

Utopia

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I thought about this topic longer than I've planned to do. A short description of a ideal society is not that easy to answer, technology and new ways of doing things changed already a lot. I just remembered a story which happened about 5 years ago. Some friends and me were out in a bar for a beer and I wanted to show them a cool new video that I have found online. At this time it was not possible, it was even hard to imagine, that everyone can just play this video on his smart phone. We discussed about this topic and I was really convinced that this will be possible soon, but they told me that it will take a long time till this is possible. Nowadays it's so common to play videos on a smartphone like writing a friend what he is doing.

The fast development and growth in our world changes our behavior in so many ways. So what will happen in several years? I don't know what will happen, but I have to say that we are currently in a state that makes almost everything possible – and we live already pretty good. So what's up next?

I actually think that utopia (defined as “ideal society”) is not the next thing that happens. Of course we will improve our live in many ways or our live got improved by many new things – but more for a commercial reason and not for a “ideal society”- reason. Even though there are some things going on for a better society, for example a better and easier communication between all human beings and the globalization aspect that makes all people a bit more “equal”, still money is and will be the most important thing. And this is the problem: My definition of an ideal society is a definition including freedom, free will, peace and things like this. But this is not really possible if there is always money involved. As long the world is dominated by money and economics in current way, there will be no ideal society, there is only a society that lives like marketing and advertisement tells them to live! We are influenced by companies without recognizes it, we buy new things because we believe that we need them – but actually the companies make us to believe that we need them. Think about it!

Well, how could look a world without money? I can't imagine this or I actually think that this is not possible at all. Not anymore. So the final question is: If there is no world possible without money, could there be still a ideal society in the future? And my answer is yes and also no, cause it's just a definition of how a ideal society could look like. This definition keeps changing over the years and we will reach several points(!) where we will be able to say this current society is “social enough” to be a “ideal society”. Maybe one of this “points” is currently happening now.