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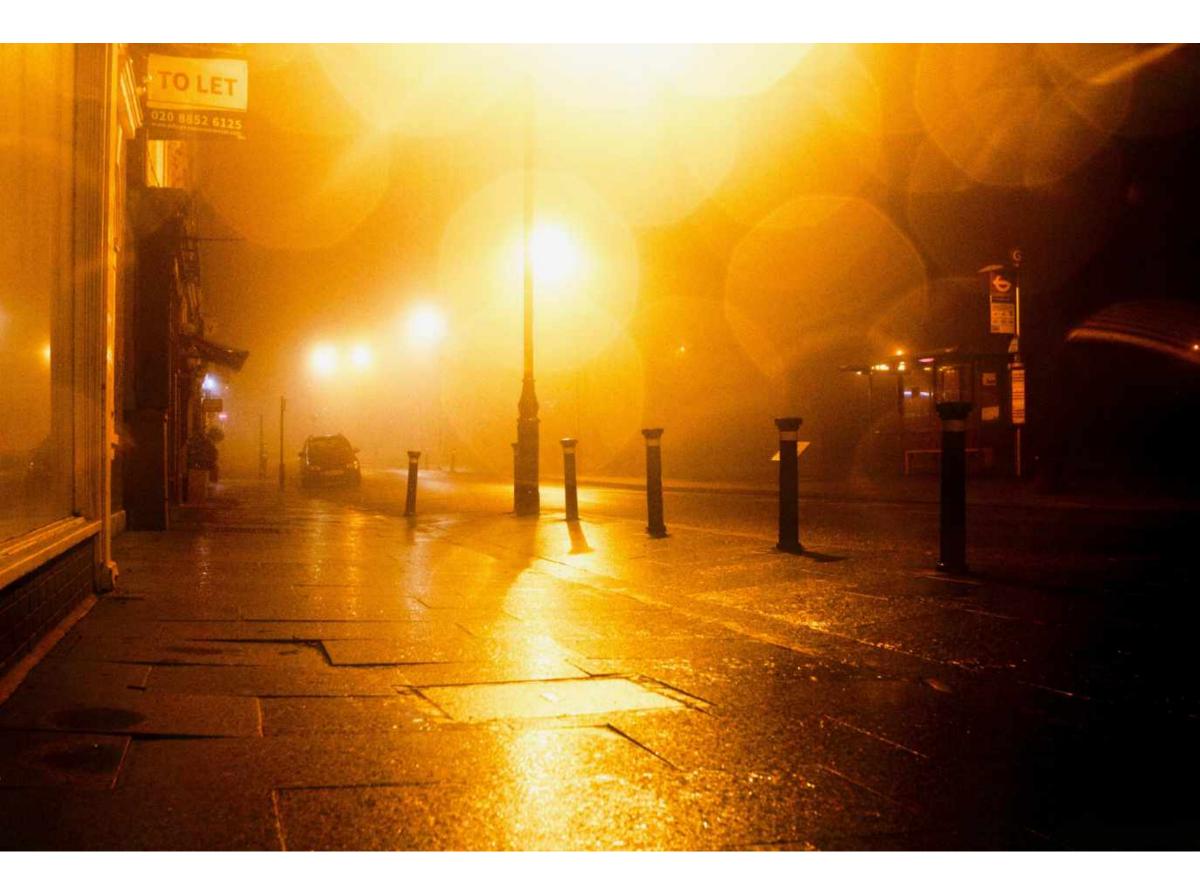
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The sky glares confusing the exterior

A beacon of luminance to maintain security

In the process certainty is forgotten



Light pollution started to become a problem in the early 20th century, around the time cities began adopting electric lighting.



