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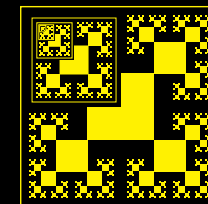
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"If society could make crime impossible, should it do so? A Do-Not-Pick-Flowers sign, and you pick one anyway and get an electric shock. That sounded like slavery, total control. But should you let people pick flowers if they're not supposed to? Maybe let them pick a flower and pay a fine later. Maybe keep them away from flowers."

The first part of this book explores attempts to make crime impossible, giving various approaches with their implications. Inevitably, it amounts to more control, but the extreme challenges society faces in the 21st century justify extreme controls.

The second part presents a utopian community, Walden Three, that puts many of the earlier ideas into practice. The techniques in the small town would scale up to a large city, or to a country, or to the world. Mankind may have no choice but to resort to such controlling methods, with more surveillance and less freedom.

Our world society is on a non-sustainable course, J. Diamond, 2006.

... [there is] a connection between the unlimited right of an individual to pursue happiness and the catastrophes threatened by unchecked breeding, the unrestrained affluence which exhausts resources and pollutes the environment, and the imminence of nuclear war, B. F. Skinner, 1971.

