elected because of their personalities but thanks to their programs and investment for society. Democracy is really important, every citizens have the right to participate on the states fundamental decision with elections or referendums. The three powers have to be separate, equal and have always to can stop each other's: Legislative power; Judicial power and Executive power. The state have to be "laic" which is mean that there is no state religion and no intervention on peoples' religions state in their private life. Everyone is equal no matter what their race, religion, sexual orientation etc... And through equality, we have to guarantee equity



UTOPIA 17

MAHMOUD AL KAROUT - LEBANON



**I BELIEVE THAT A UTOPIA CAN'T BE ACHIEVED
WITH SUDDEN AND DRASTIC CHANGES.
ITS RATHER A PROCESS THAT TAKES TIME AND
PATIENCE. WHERE WE BUILD THE STEPPING
STONES.
IT STARTS WITH SMALL STEPS THAT WE TAKE. THE
CHANGE MIGHT NOT BE SEEN ON THE SHORT RUN
BUT ON THE LONG RUN IT'LL CREATE A BETTER
WORLD FOR US TO LIVE IN.**



UTOPIA 18

MURAT GÖÇER - FRANCE



UTOPIA 19

MAKSIMS TKACENKO - LATVIA



My Utopia

First i would like to start with Utopian society and cite the proposed idea of Karl Max. How would world be if there was no war, conflict or any tyranny?! I have never understood and never will the foundation of weapons. The only purpose of weapons such as "guns" f.e. we know is - take someone's precious life away. We are all living under the same roof. We may differ by the color of our body skin, culture or beliefs but at the end of the day we are all the same, we are human beings. We should appreciate "US" and those around us more by being "friendly neighbour" to each other and country to country.

My Utopian nature would be more greener and nature friendly. Starting from transportation by stopping producing non friendly diesel/gasoline cars and get more used to futuristic ideology of making and driving with electric vehicles. As well as find the substitute of non-nature friendly air transportation and etc. Reduce the usage of plastic to give the nature "fresh breath of air", the one it's giving to us. Lets be that "friendly neighbour" to the best friend that we possibly have here - nature. And to end of, most easiest yet for some most difficult part - waste recycling. Every person can do as little as that to already help not just himself or nature but everyone else around them out.

Couldnt finish everything off by touching on economics and thing that i'm personally passionate about and that i believe in a lot. I would love to Cryptocurrency space to take over the banks in my Utopia. Crypto aligns better with ideological purposes - the costs are lower, there is no need of a middleman, services are available 24/7 and the supply of it is fixed. Cash is controlled by banks while crypto has its owners. The supply of cash is infinite and that makes it basically a no value piece of paper. Great example are poor countries in African/North American regions where person may hold trillions of their local currency when in reality it can be valued 50 cents (in euros) or close to non. We like to think that we have stability with fiat currency but we don't.



UTOPIA 20

OLEKSANDR VASENKO - UKRAINE



The form of government in an utopian country is a republic. The peculiarities of such a republic are:

1) Electivity of higher authorities. Knowledge of state history and fluency in the state language are mandatory for every candidate for the position. One cannot work for the weal of people without feeling a spiritual connection with people.

Voluntary military service is mandatory - a person capable of self-sacrifice is less likely to use status to satisfy his own ambitions.

2) Term of authorities: a person may be in authority for an indeterminate period, but every 5 years all citizens with the voting right will vote to support the extension of these powers. And if there is no such support, elections are announced.

3) Responsibility of higher authorities to the people. If the person in authority did not have extension, then a commission is established to investigate the activities of this person. If there are any evidences, criminal proceedings are instituted.

4) The rule (domination) of normative acts.

In such a state, there are two types of citizens - with the right to vote and without such a right. Both types of citizens enjoy all the rights and freedoms provided for in such a state, except to elect higher authorities. To acquire citizenship with the voting right, you must pass a voluntary conscription service, pass exams for the level of knowledge of the state language and knowledge of history, pass a test for the level of critical thinking and have a high level on the appropriate scale. If a citizen with the right to vote has abused this right, he is deprived of it for the lifetime.