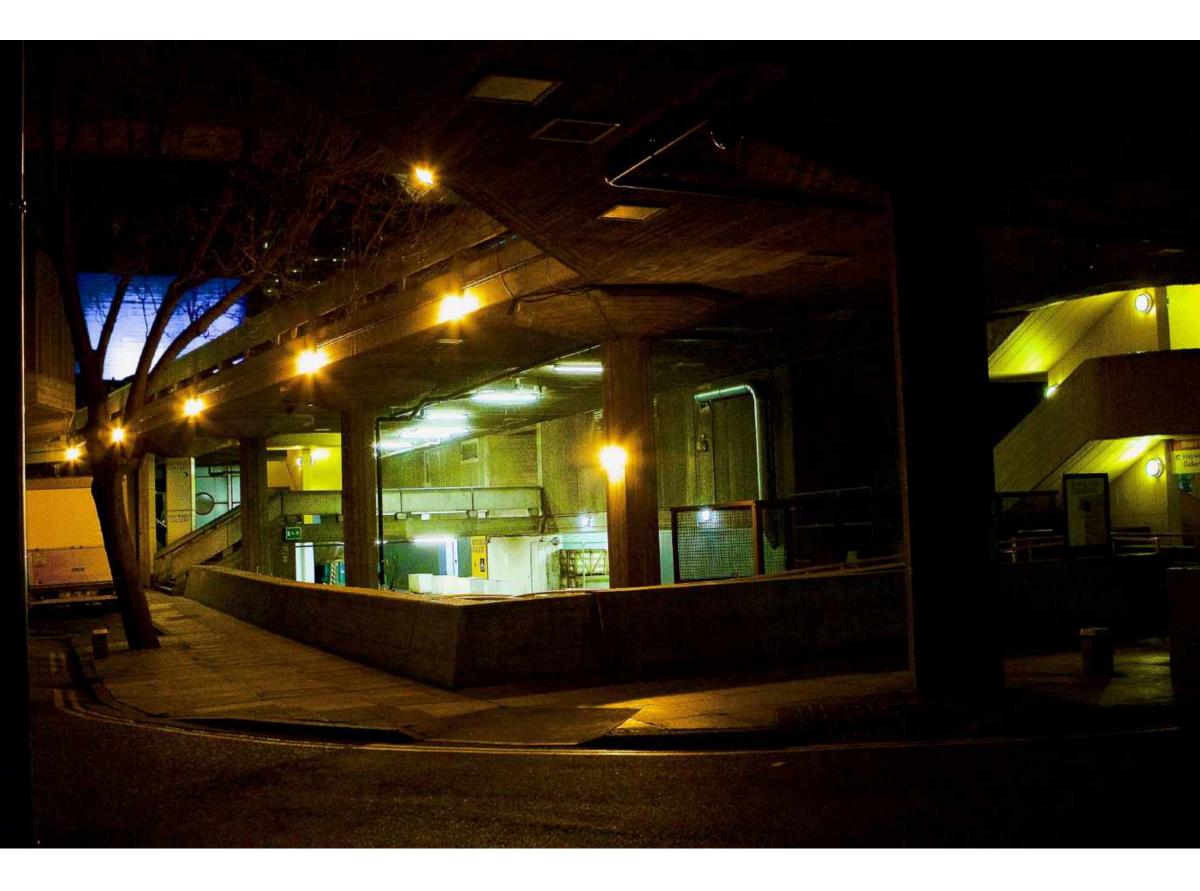
The first electrical street lights in the world were used on Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, in England.



Light pollution contributes to climate change, by adding excess heat into the air.



It costs up to 26,000 dollars in energy every day to fund times square's 55 LED billboards.



83% of the world's population, 99% of Europeans and people in the US, live under skies nearly 10% brighter than their natural starry state.



More than one-third of people on Earth cannot view the Milky Way from their location because it is obscured by light glare.



Up to fifty percent of lighting in New York is wasted every year.



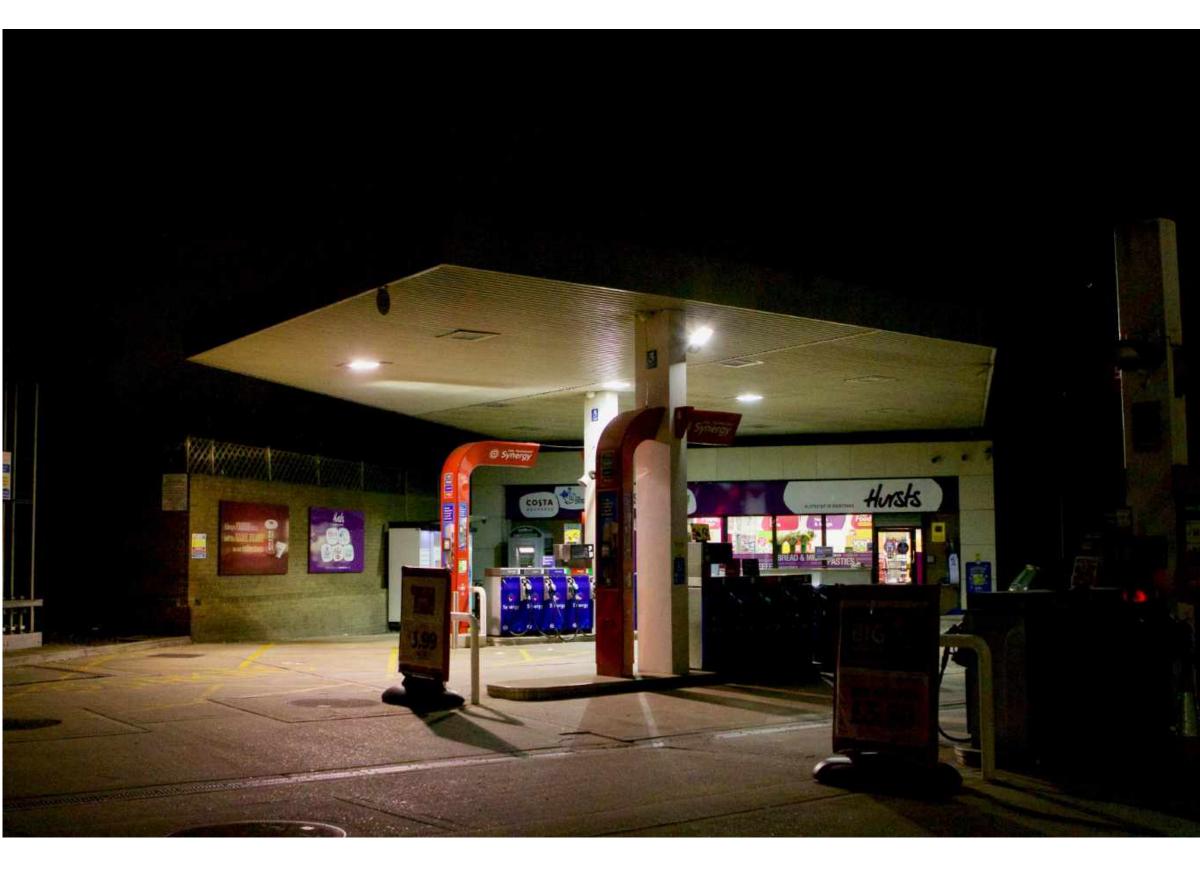
Light pollution is reversible. It can be avoided directly by changing human habits.



