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**Andy Lewis** @lecanardnoir · Apr 14

This story by @hannahfearn about Camphill troubles misses the occult foundations of this Anthroposophical community. [qako.me/1J0Cmlg](http://qako.me/1J0Cmlg)

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**Hannah Fearn** @hannahfearn · Apr 14

@lecanardnoir Hi Andy, I wrote this earlier, longer piece which focused specifically on the community: [theguardian.com/society/2014/j...](http://theguardian.com/society/2014/j...)

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**Andy Lewis**

@lecanardnoir

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@hannahfearn My own research on Steiner suggests \*nothing\* should be taken at face value when looking at Anthroposophical institutions.

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**Subject:** Re: oops  
**Date:** 13 August 2011 5:02:34 pm GMT+01:00  
**To:** Ms Angel Garden <angelgarden@mac.com>

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good! About the writing.

Joe really likes the girls and I hope they've enjoyed having him, I think Steve's been very busy with work and that teenagers are often quite hard to gauge. They had a good conversation just now, Joe and Steve, and Joe understands that it's a stressful time for everyone. He is quite preoccupied though with the essays he has to write for university entrance.

I'm sorry you won't get your evening, which I'm sure you really ought to have after the last few days, but we're still here for Ruby and yourselves if you do look at Sands.

They've been talking about the school and Ruby seems to like the sound of it but not the prospect of moving again, understandably. Let me know if I can be any help.

Mx

On Sat, Aug 13, 2011 at 4:45 PM, Ms Angel Garden <[angelgarden@mac.com](mailto:angelgarden@mac.com)> wrote:  
poor Joe is missing you all too much as I expect you know.....

It's very disappointing to me that he wants to leave because I'm only going back on Tuesday due to mum's care issues.

Have you spoken to Joe? I wondered whether it was a question of him not asking Steve to look for the things he needs to feel engaged with some other people, or Steve not asking him.....

whatever, it seems a shame if he disappears as soon as I get back again – I was hoping to get a night out with Steve!

I've only just heard this from Steve, who is now going down to the village to see what might be going on of interest. If he hasn't got anything for himself going on then it's not surprising if he feels bored or homesick I guess.....

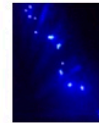
I'm still in Woking, quite exhausted but enjoying being with mum too.

and writing.

x

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**About Me****AngelGarden**

Hi, Welcome to my blog. I've started this blog so that I have a space to bang on about stuff like other people do.

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Nevertheless freedom of speech requires that we allow others to express opinions about us that may be offensive and the simple fact is that WordPress operates a very free policy on free-speech. They encourage protest and dissent and feel that offensive material should be talked about more and more not less and less.

So even though I'm totally blocked from commenting in those places where hateful and libellous stuff has been written about me, and where people delight in the havoc that Steiner education has wreaked in our lives, there is really nothing I can practically do about it at the moment either.

Even though many of Alicia's and other critic's statements are certainly actionable, she takes advantage of WordPress free-speech policy, which is that they won't issue a take-down notice unless there is a court order from the States. This is too difficult for me to achieve from New Zealand, so it just sits there.

If I was in the States, I would have followed it up obviously, because it would illuminate exactly the differences between free-speech, hate-speech and libel. Alicia Hamberg's actions are certainly designed to negatively affect my reputation and she is very open about this, expressing her belief that she must warn others about having anything at all to do with me, or my husband Steve, both personally and in a professional context.

Alicia Hamberg and the critics, including Dan Dugan, have taken it upon themselves to defame Steiner whistleblowers as a "public service".

So although it's clearly defamatory, I can't take the actions which might lead to Ms Hamberg being asked to behave more responsibly and not simply use her blog to give vent to her personal vendetta dressed up as critical thinking about Steiner Education, and the same goes for the Dan Dugan's Waldorf Critics list, where he was apparently persuaded by Diana Winters to break all his own ad hominem rules (clearly stated on his front page) to mob, defame, block and ban us.

The Steiner critics, as skeptics, or whoever they align themselves with in criticising "quack" behaviour from others are demonstrably doing exactly the same thing, i.e. they have shown that they have no argument whatsoever and can only appear to 'win' by totally silencing criticism, i.e. blocking me, whilst at the same time writing very offensive personal insults where I have no right of reply and circulating them around their followers.

Yet whenever Steiner people refuse to debate or just lapse into insult, this group is very quick to point out the paucity of argument that prompts that kind of behaviour. It doesn't say much for their critical thinking ability that they then go and do [exactly the same thing](#) themselves and [get their friends to collude](#).

But it's totally useless being the target of something like this unless it can serve some useful purpose.

So for the moment, I'm just saying that, vile as it is, for Alicia Hamberg to be able to write her hateful speech about me as a parent, a woman, a disabled person, a mother, a film-maker, I too support freedom of speech and do not believe people should be prosecuted for making a tasteless joke, because that road leads to narrow-minded gate-keeping rule-makers, just like Alicia, Diana, Melanie and the rest, distorting the idea of free-speech even further.

But what's clear that, given the censorship that these hypo-critics want to practise, and in view of WordPress policy, I should continue to go for the only other option - to talk about their mobbing, blocking, smearing and defamatory behaviour more and more, and to try and bring awareness to it.

These actions are not only personally necessary. Clearly, if this group are prepared to attack us like this, simply for expressing the point of view that it is not acceptable to knowingly leave a hole in the road for others about abusive schools, then other whistleblowers stand a good chance of being mauled as well, if they don't toe the line of this unreasonably authoritarian group - no matter how garishly wide the welcoming smiles might initially be.

Their hateful actions have produced a situation in which I must now use my own right to free-speech to express my disgust at this behaviour to the very limits of the law - and this I will do, to point out exactly where they have gone beyond them.

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nature of the school and officials misled about teaching practices. An organisation founded on deceit is unlikely to be in the best position to protect children.

2. Part of the Steiner pedagogical approach is to encourage strong relationships between teachers and pupils. A child may be assigned the same teacher throughout their schooling. Perra describes how the school he worked in deceived inspectors by swapping in specialist teachers for particular lessons during inspections and children were encouraged to 'play along'. The natural protection afforded by a child having many adult relationships within a school is weakened. Perra also discusses his experiences in a Steiner School where it was 'an open secret' that a teacher was involved in a long term relationship with a pupil and living with her.
3. Steiner schools have been successful in the UK in lobbying for exemptions from the normal standards of control and inspection. Independent Steiner Schools are not inspected directly by Ofsted, but by the specially created Schools Inspection Service in the belief that specialist inspectors were needed to appraise the special nature of Steiner Schools. However, inspectors appear to have very strong links with Steiner schools and so may not have the necessary distance required to objectively assess and raise issues. The new state funded schools have been set up under the Academy or Free School programme and so exempt from local authority control. In the case of Glasgow, questions should be asked of how the inspectors failed to spot staff were working with children without having undergone child protection background checks.
4. Teachers at Steiner Schools need not be qualified. The [majority](#) of teachers in Steiner Schools in the UK do not have [a recognised teaching](#) qualification. This reduces the barriers and checks that might prevent paedophiles entering the payroll.
5. There are consistent reports of how Steiner

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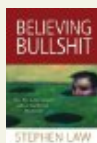
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4. [Steve](#) · [June 10, 2010 - 5:29 am](#) ·

Hi ThetisMercurio and thanks for linking to our site.

No biggie, but I'd like, if I may, to make you aware of a piece of internet etiquette: one should not quote someone else's post in its entirety as it gives the reader no incentive to visit the actual site, even if one was kind enough to link to the original post.