UTOPIA 20/2

OLEKSANDR VASENKO - UKRAINE



All services in the state are paid. Citizens pay taxes for the maintenance of the army and general state structures- parliament, government, president, and so on. Virtually all information is publicly available, except for certain secret articles prescribed by law. Access to classified information can be obtained by any citizen with the right to vote, who has undergone appropriate training and verification. In case of disclosure of these data, such a citizen is punished with the maximum (highest) penalty. His children and grandchildren are deprived of citizenship. In addition, citizens pay for the activities of their community in accordance with the proposed plan. In particular, law enforcement agencies, such as police stations, are hired by community members. But the overall leadership belongs to the state government.

There are no bans on weapons, drugs, etc. in the state. Drugs can be obtained free of charge by any of the citizens in special centers, performing the most primitive and dirty work. Because drugs are legalized and free, there is no need to buy them from mafia groups, which leads to a reduction in the overall criminal level.

The most prestigious and highly paid profession is a judge. Judges study at specialized universities of judging, upon graduation the results of their training and personal characteristics are publicly available. A judge is an elected position. That is, the citizens of a certain region elect a judge in accordance with the above conditions. State-level judges are elected by universal suffrage. In case of detection of a criminal offense, the judge receives a penalty for the crime 3 times higher than if such a crime was committed by another citizen. The children and grandchildren of such a judge lose the right to study at the University of Judges or are dismissed from the position of a judge.

Economy: State property is prohibited in the state. Percentage quotas are provided for the availability of territories or facilities financed by communities (certain regional associations are analogous to a oblast or rayon). For example, such supported areas may include cultural, conservation sites, in special cases educational institutions, and so on. All civilian strategic facilities are under the control of the military, but are managed by hired civilians. If the entrepreneurial activity is carried out by a citizen of the state, he has tax benefits, non-citizens of the state do not have such benefits.



UTOPIA 20/3

OLEKSANDR VASENKO - UKRAINE



All decisions in the state are based on statistical analysis and scientific calculations, which are publicly available. And in the event that a decision is made by the higher authorities without such an analysis, all the representatives involved are suspended from work for the duration of the investigation. In case of force majeure or urgent situation, the President of the country may make a sole decision specifying the term (up to 3 years) for its implementation. An appropriate analysis is then carried out and if the decision was adequate to the situation then no sanctions are applied.

Education: preparation is based on personal aptitudes. The content of primary school education is compulsory for all. There is also a constant monitoring of pupils' abilities. In the future, based on the collected data, the student is asked to choose subjects based on his inclinations. The development of students' critical thinking and a scientific approach to working with information is mandatory at all levels of education. The teacher is criminally liable for disseminating pseudo-scientific or fake information.

The general idea of utopia is in the maximum freedom of the individual and the realization of their own inclinations and desires. The task of the state is to provide him with favorable conditions and protection.



UTOPIA 21

ÖMER ŞAŞTIM - NETHERLANDS



With this blank painting I want to visualize that an Utopia is actually something that does and cannot exist, since it's an impossible idealistic feat.



UTOPIA 22

PETYA GERGOVA - BULGARIA



Nowdays world, full of media manipulations, lies, delusions, forces, everyone dreams of something which increasingly seems like a utopia. Thinking only of themselves bur not of the feasible resources ,people destroy the beautiful nature, the wild animals, if that doesn't stop soon, we are going to exterminate the planet we live on.

The disease COVID-19 the disease is shocking the world for 3 years since now and promises once we all got through this we will not be the same. For 3 years we read and listened different things. The most famous among the theories was that the virus was created for political and financial purposes.

Now the opponents of the vaccine are fighting against it, they say that through it the government are putting nano chip in our bodies and control us. Many people believe that this chip was created to control our thoughts, decisions and actions. Trough it they could change the world. Nano chip can cure incurable diseases, it is able to cure the community from the hatred, envy and etc. With this device, social inequality can be eliminated and everyone will be free to live happy and equal. No one is going to fight for more money or supplies , there will be equal for everyone.