It is estimated that 2.3 billion pounds is wasted every year on outdoor lighting.



Light Pollution affects migration patterns in various species of bird.



Darkness causes the production of melatonin. A lack of this hormone can disrupt sleep patterns, and lead to mental and physical problems. Too much light exposure during the night time hours can, therefore, be damaging to ones health.



## There are approximately 2.8 million street lights in London alone.



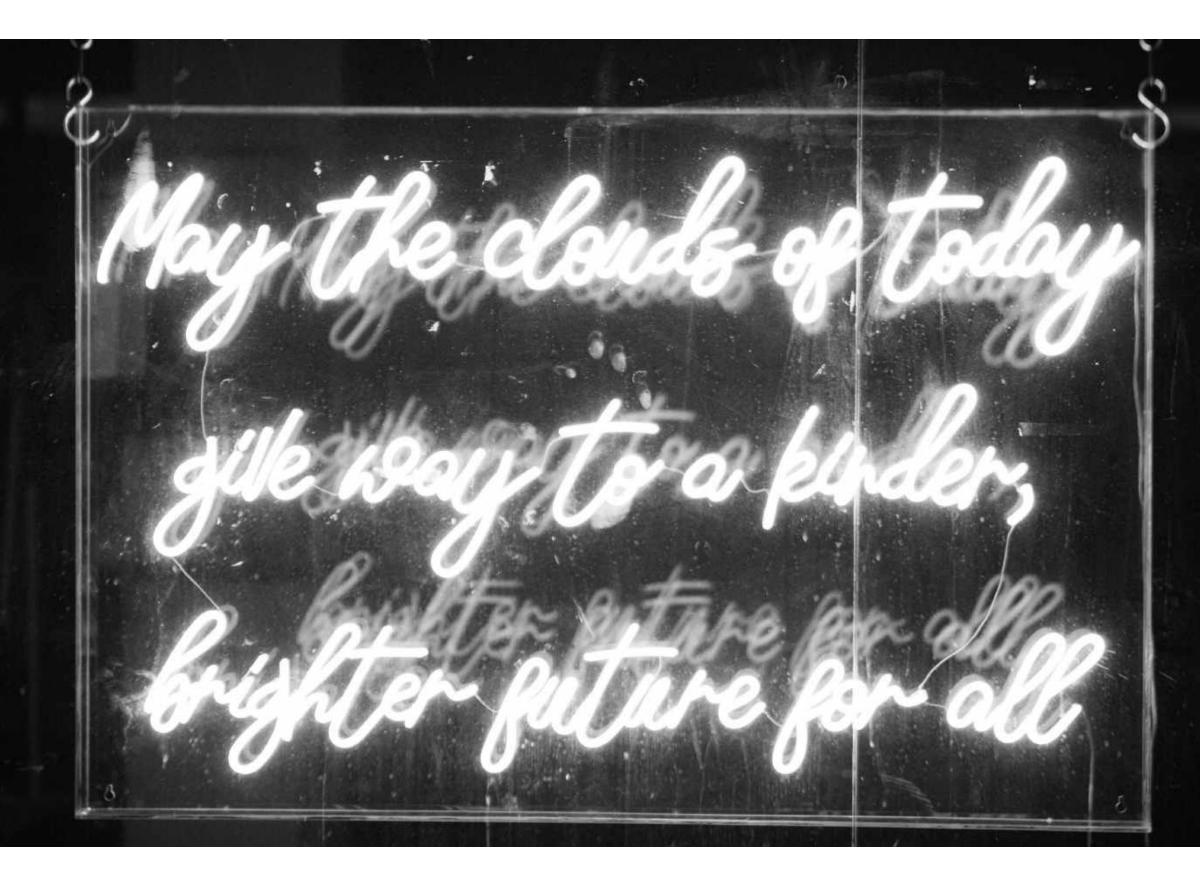
It is estimated that 35% of artificial light is wasted by being poorly aimed or unshielded, resulting in billions of pounds of energy wasted every year.