Better to mention it briefly and link to it. That way, the original poster gets all the visits and the readers may learn even more info :-)

All the best,

Steve



5. [ThetisMercurio](#) · [June 10, 2010 - 10:13 am](#) ·

Steve: in commenting about Waldorf in our experience things disappear, which is why I reposted your piece in its entirety as well as linking to it. I realise this is unusual. I have sent your post (as a link to your blog, not to this site) to several journalists and commentators in the UK via twitter etc. I did this to highlight your concern – which many people share – that policy-makers and parents in the UK should realise the implications of lack of accountability in potential new or free schools/Academies, Waldorf Steiner or otherwise.

Of course it's up to zooley to shorten the piece if you should wish her to do so or if she feels it would be best.

I urge anyone reading this to look at Steve's site, which I believe they would do even without my prompting. And more importantly I have great sympathy for any parent who is forced to take this kind of action against their child's former school and note their courage in doing so.

Best wishes to you. Good luck :)



6. [Steve](#) · [June 10, 2010 - 1:50 pm](#) ·

Hi ThetisMercurio

No worries. I guess we must've been lucky that our site is still up after all this time. Mind you, everything there is the truth. They'd have a hard time taking it down if they couldn't provide evidence to the contrary.

Please let me know if the media you've contacted will be using our info in some way. I know there's a lot of talk about Steiner at the moment in the UK. From what I hear they were working hard to get public funding. Is that still happening or have Cameron's drastic budget cuts put an end to this?

Take care,

Steve



7. [ThetisMercurio](#) · [June 10, 2010 - 4:14 pm](#) ·

Thank you Steve.

I will keep you informed.

Yes, they're working hard and are putting the machinery in place, as are other groups seeking state funding through either the Academies or potential free schools route. The latter still seems uncertain, we can hardly afford it and it isn't overwhelmingly popular. There is a concern that Academies will be less accountable – I don't mean just academically – that's important of course but the general welfare of children: the relationship between the family & their school, the community & a school are the things that count when something goes wrong.

The structure of Steiner schools internationally appears to discourage genuine accountability.

I have my reservations about Steiner Waldorf education which extend beyond individual schools, so you can tell I don't recommend public funding! I don't believe it would solve problems which arise out of a particular view of childhood, the responsibilities Steiner teachers

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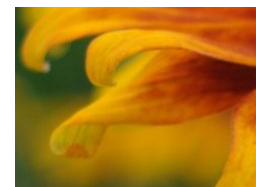
Hope you realise that Alicia is absolutely essential reading if you want to understand Steiner Schools & anthroposophy.

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**alicia hamberg****not merely personal beliefs**

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**:guy-andré::chapman:**  
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@sjparis You say. Andy disagreed. I trust his judgment, I do not know you from a hole in the ground. Was it you, perchance?

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**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 25 Aug 2012  
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@sjparis You didn't answer the question. Was it you?

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**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 25 Aug 2012  
@SceptiGuy sorry, too many tweets in one go.  
No it wasn't me, although I am involved.

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@sjparis Reads as generic green-inkery. Not in the least surprised. Author appears to be, to use a scientific term, bonkers.

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**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 25 Aug 2012  
@SceptiGuy how is the author bonkers?

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**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 25 Aug 2012  
@SceptiGuy (I also not familiar with the term "green inkery" - what does that mean?)

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**Andy Lewis** @lecanardnoir · 14 Jun 2013  
@tswyatt The important thing to grasp is that they are part of an esoteric cult

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**Tim Wyatt** @tswyatt · 14 Jun 2013  
@lecanardnoir Well we would need documentary evidence of that being the case for our local Steiners before we could print it obviously.  
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@tswyatt And that is how they will get away with it. No one will call them out. It requires too much work to expose them!

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**Tim Wyatt** @tswyatt · 14 Jun 2013  
@lecanardnoir See it from our perspective for a second. Very under-staffed and busy local newspaper. Hard to do long-term investigation.  
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**Tim Wyatt** @tswyatt · 14 Jun 2013  
@lecanardnoir If a local Steiner school could be proven to be discouraging vaccination I would love nothing more than to expose it.  
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**Andy Lewis** @lecanardnoir · 14 Jun 2013  
@tswyatt I know. I know. But that does not mean you can print misleading articles with people getting upset.  
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My daughter's teacher started a relationship with her father (my ex) and all hell broke loose after that. Instead of protecting my daughter, I was banned from the school so I could no longer have any involvement with my daughter's emotional well being.

Obviously, we left the school. It took a few months for my ex to agree to leave (since he was dating the teacher). He finally saw how depressed our daughter was and we switched to public school towards the end of the year. My children today are still traumatized by their experiences at Waldorf and my oldest is writing a story about her experience.

I understand the need to remain anonymous. They ruin you...As they did me.

Really, we should all be suing the schools for a failed education. My kids were two and three years behind...Public school.

Ahhh...Cults.

Reply

**Anonymous** August 30, 2010 at 2:00 AM

You were banned?? I'm so sorry, what an absolute nightmare for you and your children. The behaviour of the movement is horrifying, as you say they are not schools they are a cult. It is fraud on a massive international scale.

In order to try and understand what happened I have spoken with many families worldwide over the last few years. What is striking is when a family complains and begins to ask too many questions there appears to be a pattern:

1. When the parents complain and request a meeting, the school deliberately procrastinates delaying the parent alerting the authorities.
2. A meeting is finally arranged where a very different (Anthroposophical) interpretation is given by the teachers/trustees in an attempt to manipulate the parents into thinking there is no problem.
3. The parents become so frustrated they make contact with the authorities.
4. The school may expel the child at this point and start a smear campaign telling the community (including the children) there is something wrong with the parents/child who has filed the complaint.
5. The authorities request the notes, the school 'loses' the notes.
6. In order to further suggest the parents/child are at fault a trespass notice is issued.
7. When all else fails the schools have been known to make anonymous calls to social services.

Have you seen this website set up by a family in New Zealand?

[http://www.titirangisteinermessenger.com/TSM/News/Entries/2010/8/28\\_More\\_Lies\\_from\\_the\\_School.html](http://www.titirangisteinermessenger.com/TSM/News/Entries/2010/8/28_More_Lies_from_the_School.html)

Regarding suing the schools, I understand a California school district is facing a lawsuit over the hidden religious nature of Anthroposophy. The trial begins tomorrow:

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Legal/Default.aspx?id=1126896>

and yes you're right I think the time has finally come where parents could take a massive class action against the movement for breach of contract.

Very best wishes to you and your family  
xx

Reply

**Anonymous** August 30, 2010 at 5:37 AM

Hello from Sweden!

I am a regular teacher who was deceived in a similar way as presumptive parents are. If the real requirements upon me would have been presented prior my signing the contract, I would never ever have signed.

There are many with similar experience as yours.

In Sweden, there is a blog maintained by a former Waldorf pupil, where I participate as "qaqlqfa-qoqmeggqa". The blog is partly written in English (approx. 50%).

The woman (qzqoqoqeqy[dot]qwoqoqrqdpqrqeqsq[dot]qcqoqm), who maintains the blog, has been net-stalked, as were some of the mothers at "qmquqmqsqnqeqt" (a British parent's forum). For this reason, in all words, which may be used by the net-stalker scanning the net, contained in my ad here, I submit a "q" att the start and between the letters. (For example, a name "John" is thus written "qJqoqhqn".)

To start with I would like to bring qPqLqAqNqS (CA), containing personal accounts, to your attention. Also qRqoqgqeqr qRqoqwqlqinqq's (USA) account.

I can submit links to particularly interesting threads at "qmquqmqsqnqeqt" later. Your experience is just one in a row, I am sorry to say.

I am sorry, the caution with "q" may be necessary for not drawing the net-stalker's attention to your blog.

Reply

**Carol Wyatt** August 30, 2010 at 7:55 AM

Thank you for your responses Anonymus.  
They are very good at working the paranoia aspect.