UTOPIA 23

RAZAN HAMDAN - LEBANON



What is a land where the one is deeply taken by the pressure of life, always in war with himself and the surrounding? Of course that can never be an ideal place. However, I picture a utopia where peace and prosperity overrule. People can grow equally in a healthy and wealthy environment away from political, economic and religious distractions that are in many circumstances pulling us apart and boxing us under titles.

My dream land is a country of unity where cultural and social diversity are cherished and respected. In order to achieve that attention will be given mostly to schools rehabilitating the new generations away from sectarianism and to become more attentive toward patriotism. Environmental and social programs will be implemented to encourage sustainable development, ethical responsibility, and cultural conservation. Eventually the seeds of an ideal world can be planted.



UTOPIA 24

SAMED AKDAĞ - HUNGARY



It is really hard to define an utopia, but I want to continue with economical perspective to define my utopia. In my utopia, everyone should be able to have at least their basic needs easily without any discrimination, for sure there will be rich people, but for the poorest one, she/he still should be able to live a standard life. In my utopia, robots are common for working instead of human. There will be no one who should clean streets or WCs. Human beings will be just responsible for controlling these robots. In my utopia, also there will be no border between countries, people can easily travel between them, because all countries have same purchasing power, so people will select the place where they want just because of their desire. There will be no cost for rent for standard places, just someone who wants to live in a high standard place, they will pay extra money. I tried to be realistic during defining my utopia, and I strongly believe that in the future if human beings want to live this type of life, they will be able.



UTOPIA 25

SEFA AKTAŞ- TURKEY



Dreamland

Even though there is no necessity to stay within the borders of reality when creating an utopia or distopia, I could not escape from rationality while designing mine and it turned out to be a sort of realistic, futuristic and distopic World.

I attribute the motivation for the creation of utopias, or the act of deliberative daydreaming in general, to a redefinition of our perception of reality or as a way of escaping from reality. At this point, my utopia, while remaining stick to reality, in other words, to our current life, also offers all people the opportunity to escape from this reality. Before going into further details, I would like to define and describe the “reality” which people may want to escape from, the real side of my utopic/distopic World.

-A world dominated by the brutal capitalist system, which has been strengthened by the monopoly of particular multinational corporations and income inequality is more significant than ever before.

- Anarchist groups outside of the central city that emerged due to the inadequacy of natural resources and income inequality.

-There is lack of authority which also leads to very high criminal rate outside of the centrum as law-enforcement officers withdraw from everywhere but central city.

And these are the highlights from reality of my dystopia. However, people in this dystopia are offered to escape from this reality they are uncomfortable with. Every individual regardless of their social-economic class, gender, religion or ethnic background; without any cost, have a chance to choose one alternative simulated worlds out of millions and live as a person which can be created from scratch by the people themselves. Some highlights from this simulation program.

-Every individual can be a part of the simulation program on a voluntary basis, regardless of any difference between individuals.



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SEFA AKTAŞ- TURKEY



- Once you are included in the program, you are attached to a machine and permanently put to a sleep and there is no turning back.

-Participation to simulation program is completely free. In fact, it is the only free service provided by the governments and corporations to the people.

This whole simulation program is pretty controversial in my utopia/dystopia as some people consider it as the best possible way to live, while some consider it as a threat to human dignity which leads to World wide social conflicts. For this same reason I could not decide whether this hypothetical World is utopia or distopia. Therefore I named it “Dreamland” as it sounds quite simple and ironic at the same time considering simulation program.

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UTOPIA 26

SEHER GENÇ- FRANCE



Dream State and Society Type

I dream of a country where everyone is treated equally, without distinction or differentiation of their social class, religion etc. I dream of a country where citizens are accepted as they are: that everyone can live in peace without discrimination due to sexual orientation, skin colour, origin etc.

I dream of a society where gender differences between men and women are shattered, a society where women have their full place, respected and free to live as they wish without social pressure from their family and entourage. Indeed, I would like a society and a country where patriarchy is abolished.

Moreover, I dream of a world where violence against women does not exist, a world where everyone knows how to communicate through words and not through violence.



