Onlife and Being Human in a Hyperconnected Era: what utopia?

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Utopia as a perfect, social reality
Two functions: critique and project (Kant)
3 perfections: space | time | people
perfect space: paradise, arcadia
perfect time: golden age
perfect people: Adam and Eve
dystopia = imperfect time rather than space
Is a specifically-digital utopia thinkable?
Digital technologies’ power to
design space (infosphere)
transform time (hyperhistory)
enable/empower people
perfect space: urban (Plato, Augustine, More)
perfect time: techno-escathology
perfect people: humanity 2.0, transhumanism
UTOPIA 101

DIGITAL UTOPIA?

3 PROBS. & SOLS.

CONCLUSION
Digital utopia’s three problems & solutions
Problem 1: no-space
Solution 1: the green and the blue
Problem 2: anti-time
Utopia is Pareto optimal. Not improvable. No “better time” in the future. End of time.

But digital utopia is
- historical
- dynamic
- pro-time.
Asymptopia
(asymptotic utopia)

U = utopia
A = asymptotic society
S = symptotic society
T = time line
x = improvements
y = time
Solution 2: utopising as upgrading (pro-time)
Problem 3: collective happiness
Individual happiness (incremental fulfilment of hope) not always aggregable.
Social happiness = sum of all individual happiness ≠ collective (together) happiness.
Technologies of hope hijack individual hope, do not address collective happiness.
Solution 3: collective happiness as mutual donation of sense and purpose (takes two).
In a digital utopia, we have:
- green and blue
- asymptotic convergence
- incremental fulfilment of individual hopes
- collective donation of sense and purpose
In asymptopia, digital technologies are designed to treat every person not only as an individual but also as a **member**, and every human project not only as personal but also as **collective**.
Thank you

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