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*Tomfortas: Your reply is a perfect example of how serious abuses within the Waldorf schools are neglected and treated as trivial. People have been harmed and it does not matter to anyone in the Waldorf community. It is a joke to you. Instead of the teachers and the head of a school handling terrible situations caused by a specific teacher (or even the head of a school), Waldorf does the opposite. They turn the victim and victim's family into criminals worthy of expulsion. They literally demonize the whole family and create gossip and injury to the children.*

*Well....The family leaves, but the problems remain and more people are hurt. It is terrible for you to jokingly reply to such serious stories and statements. But, that is the Waldorf way.*

Reply

**Alfa** September 11, 2010 at 1:56 PM

Exactly, Carol.

Greetings from Sweden  
Alfa-Omega

Reply

**Anonymous** September 12, 2010 at 2:40 PM

just wondering -

1. Why would a parent support an educational system that believes that the (Waldorf) teacher has a mystical knowing for what is best for your child?
2. Do you think parents actually understand the foundation of Waldorf education which is Anthroposophy?
3. Are parents so taken with the superficial 'warm and fuzzy' feel of the school that they do no research into this philosophy?
4. How do children who have no exposure to reading until 3rd grade and learn by copying from the board become competent readers?

Thanks

Reply

**Mule** September 13, 2010 at 2:52 AM

In response to the last comment, the answer is plain and simple:

they lie.

Prospective parents, education ministers and inspectors are told that the teachings of Rudolf Steiner (known as Anthroposophy) is the study of human wisdom, they are not told that:

\* The schools are a front for Anthroposophy, an esoteric religion also known as spiritual science, it's most loyal members are called the 'First Class' who believe they hold secret 'higher knowledge'. The 'spiritual health' of a school is measured by the membership of First Class Readers within the College of Teachers.

\* Spiritual science was supposedly gained through the clairvoyant knowledge of their founder Rudolf Steiner

\* The core belief of Anthroposophy is the reincarnation of the soul though racial hierarchies from Black to Aryan

\* The soul progresses through this hierarchy via the actions of karma

\* The soul presents indications of past lives through physiognomy and the four temperaments

\* Vaccination is discouraged, illness is seen as an opportunity for spiritual growth strengthening the souls progression for the next life

\* Steiner Waldorf education, Triodos Bank, Camphill Movement (now rebranded as Social Pedagogy), Biodynamic agriculture, Anthroposophical Medicine, Weleda, the Movement for Religious Renewal (also known as The Christian Community) and Eurythmy are all founded on Anthroposophy

\* The movement is not honest about their belief system, many Steiner Waldorf teachers believe they possess occult secrets that cannot be shared with the uninitiated. Following directions from Steiner, they lie, obfuscate and mislead intentionally – thinking this is their occult duty, the movement actively suppress attempts to make these concerns public

Reply

**Carol Wyatt** September 13, 2010 at 7:03 AM

Thanks you for your thorough comments Mule. It scares me that these people are still in my children's lives via my ex's live in girlfriend who is a teacher at PWS.

What got me thinking that they may be a cult was after I finished reading "Under the Banner of Heaven" and "When Men Become Gods" about the Mormon extremists. They (the Mormon extremists) are master manipulators of the welfare system and other govt. agencies, scamming and basically stealing money from the tax payers. All while declaring the govt. evil and separating their culture from all of society.

This is exactly what Waldorf does with regards to media. The vast majority of parents at PWS work in entertainment. Actors, producers, art directors, writers, and all others in TV, film, and technology. Almost all

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Margaret Sachs

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Dennis wrote:

Oh sure Peter, a serious survey of any kind would have to take into account those young folks who've left WE...but the whys and wherefores of their leaving wouldn't necessarily be included...no doubt you'd get testimony and speaking to enough people you'd get conflicting testimony...DMc

Margaret Sachs here:

Yes, you would get conflicting testimony because you would get the lies spread around the school to counteract the damage that could be done if people knew the truth. I heard many stories as to why children and their families were to blame for situations that led to their leaving our Waldorf school. I sometimes heard the parents' side of the story but usually gave the school the benefit of the doubt because I was one of those people who thought the school was wonderful and could not believe that any school could be capable of some of the things parents claimed had happened. Then it happened to my family, and then I heard the lies that were going around the school. That's when I learned for the first time that truth and integrity--things I value--were not valued at our Waldorf school. Since then, I've heard many, many stories from parents around the world that indicate deception and lack of integrity is systemic in Waldorf education.

I don't know who you are, Dennis, because in the past couple of years I have not had time to follow discussions here, and I won't have time to continue this discussion. I pop in occasionally and read a random post or two. Today I saw your comment about conflicting testimony and cannot let it pass unchallenged. All schools have children who leave for one reason or another and switch to another school. Never, though, have I heard parents talking about switching schools based on the horrifying and outrageous situations that former Waldorf school parents describe. Nor have I heard of children leaving other schools in such great numbers as they leave our local Waldorf school.

Waldorf schools have, among many other problems, an intrinsic problem with truthfulness and honesty. I warn any satisfied Waldorf parents to pay more attention when families leave the school suddenly or unexpectedly and to dig deep to find out what really happened. Do not accept the school's version at face value. Ask questions. See if your questions are encouraged or discouraged. See if the answers really make sense in the context of the real world, not just the secretive murky world of Waldorf, where everything has meaning that you don't necessarily fully understand. And most importantly, call or write to the parents of the children who left and ask them to tell you about the situation from their point of view.

Margaret

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

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at physical characteristics like the size of their heads and the color of their skin. And they don't believe it's racist because they do this to all children, but from the outside this is pretty bizarre and abhorrent.

**Kylie:** Is there evidence of such segregation when students are being enrolled? I mean, have parents complained, come into the education department and said, "How come my child can't go to this private school? We've got the money, it looks great, and his friends are going there..." Have people complained?

**Andy:** Yes, we see parents on the web that are members of Waldorf survivor groups on the web who complain about these kinds of things. And really, it's one of the few places where you can get any insight about what goes on, because they are such an esoteric tradition, and so closed about what they do. It is very difficult to get hard information about what happens.

The worrying fact is that these ideas are not denounced openly and that there isn't a sort of new form of anthroposophy or an evolved form of Steiner's that you can go and see how the ideas have changed over the last 100 years. As far as it's possible to tell, this is a religion (or a cryptoreligion if you like) and Steiner had these revelations through his clairvoyant visions and his believers followed him. And I see no evidence whatsoever that there's any progressiveness away from these early 1920s Austrian racist ideas.

**Kylie:** Why do you think people aren't speaking out formally? I mean, the students when they graduate, are they doing well on their league tables? Are they getting into good universities?

**Andy:** Well, that's a very good question. Up till now in the U.K. these have been private schools, so people going to them have been quite wealthy middle class people, maybe with a few hippie-ish ideas or whatever. So, of course you will come across anecdotes about children who've done very well and gone to Oxford or Cambridge or something like that. You know, they even studied science, we are told, of course.

But that doesn't mean, of course, that if my child goes there or my neighbor's child, that that will be good for them. The data doesn't seem to be there. I'd be very surprised if an education system based on beliefs in astrology or clairvoyance was just so happened going to be better than sort of a mainstream education. It would be incredible, really. So, it's difficult to know what the impact will be. I think our government's sitting on time bomb, essentially.

You'll get early adherents rushing in because they've heard a wonderful thing about Steiner educations. But in a few years, the stories will start creeping out about children not being able to read, being delayed, not progressing with respect to their peers in the same towns and so on, and questions will be asked. I think the government is going to find itself in a lot of trouble in maybe three, four, five years' time when children start going through difficulties.

