

# Imagine [the secular hymn]

John Lennon [annotated by Chris Halvorson]

**Imagine there's no heaven;** [first principle of the Lucifer manifesto]<sup>1</sup>  
**It's easy if you try—** [It's easy to lower your consciousness—difficult to raise it.]  
**No hell below us,** [↻]  
**Above us only sky.** [second principle of the Lucifer manifesto]<sup>2</sup>  
**Imagine all the people,** [↻]  
**Living for today...** [third principle of the Lucifer manifesto]<sup>3</sup>

**Imagine there's no countries;** [spiritual impatience for the age of light and life]  
**It isn't hard to do—** [It's easy to be immature.]  
**Nothing to kill or die for,** [first principle of the Lucifer manifesto]<sup>4</sup>  
**And no religion too.** [second and third principles of the Lucifer manifesto]<sup>5</sup>  
**Imagine all the people,** [↻]  
**Living life in peace...** [invocation of the sophistry]

**You may say I'm a dreamer,** [↻]  
**But I'm not the only one.** [↻]  
**I hope someday you'll join us,** [↻]  
**And the world will be as one.** [appeal to mere spiritual consciousness]

**Imagine no possessions;** [↻]  
**I wonder if you can—** [↻]  
**No need for greed or hunger,** [↻]  
**A brotherhood of man.** [↻]  
**Imagine all the people,** [↻]  
**Sharing all the world...** [spiritual daydreaming about the age of light & life]

**You may say I'm a dreamer,** [↻]  
**But I'm not the only one.** [↻]  
**I hope someday you'll join us,** [↻]  
**And the world will live as one.** [reinforcement of the call to envision unity]

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<sup>1</sup> no dwelling place for God, no source of purpose, no pattern of perfection: nihilism

<sup>2</sup> no personal responsibility to a hierarchical universe government: anarchism

<sup>3</sup> no cosmic ascension career, no living today for tomorrow: solipsism (It's all about you and your immediate experiences.)

<sup>4</sup> "Nothing": literally nihilism (i.e., nothing-ism)

<sup>5</sup> no spiritual hierarchy: anarchism + no personal relationship with God: solipsism