

Utopia

In a perfect world every individual should be happy when he or she is at home. People have to have everything they want within the sources they have to provide for such life. These sources should be, at a minimum, enough to make sure people have their own house, have food and drinks, can bring up a family and feel safe. This is to me the basis for a happy life, and in my opinion happy people are the key role in having a Utopia.

Family and friends, the people you love, they should be nearby. This can be in physical space, but also in communication via telephone or the internet or another way of communicating. People should have the possibility to be with or be in contact with the people they love.

When you go out and leave your house or apartment, you want to enjoy the world around you. Go to lovely shops, buy not too expensive produce, view the area around you, enjoy the weather. There should be ways to make sure you can go from your house to every other place in your neighbourhood or town. This travelling can be done, most preferably, by bicycle or other relatively environment-friendly transportation devices.

If you leave your town and explore the rest of the country, you want to know where you are and not feel lost. Other people you meet are friendly to you and help you if you have a question or get into trouble. This is the same for travelling the world.

The above described world sounds to me a bit like the wondrous world of the Teletubbies. There is another aspect of the world to keep in mind. That is that we are all people on this earth and by living on it we are changing it for better or for worse. We need to make sure with all of us that we don't let this perfect world be destroyed by our own doing. This means people should do something (work) in order to make sure the world is a good place to be and of course to provide in everything that makes people happy.

Work should be central for happiness. If you work in the milk industry, your job is to make sure you and others have drinks. If you work as a drummer, your job is to make people smile when they hear your music. So there are jobs for everyone with the purpose of keeping everyone happy and of course you should be happy with the work you do. The difficult part is how to manage that you and all the other people on this planet enjoy their job and that they still have enough resources in order to live a happy life.

How to do this? We could try doing this by giving everyone the same opportunities to study, to educate themselves, to figure out what they want to do with their life and how they want to be a part of the world. Of course this is where problems arise, because what is your wish in life is to do nothing for others? Then there need to be rules that state what you should do in this situation. And what if you don't want to work for a living, but instead steal your living? Then we need other people who know the rules and make sure everyone keeps to them.

My perfect world would be the world I currently live in. I know there is a lot wrong with this world. We have wars, people kill each other, others are underfed, poor, in pain and what not. This isn't something to overcome easily and it is most definitely wrong with the Utopia. But to my opinion, all this what's wrong with our world is caused by a different opinion people have in what is Utopia. If we

would all accept that this is it, that this is the world we live in, that this is what have to make the perfect world we all want. And if we all, in this acceptance, are happy with what we do with our lives, then I would say we have reached Utopia.

Role for serious games

To reflect this vision of Utopia on serious games, I would say that serious games would learn people how to be happy, how to know to survive look after yourself and others. This can be done by learning people what they want with their lives, how they should communicate with others and have respects for others and other views of the world. A serious game would be a tool in understanding the world and in forming the world for the better.

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