For me, I think the biggest worry is that parents are getting involved in the schools and not knowing what they are getting involved in. This is all about informed consent, and especially when the schools instill in them—their views of medicine are just as bonkers, they have homeopathic doctors in the schools, because Steiner was very fond of homeopathy.

In addition, Steiner schools are hotbeds of unvaccinated children; in the U.K., measles outbreaks are occurring around Steiner schools, so much so that last year, when the Steiner schools held their annual interschool Olympics, it had to be cancelled because the schools had a measles outbreak. To me this is incredible, and yet it's very predictable; these ideas of undermining science and undermining medicine and putting lives at risk with some of those views, I think that that's where I think parents ought to know what they're getting themselves in to before they get involved.

**Kylie:** Are there some suggested actions that we should be taking, in your opinion? I mean, should we be asking our governments about them, should we go down and look at our local Steiner schools?

**Andy:** That's a good question. What can be done? Raising awareness is the biggest thing, because people are not aware of what Steiner's philosophy is all about and what his approach is. You go to a school's website and you'll just see all cuddly words like, we're children-centric, and we're progressive. And all these things that people go, "Oh, that's lovely, you know. We're not fixated on exam league tables or whatever it might be; they're going to treat my child as an individual."

And yes, of course they treat children as individuals. But they teach them according to



From: Amazon Films <info@amazonfilms.net>  
 Subject: On world mental health day..  
 Date: 10 October 2012 9:12:41 pm GMT+01:00  
 To: robert.sneyd@pms.ac.uk



Dear Mr Sneyd

We are writing to you as the Dean of the new Plymouth University Peninsula schools of medicine and dentistry.

On world mental health day we would like to ask you the question as to why are senior lecturers at your university allowed to, away from work, be involved in smearing the mental health of others online?

It is not only the attempt to use mental health as a stigmatising tool to victimise people online, that is bad enough for someone with a respected position in mental health, or his family, but also, given that we only met the Byngs due to our whistleblowing activities, which as they knew had resulted in community mobbing, their behaviour, already comprehensively documented online, could not be better designed to actually cause mental illness.

1. coming very close to us suddenly, suggesting many involvements between our two families on the basis of our negative experience, our shared interests, their admiration of us and the fact that my mother was dying, hence we were camping in the UK having travelled from NZ. i.e. they were aware that we were in a very vulnerable state.
2. suddenly breaking off contact, when an initiative of theirs involving their son staying with us, finished abruptly as he wanted to go home. This was as I was about to publish an article that I'd been asked by Melanie Byng to write on what was described to me as a 'very high profile blog' in the UK on the subject of our mutual interest.
3. suddenly ostracising us completely both personally and also, much more significantly, from the public debate about our shared interests, the issues that we had experienced, which we were dealing with Human Rights over, and which had earlier prompted the Byng's to tell us we were 'clever', 'brave' and 'funny'.
4. At the same time as ostracising us from public debate, Melanie Byng then began actively warning others not to have anything to do with us and smearing our mental health to hundreds of people on twitter. She has even knowingly circulated material which attempts to cover up a 'pedophile' smear against a third party, who'd worked with us in the past.

This behaviour towards someone who was only in the country to look after a dying relative is beyond the pale. The fact that one of the perpetrators of it is a senior employee in your University should be a matter of shame.

Certainly it may be Richard Byng's wife who was responsible mainly for making a mess of the whole thing, but it's inconceivable that Richard doesn't know about it, so why has he, for the last year, been doing the opposite of what a responsible mental health physician of any sort should do? At the very least he has been knowingly allowing his wife to target and vilify others, using mental health stigma, and actively behaving in ways known to have adverse mental health consequences for the targets. She has done this for her own personal agenda and status.

Is this acceptable for those representing your institution? Why aren't there codes of acceptable conduct, with regards to mental health issues, which employees are expected to adhere to away from work?

If Richard Byng does not know about any of this, (an impossible scenario) then he should, because it is certainly compromising the reputations of all concerned.

On this, World mental health day, we feel you should know about it, as you are the people who employ Richard Byng for his knowledge and understanding of mental health, and we will not stop trying to bring attention to the absolute hypocrisy of such a person knowingly allowing that understanding to be distorted and used as a weapon against others.

These are all provable facts and facts which are already published as, due to these attempts to victimise us, we have no other defence but to document and publish the evidence to expose this behaviour.

I'm not a mental health professional, but I don't think you need a degree of any sort to see that setting people up to trust you by overstepping boundaries when people are vulnerable, then rejecting them, cutting them off and even ostracising them as a group, is a classic abuse scenario.

In this case it includes Dr Byng asking personal and unsolicited questions about my dying mother's care, during the 'love-bomb' phase, sending their son to stay,, suggesting we move near them, showing us local schools, personally inviting our 11 year old child to stay with them, because due to her experiences of bullying she had become education averse, and then just suddenly cutting off communication entirely, in the abuse phase.

They did not stop there however but then actively tried to publicly humiliate us and destroy our reputation – people the Byngs only met because we'd already been mobbed over our stand on bullying, and were dealing with Human Rights.

On World mental health day, we feel no shame in telling you of this and assure you that we will continue to publicise it and protest

this outrageous behaviour which people should know about.

We do not expect a reply to the question as to why such a Senior professional is allowed to get away with this, and know that, as you can see in the news, people often tend to close in to protect the powerful against those who are seen as weaker, even feeling anger against the target, who must have asked for it somehow, rather than where it belongs when any kind of abuse comes to light.

If we asked for it, it was simply because we made the mistake of trusting, for which we've paid a high price.

On World mental health day it would be great if mental health was taken more seriously than that, but we feel that you should at least be aware.

Sincerely

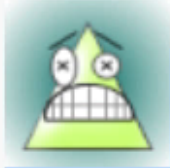
Steve Paris and Angel Garden

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***Robert W Edwards***

*November 3, 2012 at 9:19 pm*

Great article but why no mention of all the unchecked bullying that apparently takes place in those schools? Here's a cool video I found on the subject:

<http://t.co/OTwvZG7>

REPLY



***Robert W Edwards***

*November 5, 2012 at 9:13 am*

So do you not care about evidence of bad pedagogy provided by people who actually had family members attend a Steiner School? Is the entire issue / debate a mental exercise for you?

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Thanks for erasing my earlier post. Nice exchange of free ideas.

