

## Perfect Peace: An Impossible Feat

If peace could sing, it wouldn't make a sound. A world of perfect peace is completely impossible as all solutions do not cover all of our issues. In fact, it would seem relatively simple on paper with the main, outstanding idea being to have all nations coincide with one another. However, each of these nations have different interests and factors with most of them wanting some form of global takeover which invalidates the idea of perfect peace. This uniting idea alone is a relatively impossible task. That is not the point that this essay is trying to make. Pure perfection, as proven later, is truly impossible but a much simpler version may occur if we advance far enough, and have a little extra technology along the way. Perfect peace is impossible but imperfect is not proven in what a perfect-peace world is, why it won't happen, fictional takes, and a final solution at the very end.

First, defining a perfect world, alone, is a pretty difficult challenge because perfection has much more layers than it initially seems. Of course, every country would need to commit to peace, ending many of the issues in our current world. The only real solution to this would be to merge together which practically is impossible already due to different ideals. Although, still, this is improbable, imagine a world where there wasn't the threat of impending doom, a world where wars were non-existent. Another solution is a large treaty, which also will not happen for the same reason and it also poses new issues with countries breaking said agreements. Furthermore, each subsection of each country would need to merge. Example one being one of the most major and well known, the United States civil war. Although this was a major oversight when the constitution was originally written, this war was based on the conflict of ideals. The southern states thought slavery should stay while the northern states thought it should be abolished. This is one thing that could've been prevented if the entire country had been merged together. Then the constitution wouldn't need to filter compromises that in the future would pose issues. They needed to coincide with the state governments to be whole as a country. Another example would be Quebec's threats to separate from the rest of Canada. The problem is once again posed that regions are useful and they can be used to provide more direct locations. If we somehow merged the world, no countries and no subregions, we would need

to go off of a coordinate based system, with latitude and longitude being used as a grid. Regions are helpful but they are another precaution to make sure that the world is in peace and balance. Now, although it is expected that the next words I say mention abolishing cities, but, they don't cause much issues. In fact, they provide better organization for this world where it is impossible to understand where something is referring to as with the removal of subdivisions, it is necessary. However, minor squabbles are the part that will begin to prove this idea impossible. Every individual argument is insurmountable and cannot happen. Yet this does not cover the major minor problem, environmental issues. Species depending on other living life which can be ruined for survival, and unfortunately humans fall into this category. We will never truly be balanced with the environment as it supports all life. We can try to become carbon neutral but adding more trees to the environment will kill others by overloading sources. We simply cannot make that balance and it makes the idea of perfect peace truly impossible. Even when not considering the environment, it has already been proven rotten with the improbability of every country in the world to sign a merging form, removal of subsections, and somehow fixing every negligible squabble. In a perfect world, there is no need for law, as it would be followed without question. A perfect world is impossible but our imperfect one isn't.

There does seem to be one solution however, one that doesn't require perfection, but one of which requires fear. One genre of fiction proves this point adequately, dystopian. Dystopian novels cover subjects of a dark society of which everyone is under constant surveillance and absurd conditions of which the leading group is trying to make a perfect society. But in their failed attempt, they make something we fear and leave to fiction. One of the key examples that will be used is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. For those who do not know the story of *The Giver*, it is about a young child of which is selected by the dystopian society to be the keeper, or giver, of knowledge. A job of which practically works as a failsafe. There is one other major quarrel though with the book and why it constantly has warnings of euthanasia. The society has a thing called release which is, in the book revealed via a video, murder. The protagonist, with this newfound knowledge, escaped with a baby, soon-to-be-released. This society does have laws and nears perfection, the only issue is that they needed a way to punish the people without concerning the public. Their solution was this "release" way. We can possibly build off of this.

Although, this revives the nearly smited system of monarchy. It would, in theory, fix a lot of the world's current issues that are sprouted from the roots of war and other flaws in society. Yet, this way is cruel, it is making the world into an unfortunate dystopian novel which normally doesn't have good endings. Yet this seems like the only way to do so. Human development will never reach the length that it needs to to become a perfect, peaceful world. Maybe we just need more advanced technology. The Twilight Zone, season 3, episode 24, an episode titled To Serve Man. To Serve Man predicts a grim reality which might be the solution we need to our perfect peace world. In the episode To Serve Man, aliens, or Kanabits as they call themselves, arrive on earth and offer these amazing technological advancements such as inexpensive ways to prevent all food shortages. They also leave a book behind at the meeting of the arrival titled the same as the episode, To Serve Man. They were indeed not lying as they proved to serve helpful in creating force fields ending wars between countries, provided efficient, inexpensive food, and practically turned the society into an advanced species. The issue is when they had let their guard down, practically shutting down governments for investigations as there remained only one mystery that had not yet been translated. The contents of the book had remained unknown.. And, as normal, it would not be a Twilight Zone episode without a twist. The Kanabits start offering trips to their planet and when our protagonist gets on board, he is told slightly too late that the book, To Serve Man, is a cookbook and he has just fallen for the trap. To Serve Man can tell us something yet it is too futuristic to do much. Presenting another Twilight Zone, and potentially another poor dystopian idea. The pilot episode of The Twilight Zone, Where Is Everybody, shows a man in a world that is entirely empty. The man goes completely insane in loneliness which is why this strategy is not going to work. Fiction can prove more ideas to a perfect world but none will truly be completely peaceful.

This leaves one solution to remain and a poor one at best. However, it is the most realistic option that is seemingly possible. As this essay started, "If peace could sing, it wouldn't make a sound." That is because peace, in its purest and most perfect form, does not exist. It simply cannot exist in the definition defined. The closest thing that we will ever get to true perfect peace is the following. Firstly, all countries would need to merge and become one. This is a simple given as wars must be minimized. The best way to do this is the way already mentioned, removing all forms of subdivisions in the world.

This is a simple safety precaution to make people coincide as each area proves to be different. Having a larger blend instead will work better than the different areas. Although, as normal, it is unlikely that every country will merge, the one time that the entire world has agreed on something, according to Harvard University, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are banned globally as every country agreed that these CFCs are creating a hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica. However, this is the only time in history that something has been globally agreed upon. But then again, also in the article, China had broken this trust by having an influx in CFC emissions in 2013. So although this could technically work, it is unlikely that it will happen entirely and trust will be kept. Along with this, subdivisions, as mentioned for the final time, will need to be removed and replaced with a coordinate-type system. This is most likely the closest we will ever get to a perfect-peace world. This is not stating that some of the fantasies described previously are impossible (To Serve Man), yet highly unlikely for now or the near future. This is the most realistic way to create perfect harmony and peace in our current world.

We may not have the ability to create perfect peace in our imperfect world, we may not have advanced technologies to force it, and the years of advanced technology we've had weren't dedicated to uniting the nations, but we have a world of which fatality chances are slim, and we constantly evolve. Society has its ups and downs in our world and that is the standard that we, as a global planet, have become accustomed to. We don't need perfection and we've proved that over the years. If perfect peace could sing, it would make a sound, but if we could, it would be very loud.

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