UTOPIA 27

SUDE ÖZDEMİR - TURKEY



I am going to focus on three kind to things in my utopia: family, children rule the world, and dreams. I know that there are more things than these but if I try to focus on all of them, my Utopia can be very complicated.

Primary, in my Utopia everyone has crowded and close knit family which we call “Big and Strong”. This kind of family can be very supportive and no one feels alone, because people have really close relationship with their family members. Family is very important in my utopia and in my reality.

Secondary, in my utopia children rule the World because in my opinion we lose a lot as we grow up. Children’s imagination skills broader than adults, and I believe that they can produce very creative ideas. Of course adults help children about rules or ideas but the big slice from the pie will belong to children. I want to add a sentence from “The Little Prince”, “All grown-ups were once children... but only few of them remember it.” Maybe everyone can remember the child inside of them in my Utopia.

Finally, in my Utopia everyone can make their dreams happen, there is no money needed for that. They can be what they want, and they can also change their professions. No one can say “ It is so late to change your profession”, or no one can say “You cannot work on two professions”. Money is not a big deal in my Utopia, everyone can gain enough money for live.

To sum up, in my Utopia everyone has “Big and Strong” family, children rule the World, everyone has enough money to live, there is no money needed to make dreams happen, and nobody interferes in anybody’s business.



UTOPIA 28

TALA AZZAM- LEBANON



My Utopia

EVERYONE LIVES PEACEFULLY ON THEIR
ISLAND WITH THEIR OWN LOVED ONES



UTOPIA 29

VYARA SIRAKOVA - BULGARIA



The Utopia – Choice of Knowledge

The Utopia have many forms, it can be religious, mythical, theoretical or political, but mostly, the chaining piece of them all is the society.

The Utopia is a place, where people living together as a community. A society where humans helps other humans. The idea of cooperative economy is not something new. In the past it is learned from sociologists, but in the past few years is well explained in the work of the new age thoreticians. Without cooperation, there is no society and there is no Utopia at all. To build one such place, everyone must work together and accept some ideas the society brings to all. There will be new rules, new ideas, new life and structure, from which everyone will benefit. In the Utopia everyone have skills that polish and use for the good of the society. All citizens doing perfect job in first place and are mostly helpfull.

Many famous autors write about different kind of Utopias or Antiutopia and some of them point that they are "only premature truths", if we can trust Alphonse De Lamartine. Utopias are connected to the feelings of the people more than to real life. The Bible, this Holly Book of Christianity, explain us, that in the past, people had the Utopia and they lost it. This is the Paradise Adam and Eve had, when they had no knowing about the world and everything. When they were clueless, they had an Utopia and happiness. Now, when humans have discovered the secrets of the Universe, they lost something more valuable, what they had in the past and they are trying to reclaim now again, but it is always avoiding us. It is everything like that, because the people must do an important choice. They wish to be happy or they wish to know everything. In the past Eve did the choice and she prefered knowledge over happiness and exchanged the Utopia for Distopia, but knows more about the world around her and continue learning everyday.

That is the choice we do everyday and we are not ready to revoke the knowledge and regain back the happiness we lost.



UTOPIA 30

YANA ZLENKO - UKRAINE



My perfect Ukraine

Each of us has only one homeland. For me personally it is Ukraine. I sincerely love its friendly people, its fertile land and boundless expanses. Blue cloudless sky and golden wheat fields are eternal symbols of my homeland. The rich Ukrainian nature leaves no compatriot or guest of my country indifferent. I am sure that our country has a great future.

My perfect Ukraine is an ecologically friendly country, where more nature reserves, gardens and parks are created, and where we fight against deforestation by planting more and more forests, keep and increase the population of rare animals, sort garbage and create recycling plants to save the country and the world from ecological disaster. In fact, nature is our healthy life and the health of future generations. Moreover, the Ukrainian nature is exceptional in its beauty and should give its beauty to all who live on our land.