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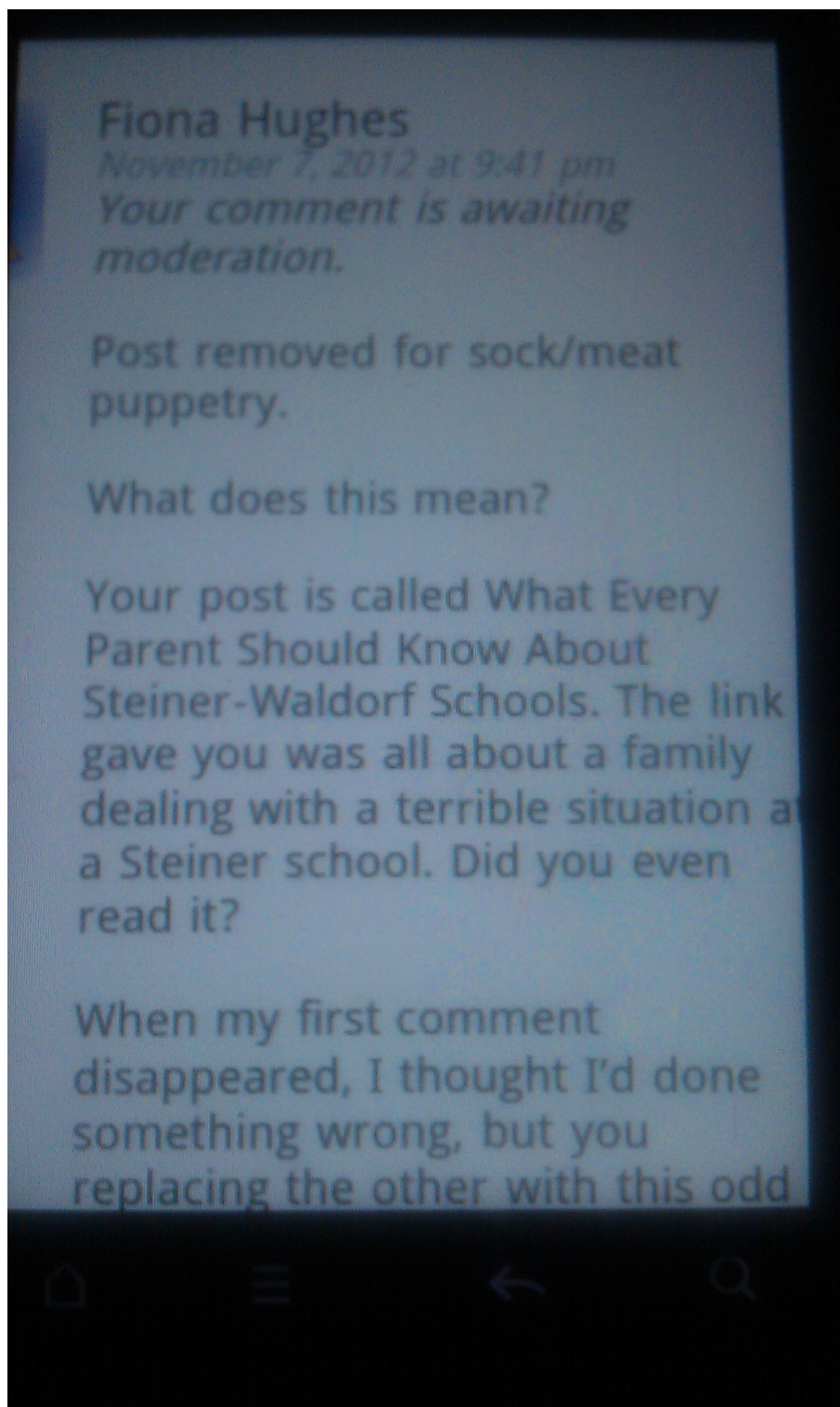
**Fiona Hughes**

*November 6, 2012 at 11:17 pm*

The people who made this site <http://bit.ly/2qsT4k> are being very open about their experience, are definitely not anonymous and are even dealing with human rights over the expulsion of bullied children at their Steiner school. Without evidence there is nothing to act on, so surely, the more evidence you have the better, right?

Maybe you should add that link to your "further reading" list at the end of the article?

REPLY



a Steiner school. Did you even read it?

When my first comment disappeared, I thought I'd done something wrong, but you replacing the other with this odd statement makes it clear that you deleted it.

Why on earth would you do that?

Isn't your goal to expose Steiner? Why delete a post which could help further your stated goal?

Otherwise, it makes me wonder why you wrote this piece in the first place.

I wonder how long this comment will remain visible, or if you'll even allow it in the first place.



From: John Stumbles john@stumbles.org.uk  
Subject: Re: Looking for John Stumbles  
Date: 8 March 2012 12:05 pm  
To: Steve Paris sparis@mac.com

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Dear Steve

On 07/03/12 00:46, Steve Paris wrote:

Dear Mr Stumbles

I hope this is the correct email address for you (I found it through your plumbing website)

That's my work email (which is fine - it comes to the same inbox); above is my personal one.

The reason I'm writing to you is because you keep asking for evidence that Steiner schools don't do anything to interfere with children bullying each other on Andy Lewis' blog.

Sadly, we're not allowed to comment there.

I'm curious how you mean 'not allowed to'. Anyone can do so (unless they've been banned by Andy, I guess) but the blog software seems a bit clanky and I find that when I've composed a message and then type in the CAPTCHA and try to submit my comment it responds that it can't read my CAPTCHA cookie, or something, then if I go back to the page it's often lost my comment text! So what I do is save a copy of my text so I can paste it back in and try again, which usually works. I think it must be something about the time taken while composing the text before submitting it that makes it time out or something - in any case not very good software.

Or maybe you mean that you're being forbidden by someone else?

We can't provide proof that every school does this, but we have evidence that ours in particular does. In fact it expelled my kids (the eldest of which was being bullied every day) rather than do something about the bullying in her class - as they said they would. So it was preferable for them to get rid of all of them without warning, reason given or right of appeal.

I'm sorry to hear that. Both I and my wife suffered bullying at our (state) schools so I'm quite aware how horrible this is for children. It's bad enough if a school doesn't pick up on bullying, but for them not to take prompt and effective action when it happens - or even as you tell me expelling the victims! - is outrageous.

Sadly, however, I'm not surprised to hear of this happening in any school - mainstream or Steiner. I'm certainly under no impression that Steiner schools are somehow immune from such issues, and I know at my kids' school there have been cases of of bullying and even in one case a teacher who took a dislike to a particular child and ended up engineering the expulsion of not only that child but their siblings. Thankfully that teacher is long gone (though not as a result of that disgraceful incident, more shame to the school at that time) and the current staff seem more humane and also more professional than 7 or 8 years ago when that happened.

In the case of the bullying I know some of the children involved (now young adults) and they are now good friends. Which does not, of course, make what happened in the past OK, but I find it interesting because I could not imagine ever having a genuinely friendly relationship with those who bullied me as a child.

If you're interested in communicating about this (and maybe even Andy's apparent resistance to provide some of the evidence you're looking for), please reply to me.

It was 'MuscleGuy' I challenged to produce evidence for his claim that "Steiner schools will absolutely not step in to prevent one child openly bullying, including physically other children", not Andy (Lewis) who doesn't seem to have contributed to the discussion in the comments at all. (I did challenge Andy on a different subject - his claim that Frome school was being secretive about Anthroposophy - but he didn't respond to that.)

And of course MuscleGuy didn't respond to my challenge for evidence either - you're the only person who's produced evidence for bullying happening at \*any\* Steiner school during this discussion! Although as I say I did know of some that happened at our school once. I've also heard fairly convincing accounts of a culture of bullying - which could fit with the bullying-as-karma idea - at one school.

But if \*all\* Steiner teachers believed the thing about bullying being karma you'd expect bullying to be rife at every school, and for there to be parents such as yourself all over the world (aren't you in NZ?) offering evidence of it. Which, as far as I can see, just isn't happening.

Anyway I hope your children are now at a school they're happy in and the horrible time they evidently had at your Steiner school is firmly behind them

all the best

From: Roger Rawlings <downfromfog@yahoo.com>  
 Subject: Re: Questions  
 Date: 10 March 2012 4:15 pm  
 To: Steinermentary <rudolf@steinermentary.com>

Alicia's comments are of interest because they deal with Steiner's racism, an important issue. There is nothing wrong with mentioning oneself in a dispatch. Alicia has done it, I have done it, you have done it. But the main thrust has to do with an issue of significance. I have covered your situation, like Alicia's, when I found it newsworthy or informative. I imagine I will cover your situation again when the circumstances warrant. Of course, I can make editorial errors — but I see none in this instance.

I am not aware of any Steiner school agreeing to the sort of mediation you mention.

I'll keep my eyes open for mention of your situation in the news. Please bear in mind, that is the avenue for inclusion in the Waldorf Watch news digest. I will not and cannot select items based on personal correspondence, as I imagine you understand.

Best wishes.

From: Steinermentary <rudolf@steinermentary.com>  
 To: Roger Rawlings <downfromfog@yahoo.com>  
 Sent: Friday, March 9, 2012 4:35 PM  
 Subject: Questions

Hi Roger

Hi hope you're well.

