

## Utopia vs. dystopia

Utopia is the idea of a perfect civilization wherein the beauties of society reign; such as equality, no discrimination, a perfect legal system, law abiding citizens or a law free society due to being crime free and eco friendly etc. On the other hand there is also the idea of Dystopia which is, the opposite of Utopia, a perception of a society which is filled with misery and widespread suffering which can be defined by war, poverty, disease, violence, pollution and much more. Dystopia can also be found within many different aspects of society such as nature, politics, economics and religion.

Utopia has never been experienced, as there are countless numbers of flaws in society such as discrimination, none law abiding citizens, inequality, but has been conceived by the people as a way of explaining the perfect civilization. The idea original derived from Plato's Republic, were the evils of society such as poverty and misery are all completely abolished. The society encourages tolerance of all religions. The image of a Utopian Society is very satirical as it reveals just how much closer the realistic society is to Dystopia than Utopia itself. To date, that we know of there has not been any poof that the Utopias known, are non-fictional. Examples of Utopia are The Garden of Eden, Shangri-La, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon and The Holy Grail. Shangri-La is a very major commonly known image of Utopia which has not yet been proved to be fictional or non-fictional, but even though we are not sure which one of them it is people have still tied searching for this mystical and extremely religious place.

Shangri-La is said to be set in the Kunlun Mountains of the Himalayas. It is thought to be a monastery homing Tibetan Buddhist monks, cut off from the rest of the world and time, it was even part of the Tibetan Buddhist teachings for centuries. All the wisdom of the human race is apparently contained in this place and in the cultural treasures stored. The Tibetan Buddhist monks are understood to be immortal, living years beyond the normal lifespan and only very slowly aging in appearance as well as being able to see so far into the future. This mystical place is also supposed to be so pure that the land is completely fertile with beautiful vegetation and there is no need for laws here what so ever. As Shangri-La is such a holy place, a major Utopia, even groups such the Nazis have set out in search for it. The Nazis had an enthusiasm for Shangri-La, where they hoped to find the mystic ancient master race. They even sent a great expedition in 1938 to Tibet.

Dystopia though to be the opposite Utopia, but was derived from the idea of it. Though Utopia has never been proved to have been experienced, Dystopia has. Society believes that it is neither part of a Utopian Society or a Dystopian one. But if we look at what it is that makes up Dystopia, such as poverty, war, disease, discrimination and many more, then it can be understood that the human civilization experiences all of these factors. Therefore leaving it concluded that the world lived in is far from any ideal of perfection. Perfect examples of Dystopia in society are; The Al-Qaeda, The Taliban, Nazi Germany and Pol Pots genocide. All of the Dystopias named here however have all been devised to create the Perfect Utopia.

Nazi Germany was dated between 1933 and 1945. The movement was lead by the Chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler. As he came to power in 1933 he rapidly eliminated his government partners. Even though Germany was still part of the Treaty of Versailles, peace treaty between itself, the United Kingdom, France, Untied States, Italy and Japan, devised at the end of the First World War, its movement work eventually lead the Second World War. One of Adolf Hitler's main was to create the perfect master race of "Aryans". This was a race of people who consisted of blue eyes and blonde hair, which Hitler considered to be a superior race. Therefore he believed that people not in consistence with this, such as Jews, the disabled and handicapped and even homosexuals, were to be eradicated. Jews were the main target of this movement. In 1930's plans to completely abolish and isolate Jews started with the construction of things such as labor camps and concentration camps. By 1939 over 200,000 Jews had left Germany. The Nazi concentration camps housed the imprisoned Jews, where they were stripped of their clothes, starved and either shot to death, malnourished or put in the gas chambers were they were just left to die. All in all during this time period over six million Jews and other no-Aryans were systematically murdered. This is the perfect example of Dystopia, it created a war and used vast amounts of violence to produce major discrimination.

To conclude Utopia and Dystopia may consist of entirely different things and ideals, but while trying to create a Utopian society, these people generally finish up with a major Dystopia. All in all it can be said that there is no way of creating Utopian society as when looking from a distance at the civilization taking place now is far from it and consists of all the items consistent for Dystopia. Utopia is therefore purely fictional and has so far been unable to be proved.