My perfect Ukraine is a tourist gem, world-known for its spectacular countryside, generous Carpathian forests, golden beaches of the south, architectural monuments, castles and fortresses of Ternopil and Lviv regions, unique lakes, deserted islands and sands of Kherson region, tourist and gastronomic delights of Odessa and Transcarpathia, old mansions in Kiev and Zhitomir regions, fantastic landscapes of Butsky and Dnestrovsky canyons, architectural masterpieces of Chernivtsi, Kharkiv and Lutsk, spiritual sanctuaries of Chernihiv and Precarpathian region, mountain peaks of the Carpathians and undiscovered places of Rivne region, parks of Kyiv and Cherkasy, which tourists from all over the world want to visit. This is the country where historical monuments are preserved and restored in time, while preserving its culture and spirituality.



UTOPIA 30/2

YANA ZLENKO - UKRAINE



My perfect Ukraine

An ideal country is impossible without a citizen, rights and freedom, is economically independent, educated, with a high level of legal knowledge and at the same time responsible to society. It is a state with a strong economy, where the law is equally important to everyone without exception, where there is no corruption, where there is no place for poverty and begging, where the infrastructure is developed, where the roads are repaired constantly and with high quality.

It is a country where young scientists are supported and encouraged, and education is modernized, improved, where the teacher gets a decent salary, and there are many opportunities and places for youth for personal growth, learning and mobility, in every city and town there is a youth space and modern centers of cultural and innovative development. In the ideal country, medical care is at a high level, the state promotes the development of science, funds new discoveries, hospitals are provided with innovative medical equipment for the examination and treatment of people, the most complex operations. The coronavirus pandemic is weakening and receding because every citizen conscientiously observes all anti-epidemic measures. A country where healthy and happy people live.

But most importantly: the perfect Ukraine for me is the one without war and loss of human lives, where there is a peaceful sky overhead! It is the kind of country I would like to live in.

Of course, the perfect is very difficult, even almost impossible to achieve, but to get close to it at least a little is a realistic thing. We just have to try hard. The ideal for us Ukrainians is our history, our culture and spirituality, our sporting potential, our connections with other countries, our good and sincere people.



UTOPIA 31

YAVUZHAN BULUT - FRANCE



I dream about a state where there is a better distribution of wealth and a real democratic system. If you want a peaceful and prosperous society you should to take charge your population. I think the current economic system goes against social, environmental and human values. It's necessary to change our consumption and production habits. For example, we should not import foods of distant countries when there are farmers in your region. We must promote craftsmen in opposition of big companies who exploit the workers of world for a low pay.

Ideal society is when everyone can be live decently and to have time to hobbies. For example we can imagine the system of Four-day work week, it can be a solution to have a better productivity and to spend time for hobbies, family, friends...

And I think it's necessary to ameliorate our political system to include more citizens in the decision process. For example to include a referendum when a social question stimulate a tension ; or to include a system of participative democracy to decide more in particular for the local decisions.



UTOPIA 32

YILMAZ SERTBOLAT - NETHERLANDS



When I think of an utopia I think of a community living a certain way together. How that would look like starts with the individual. That means how we feel inside is how we treat the world.

Your sense of identity is the inner feeling telling you who you are. What makes you you? Is it your status, clothes, profession, body or even your thought?

The perfect world would be a world where our sense of identity is one that includes everything and everybody. This would probably happen after the realisation that every single action has a reaction cascading upon every other thing in existence. We are in that way all permanently connected to one another, being it a cat or a piece of ore. There would be no sentiment for being an individual.

In this day and age individualism is an ideology and social outlook that emphasises the moral worth of the individual. This is an ideological concept, which I am not talking about. I mean the sense and understanding that you are more than only your body. You are a life force that expands beyond seas and boundaries. Just like you identify your mind and body as being you. You identify the whole ecosystem as being you. This would be a world where we all look out for each other. A world where we all want each other's dream to come true. A world where we share without even the slightest corruption or egoism.

This must not be mistaken with communism or socialism. These are social organisations which enforce us from the top down, to share and behave a certain way. This will only cause for more corruption and less freedom. I am talking about an utopia that will only work from the bottom up, where we all think ourselves to be more then just our body. A state where the only profession would be to explore.



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