I wanted to contact you again as I saw this in your latest digest:

*From The Etheral Kiosk:*

*"racist cake (politics, art, anthroposophy)*

*"[Y]es, I know what's in Steiner; I know about the racial hierarchies, about the idiotic statements he made. That was not what drove me to find things out though. It's not what's driving me now. Steiner's racist ideas don't dictate my choices today. When I despised everything anthroposophical it was not for political reasons related to racism it was for purely personal reasons — call them childish if you like. But they were not about political antipathy or solidarity. And I don't have these feelings anymore. Thank God I don't. They would suffocate me." [3-3-2012 <http://zooey.wordpress.com/2012/03/03/racist-cake-politics-art-anthroposophy/>]*

Forgive me for not understanding this, but I fail to understand how Alicia's current state of mind has anything to do with Steiner ed. Or at least how it's at all newsworthy.

In the meantime, I thought I'd let you know that press coverage of our situation will be published in a paper soon, so I hope you will feature it on your site then.

At the time of writing this, the press coverage was still in the works.

From: Mike Collins <ukanthroposophy@gmail.com>  
Subject: Re: Steiner and human rights  
Date: 21 March 2012 12:32:15 am GMT  
To: Ms Angel Garden <angelgarden@mac.com>

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Whoops, looks like I missed this in the inbox...sorry for the delay.

Re Steiner ed & Human Rights, no, I'm not aware of a Steiner ed organisation ever agreeing to participate in a mediation process (if that's what you're asking). Or, to be precise, no participation in any independent and neutral mediation process – there have been supposedly independent panels set up to arbitrate and decide on complaints/wrangles. Due to confidentiality I'm not at liberty to disclose anything at all about the cases I'm aware of but I can say that it is not uncommon (re disputes) for Steiner schools here in UK to offer arbitration as a means of settling disputes or to offer a legal settlement out of court on condition that the complainant agrees not to go public about the issue or the settlement.

Re Human Rights, the Steiner/Waldorf wing of the Anthroposophy movement has been very active on the rights of the child in education and on rights to choice in obtaining 'traditional' medicines, herbal remedies and such like. From memory, the rights of the child argument was that the EU should follow the UN stance and statements on rights of the child in education but I'm hazy on that so you'd best check.

Mike

On Sat, Mar 10, 2012 at 9:07 PM, Ms Angel Garden <angelgarden@mac.com> wrote:

Hi again Mike

Thanks for the info.

We've already tried to communicate with Dornach and we've also spoken this week to another person who's not managed to get a response from them! We'll go down the charitable route, and also ask the Tribunal.

I do have another question, I've not come across any information about Steiner Ed and Human Rights. To your knowledge, has a Steiner school ever agreed to mediate over Human Rights Issues through a Commission or at the request of a Tribunal?

I'd be grateful for any info relating to Steiner Ed and Human Rights.

Hope you're having a nice weekend.

:)

Angel

On 29 Feb 2012, at 11:00 am, Mike Collins wrote:

Hello Angel,

I was incorrect in saying it is easy to check to see if a federation is Dornach recognised, I was thinking of individual schools. Apologies for that. I'll have a dig around and see what I can find and get back to you as and when I complete a trawl. Bit of a long shot but you yourself could try asking Dornach direct. I'm not one for subterfuge but as you appear to be in dispute with the NZ federation I'd point out that even if not formally recognised by Dornach the NZ federation will undoubtedly have links to Dornach at the highest levels so use of an alternative or anonymous email address when contacting Dornach might be a good idea, else Dornach may not respond.

Obtaining a constitution, I'm not familiar with the NZ scene but if the federation is a registered charity then you could ask the body responsible for overseeing charities in your country how to go about obtaining a copy of a charity's constitution. If the federation is a registered company then another possibility is to request or purchase company information from whatever body oversees company registration in NZ. Company information available will usually include Articles of Association – they're akin to a constitution but do be aware that they are only 'rules' so far as running a company goes. Having said that, some companies do include within their Articles some sort of a mission statement and other information of potential interest to you.

Discipline, not something I have much knowledge of so I can't help much there. However, you might look at your school (or ex-school) Parent Handbook and see what it says in there as to how children might or ought be disciplined and in how the school puts into effect a disciplinary measure. You might also look at how the school handles a grievance/complaint for that matter. Here in UK our national federation has details of how grievances/complaints should be dealt with and the schools themselves are obliged by the regulatory framework to have such procedures made clear to parents. Your national or regional schools inspectorate might also be able to advise too.

I'm presuming all of your info needs relate somehow to the Tribunal. Dornach connections and statements are imo deliberately vague and if not deliberately vague they are necessarily vague because by their very ethos and for reasons of practicality Dornach doesn't want to be and cannot be controlling or accountable for the actions and behaviours of its associates. You'd therefore find it very hard if not impossible to 'prove' a NZ school or federation is in breach of Dornach





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**The Quackometer**  
9 November 2012 · 

Dealing with constant harassment...  
<http://lecanardnoir.posterous.com/angel-garden-and-steve-paris>

Angel Garden and Steve Paris  
Writing about contentious issues and being fairly well read will me that I attract attention from quarters that can be annoying a times. Steve and Angel are in dispute with a Steiner School in New Zealand. They claim their children were expelled because they were being bullied. I understand the scho...  
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**Chip Cherry** Sorry, but I'm a bit unclear on the story here. Steve and Angel are in a dispute with their children's former school and they are also mad at you because you are not providing them a platform to complain about the school?  
9 November 2012 at 08:39

**The Quackometer** Yep.  
9 November 2012 at 08:40

**Chip Cherry** Did you even get involved in the dispute to begin with or were you just selected as an inappropriate platform by them?  
9 November 2012 at 08:41

**Alan Thomas** The self- importance and grievance shines through. Threats of Legal attack dogs often seem to go hand in hand with bluster and bombast....  
9 November 2012 at 08:42 ·  3

**The Quackometer** The latter. I wrote about Steiner Schools – they wanted to hijack my blog to attack other Steiner critics and to promote their cause.  
9 November 2012 at 08:42

**Chip Cherry** So they are alienating themselves from people with a seemingly common cause against the school. Not bright.  
9 November 2012 at 08:43 ·  2

**The Quackometer** The behaviour is baffling but consistent in its pattern.  
9 November 2012 at 08:44 ·  1

**Tom Armstrong** He followed me on Twitter, seemed like a run-of-the-mill Steiner critic at first, but then I got these weird criticisms of you that seemed amiss – I wasn't sure why you were taking his stuff down either – but that explains all. He's now been blocked from my Twitter.

By all means mention your own personal accounts regarding Steiner – this can be useful info, but your blog is not, as people have said, a platform for people's personal grievances.  
9 November 2012 at 09:02

**The Quackometer** Yes, they can be quite charming, can't they?  
9 November 2012 at 09:02

**Tom Armstrong** Seemed quite friendly at first, and their lack of aggression (just limiting to passive aggression) can be quite disarming.  
9 November 2012 at 09:06

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I've been cleaning their house.

Dad says we should leave at 10:00... Can he call the house to check....

And tell them to leave at 10? I mean - he could call to say he wanted to check I was alright.

I don't want to cut it that fine

And I don't think I should be made to clean their fucking house.

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Date: Tue, 16 Aug 2011 08:03:21 +0100

Subject: Re: How are you?

From: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)

To:

train tickets are cheap atm on Saturday - slightly less so on Friday. Just so you know

xxxx

On Tue, Aug 16, 2011 at 8:00 AM, Joe Byng <[joe@byng.co.uk](mailto:joe@byng.co.uk)>

wrote:

Yeah yeah, I know.

It's Lowena's Birthday so we'll have somewhere to stay.

I'm not booking a ticket yet, as I don't know how long I'll be.

x

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Date: Tue, 16 Aug 2011 07:22:48 +0100

Subject: Re: How are you?

