

Abstract

Living in a state of epistemic impossibility, cities in 2020 had somehow transformed into the impossible; perpetual motion machines. The notion of perpetual motion, the motion of bodies that continues indefinitely without an energy source has somehow transitioned from the hypothetical into reality. The collective mindset that we could create such a society ingrained the illusion that the gears of society would only continue to accelerate. As a result, we had formed our own modern version of ‘utopias’; the literal translation of the word meaning ‘non-existent’.

Shortly after the 20th anniversary of y2k or the “millennium bug”; the paradox of existing within a paradise of perpetual motion came to an abrupt halt. Computer viruses or “bugs” refer to the early days of computing when flies would get stuck in the circuitry causing it to malfunction. The emergence of COVID-19 was essentially a fly stuck in the gears of society; disrupting the delusion of perpetual motion.