The major sources of Light Pollution include street lights, advertising signs, skyscrapers, factories, and illuminated sporting venues.



Roughly 80% of the world is effected by light pollution.



The population of Singapore, Kuwait and Qatar experience the brightest night skies.



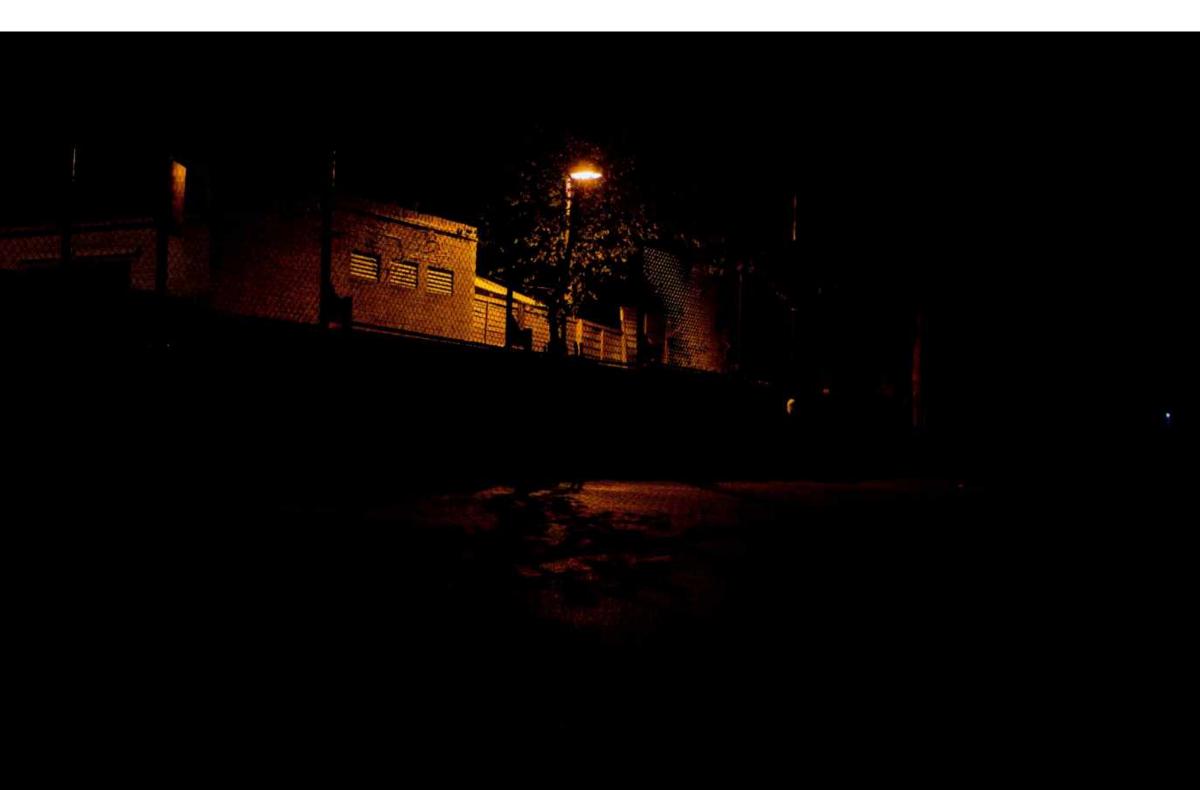
People living in Chad, Central African Republic and Madagascar are least affected by light pollution.



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And yet slowly our surroundings suffer



## Light Pollution -

Brightening of the night sky caused by street lights and other manmade sources, which has a disruptive effect on natural cycles and inhibits the observation of stars and planets.

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