From: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)

To:

just that lorelei is unreliable... you weren't sure where you were going to stay or if you were.. we can't finance a stay in london and I'm not sure that she can .. if you know what I mean, which you do. From long experience. And that we may need to book a train for you to get home from London (the trains have been mega busy and you may not even get a seat if we don't book in advance). Boring stuff like that. But I don't need to know your itinerary! Heaven forbid.

just remember to pack your computer lead and the rest of your stuff!

xxxxxxxxxxxx

On Tue, Aug 16, 2011 at 7:09 AM, Joe Byng <[joe@byng.co.uk](mailto:joe@byng.co.uk)>

wrote:

Sure sure - shall do that.

God, I'm so glad I'm getting out.

>>> but  
>>> he will do anything she says. She is btw an Astrologer.  
>>> Angel, who was in England with her dying mother, changed her flight to a  
>>> day  
>>> earlier so that Joe could look after their kids while she was picked up  
>>> from  
>>> the airport (we had arranged his return flight at the same time as she  
>>> went  
>>> out to France, so they would only have one trip - this was not what she  
>>> wanted. Steve then fleeced Joe (he is 17) for the price of her changed  
>>> flight - taking his euros away from him just before he got on the plane.  
>>> The  
>>> reason they changed her flight? Because she didn't want to drive with  
>>> her  
>>> children in the car. The trip to Bergerac airport from their house is 1  
>>> hr  
>>> 15 - they told us it was longer - I think to convince us the kids  
>>> shouldn't  
>>> go. This meant we were mystified by Steve not leaving in time to take  
>>> Joe  
>>> the following day - R was on the phone asking him please to leave (Joe's  
>>> flight was very expensive - if he'd missed it there was a 2 day wait for  
>>> the  
>>> next flight to England) I did not breath until I knew my child was on  
>>> that  
>>> plane, I was so scared they'd do something else. It's hard to forget  
>>> that  
>>> sensation.  
>>> Also, Angel was determined to get an evening with Steve (without the  
>>> kids)  
>>> so they left Joe AGAIN with the girls after she arrived - after having  
>>> told  
>>> him off for letting them down by leaving. There was no contract of  
>>> course -  
>>> they weren't paying him. I cannot get over what they expected from him,  
>>> as  
>>> if he were some kind of servant. And he was kind to the girls - he is  
>>> kind,  
>>> they're as wild as you'd expect them to be.  
>>> Just before he left he was on skype (from his room on his computer)  
>>> telling  
>>> me they'd said Steve would take him to the airport if he cleaned their  
>>> house  
>>> - imagine - if he cleaned their house. Dear Dog. Anyway I don't know  
>>> what  
>>> will happen - they might out me I suppose if they get spiteful and want  
>>> to  
>>> hurt us.  
>>> I was particularly kind to her because of her mother's illness. That is  
>>> worth bearing in mind.  
>>> x

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>>> On Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 11:59 AM, alicia h. <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)> wrote:

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;

>>>> Ouch. He, Steve, contacted me a few days ago. I'll forward the  
>>>> discussion to you once I've emailed you this. I've actually found them  
>>>> a bit difficult at those few times I've had anything to do with them  
>>>> -- not that I've been able to, sort of, pinpoint what the trouble is  
>>>> really. Some pretty odd requests. Weird expectations. I'll have to  
>>>> read the LSN stuff, because I suppose that article is what he referred  
>>>> to in the correspondence to me the other day.

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>>>> On 30 August 2011 12:13, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; hi Alicia -

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; I don't intend to comment or interact with these people - (they just

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; posted

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; on the LSNetwork)

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; They stayed here (they were looking at Sands School) and Joe went to

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; stay

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; with them in their house in France - supposedly to learn some French

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; &amp;

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; help

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; look after the children. No one spoke French to him and the dad left

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; him

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; with the kids for hours, there was barely any food - he wanted to

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; come

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; home

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; - they didn't want to lose their free help and made it pretty

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; difficult.

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; At

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; one point we were worried he wouldn't make it to the airport. They

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; are

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; dreadful people, frankly. I don't want this discussed AT ALL publicly

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; of

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; course but I suggest that you treat their advances with caution. I'm

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; forwarding this to Diana in case they try to contact WC. I would urge

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; anyone

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; (including Pete) to be aware that they are not entirely trustworthy.

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; x

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>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> if  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> only Thetis would make an appearance, or the events in  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> France  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> are  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> mentioned  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> he can defend himself and suggest I'm over-reacting, and  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> that  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> since  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> I  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> haven't answered any of their emails I clearly would  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> rather  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> wreck  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> their  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> project than discuss it sensibly and that this would be  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> the  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> right  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> 'etiquette'.  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> But I don't care about them enough to answer their emails.

>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> I  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> blocked  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> her  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> the minute I knew Joe was on the plane home. I unfollowed  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> because  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> they  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> tried  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> to direct message me. I don't want ever to talk to them  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> again.  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> Not  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> because  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> what they did was terrible, though it was pretty shitty,  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> but  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> because  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> they're  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> entirely untrustworthy and mendacious and manipulative and  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> above  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> all,  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> selfish. You're doing the right thing advising people not

>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> to  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> trust  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> them  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> and  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> I'm grateful you've done so, it's really good that critics  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> know  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> too.  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> In  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> some  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> ways it was a good thing we found out what they were like  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> before  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> they  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> got  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> going in any serious way. We must not be associated with  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> them.  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> I feel it's important to be honest, and that means  
>>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> stressing

On Sun, Sep 11, 2011 at 10:50 PM, Mike Collins

wrote:

Noted, thanks. I never did like the tone of their communications. I'm not on any of the private lists any longer, I consider them unsafe so far as confidentiality and security goes.

On Sun, Sep 11, 2011 at 7:52 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
hello Mike - looking forward to the next blogpost.

Just a note to let you know that on personal experience (mildly but unpleasantly and involving one of my own children) Angel and Steve, formally from the New Zealand Titirangi School are not trustworthy. Comments posted on Alicia's blog bear this out.

It's not a good idea in our view to encourage Steiner parents to view their sites or get involved with any possible (but frankly unlikely) documentary. They've relied on our goodwill publicising their activities which we won't do from now on. They have very little means, but are potentially litigious and certainly capable of dishonesty or misrepresentation.

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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Sep 22, 2011 at 8:24 PM  
To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Cc:

It may not be so easy to spot these things -- not if the person is used to making things up, telling half-truths, exaggerating, lying...

Mr Dog is a skilled interrogator. He stares at you and nags until you give in.

It's exactly what I thought too -- about them and Lichte. They deserve each other.

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Sep 23, 2011 at 5:34 AM  
To: "alicia h." <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)>  
Cc:

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We identify more with Jo Sawfoot's approach as it is more similar to ours. We don't want to engage with the nutty anthroposophy of Steiner education, we would rather stick to the facts, which are, in Jo Sawfoot's case that she's been targeted as a <span class="style\_3">whistleblower in a kindergarten.</span> That was the court judgement.

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I wanted to highlight this.

I've made up a bit of comment, if you quote it without citing the source I will sue your a\*\*\*:

\*...We don't want to research anything, or understand any subtlety: damn the pedagogy, we just want to defend our reputations. We want it handed to us on a plate and with any luck we'd like a nice fat payout from the Pitirangi school. The fact that Jo Sawfoot is still highly supportive of Steiner ed (though now virtually unemployable) is irrelevant to us, as she looks very likely to get those mega-bucks....\*

Their argument bounces around like a pinball, anything that goes 'ding' is good: liking Steiner, saying happy birthday to Steiner, people shouldn't defend their 'lifestyles' - it can't have been THAT bad - what happened to us was WORSE only we went to the trouble of making films with actors saying their words (so that they could carry on defending those 'lifestyles') so their experiences must have been quite bad...

