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## new website: rudolf steiner federation messenger

November 5, 2010 · by [alicia hamberg](#) · in [waldorf](#), [waldorf criticism](#)

Update on September 22, 2011. I would very much like to warn people to get involved with the pair behind the Steinermentary project. I don't have the time to write more about it right now (see discussion threads), but I wish that nobody takes the post below as a sign of support for them or as a recommendation for people to get involved with them.

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The couple behind the website [Titirangi Steiner Messenger](#) has set up [a new website](#), this time addressing the central organisation of Steiner schools in New Zealand. They state, very reasonably,

[W]e are confident that most reasonable people will agree that “not having an opinion” about things that are damaging to children, is not a tenable position for any educator to hold. [. . .] [S]ane people everywhere must question what is occurring when such a vocal movement about what is good for children can be so silent about what has been done by one of its officers that is manifestly bad for them.

Though I am not personally sure it's the ‘*lack of adherence to Steiner's own precepts*’ that constitutes the core problem here [my emphasis in quote]. [Read the website](#).



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Good. That's the way to do it: addressing the movement as such. As Zoey is doing, too.

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'Perhaps humankind can't bear too much reality, but neither can it bear too much unreality, too much abuse of the truth.' (Saul Bellow)  
 '448 OMAR KHAYYĀM Omar had a personality; I, for better or worse, have none. In an hour I'll have strayed from what I am at this moment; tomorrow I'll have forgotten what I am today. Those who are who they are, like Omar, live in just one world, the external one. Those who aren't

who they are, like me, live not only in the external world but also in a diversified, ever-changing inner world. Try as we might, we could never have the same philosophy as Omar's. I harbour in me, like unwanted souls, the very philosophies I criticize. Omar could reject them all, for they were all external to him, but I can't reject them, because they're me.' (F Pessoa)

'Mrs Glass looked over, abstractedly, at the blue bathmat, across the tiled floor. Zooney stood as still as possible, in order not to break her mood.

"You can't live in the world with such strong likes and dislikes," Mrs Glass said to the bathmat, then turned again toward Zooney and gave him a long look, with very little, if any, morality in it. "Regardless of what you may think, young man," she said.' (JD Salinger)

'Art only begins where imitation ends.' (Oscar Wilde)

"I like zooney's blog," Steiner would say, "It's the only internet site with a foyer. Saul and I often meet there, by the ethereal kiosk. The ice-cream is splendid.'" (ThetisMercurio)

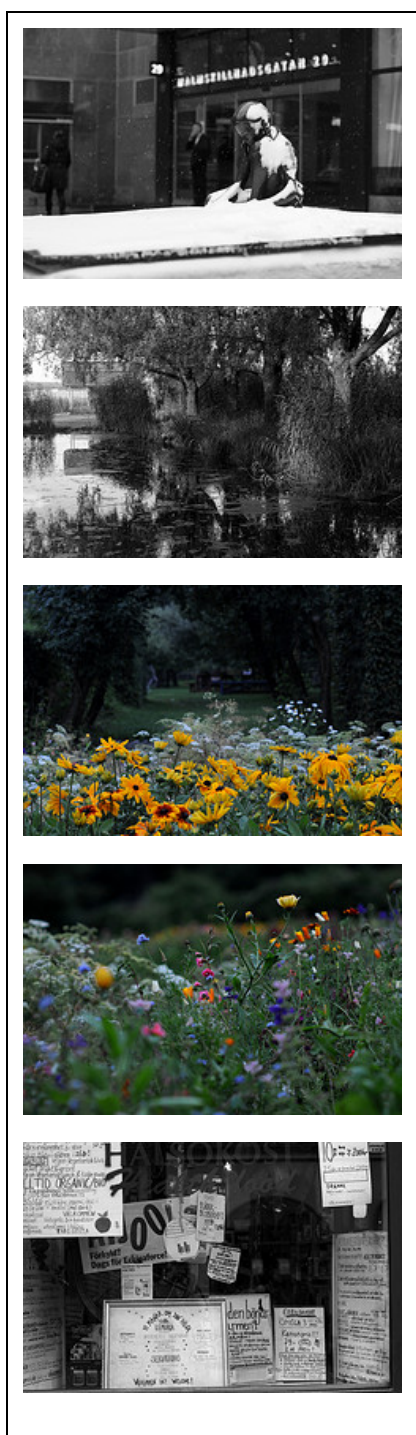
'What is the use of telling people repeatedly that the Society is not a sect and then behave as if it were one?' (Steiner)

'Laughter means distance. Where laughter is absent, madness begins. The moment one takes the world with complete seriousness one is potentially insane.' (Jens Bjerneboe)

'If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you.' (Oscar Wilde)

'Let's act like sphinxes, however falsely, until we reach the point of no longer knowing who we are. For we are, in fact, false sphinxes, with no idea of what we are in reality. The only way to be in agreement with life is to disagree with ourselves. Absurdity is divine.' (F Pessoa)

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### comments & discussion

comments in swedish, norwegian, danish, english, german are very welcome and much appreciated; and even though I do understand some french, spanish, dutch and italian, I prefer the aforementioned five languages. As a side-note: I eat food, not anthroposophists. And I'm not half as evil as you might think.

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