

**Summary of contributions to online discussion  
relating to *America's new Utopias*.**

At the start of the discussion I was supporting the idea of the segregated communities (comparing them to More's Utopia, and Morris's London) as they afforded the individual the opportunity to fulfil their personal dreams and live in a way that suited them. It was suggested that these communities only exist for economic reasons, to which I pointed out that were they not popular they would not have flourished.

On the question of the it being wholesome for people to live in segregated communities I acknowledged it is not good for the individual or society as a whole because of the benefits that can arise out of a social mix. However I argued that the people who would want to live in Anthem would be the people who would avoid social interaction outside their sphere. I also suggested that the societal cohesion promoted by these communities was worth preserving at a time when people choose to live very insular and unconnected lives.

I also considered the list of CC&Rs that the residents of Anthem face, and wondered who wrote the list: whether it was the inhabitants themselves, or the community's developers creating what they perceived to be a Utopian ideal.

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