But at the time it served our purpose. Now we're not so sure we would defend their anonymity.

It seems that [redacted] didn't reply to them - he was wiser than me. It seems they'd like him to come forward and defend them too, or he is also an enemy. As for me, I am using my anonymity as a weapon. Which is as good a reason as any to disarm me.

**3SA90091 -- CLAIMANTS' CLOSING EXHIBIT****CX-36**From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 11:44 AM

To: "alicia h." <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>

Alicia's quick-fire legal mind had woken her at dawn with the realisation that there was more to this than had met the inner eye. How could she have missed it? The infamous Titirangi Illuminati! Of course! Cursing her memory, she rolled out of bed and made for the kitchen.

'At last,' barked Mr Dog. He had been working for hours, as always several paws ahead of her. He nudged a back-pack in her direction. It contained a flask of coffee, oatcakes, and a slab of biodynamic seed-cake. 'For the journey,' he said gruffly, and winked...

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 11:55 AM

To: "alicia h." <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>

I do apologise, I could go on like that all day.

At the Devon school they used often to employ parents, probably in lieu of fees. My friend the woodsman was the landsman there, they treated him badly, as if they were doing him a favour.

Steve must have been doing something, locked in his room all day in France. Perhaps he was involved with some kind of pornography? Just the adult kind. At any rate they certainly have a lot of kit - laptops, cameras, sound equipment, editing equipment. He's quite highly qualified. So he ought to have been able to get work anywhere - unless there are employment rules in NZ which means it takes a while before you can enter full time employment. They are present on an ex-pat website which has a lot of info, I'll link to it.

They are not real film makers, all very low budget, I've not seen them involve anyone else,

I really do see her ending up in prison, I don't know why I say that now but I just get the feeling.. call it clairvoyance..

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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 12:09 PM

To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

haha!! that's the situation -- spot on!

Anyway. Angel complains that Thornton doesn't mention both Steve and her worked for the school. But I never see Angel mention this herself, until in this letter. Why not? Is it similar to her not mentioning she's an astrologer?

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 12:12 PM

To: "alicia h." <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>**C8-3686**

xxx

On Fri, Jan 13, 2012 at 11:11 AM, wrote:  
sorry, fell asleep last night and had to whizz out this morning for food so only just read your replies.

Will reply properly later but agree, I think ignoring her is the only way, so teeth gritting it is!

xx

On 12 January 2012 22:59, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Try not to make it more important than it is, I know it's hard.

Angel has a borderline personality disorder. This is a clinical judgement, not a personal opinion. It isn't simply depression. It makes her very dangerous, but luckily for us and sadly for others the danger is to those close to her. If she were your boss (always possible) she could make your life very difficult, but she doesn't have any power base. She is completely ineffectual unless we give in to her. We can't do that, because apart from anything else she is likely to misrepresent and manipulate others. It's quite likely she'll end up in serious trouble and possibly in prison - if she sends enough threatening texts, libels or threatens to blackmail the wrong person. Stand back and let her get on with it.

Obviously I wish I hadn't met her, and even more that hadn't stayed with them, but he only wanted to learn some French! He did after all look after their children for a week - all week - and was quite cheerful even when it went wrong - it was their behaviour which led to us feeling afraid for his safety (realising - and this was after Richard had a lengthy phone conversation with her - that he could be in some danger). I don't know what you say to people after that - most people would have screamed and shouted. We withdrew. She sent me a text which was an attempt to blackmail me. I wrote to her and explained that I would not help her, and I asked her not to contact me.

It really didn't add up to much, once Joe was home. Even after all the silly stuff she wrote I was able to forget it by blocking and ignoring it. There are lots of people ranting on the internet. I am not going to communicate with her in any way. It is, as Alicia says, futile. I haven't wronged her, whatever happened to her happened years ago.

As far as Alicia's blog goes, Angel and Steve behaved very badly, they're nasty, deceitful and manipulative. Give your sympathy for people who deserve it. In fact it is best that none of us are involved with her project - who knows what they're doing.

Maybe the job is done and you can withdraw, at least if they haven't got it by now there seems little we can do. Block her, ignore her and she will have to find other things to do. You have no obligations at all to her in any way.

xxx

On Thu, Jan 12, 2012 at 8:32 PM, wrote:  
thanks for all your thoughts, well I guess I shouldn't have responded to her the other day, what prompted me was that I saw she was jumping on the Frome hashtag and worried that people coming to this cold (as was) could mistakingly think we were all associated and jeopardise the conversation I was having with her on twitter. When I spoke with on the phone she asked me if I knew someone called Angel Garden, I kept it brief and said there had been a falling out between her and Melanie and that

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, Jan 26, 2012 at 9:27 AM

Subject: Re: Parents looking for advice - Steiner Ed

To: Francis Gilbert

sorry - I didn't delete the odd last bit of that email. It would have read 'it didn't stop her threatening me,' which is an indication that it has been pretty horrible.

On Thu, Jan 26, 2012 at 9:24 AM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
hello Francis, nice to hear from you. Like the recent articles re the curriculum on your blog.

Best ignored!

My husband Richard and I met this woman and her partner Steve last summer, they'd been in NZ but were in England visiting a sick relative. They intended to make a documentary about Steiner schools, after their children were excluded from the Titirangi Steiner School, and had written a great deal about this online. I wanted to lessen, not increase my involvement so I was not in a position to help, except to offer to put her in contact with other groups. A couple of incidents (which had little to do with their project) convinced us that she is unstable and we withdrew from contact.

The individuals involved with the Waldorf Critics group, and others are rightly wary of Angel's behaviour.

She has a twitter account which is a stream of attacks on me - she has very few followers. I try to keep my sense of humour!

all the best, Melanie.

Our experience with Angel and her husband became unpleasant and we withdrew from contact. This didn't

On Thu, Jan 26, 2012 at 8:52 AM, Francis Gilbert  
What should I make of this? Ignore?

wrote:

Hope you are well...



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From: Angel Garden <[angel@amazonfilms.net](mailto:angel@amazonfilms.net)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2012 12:10:46 +1300  
Subject: Parents looking for advice - Steiner Ed  
To: Francis Gilbert

Dear Francis

I am contacting you in your capacity as education advisor and journalist. I've sent this email to all the addresses I can find for you, because it is very important. I'm also sending it from more than one of my addresses because I need to be sure that you've received it.

I know you didn't reply to my emails following the article I wrote on the LSN but I'm still convinced that, as a journalist, you must be more committed to actually debunking the Steiner myth than buying into any clique-politics, and I'm just judging by your own writing on that.

Due to our immense efforts in collecting evidence and insisting on presenting it to agencies in spite of their substantial resistance, the HRC offered mediation to the offending Steiner School, which the school refused. This opened the door to the Tribunal and we are about to be assessed. This has never happened before in Steiner Ed i.e. it's important.

My disastrous efforts to bring attention to this in the UK were designed to provide the international awareness that would create leverage with the HRC in NZ. I'm sure you'll be aware how these things work and it was the Human Rights Commissioner who admitted that our 'high profile' campaign was the reason we got picked up. Sad as it may be, this is the motivating factor, knowing that others are watching seems to be the only way.

Due to the awful mobbing we received in Europe for suggesting that people should stand up and be counted, my efforts have not borne fruit. Please would you help.

What we need is something showing awareness of this situation, anything in the British Press that we can show to the HRC so that they will feel they are being watched.

The precedent set by a Human Rights case on the basis of family discrimination could be helpful to thousands of other people across the planet, for Steiner Ed, where they frequently use such tactics, but also for other types of schools including private ones, whose lax accountability means that they can get away with it. It would have to power to actually prevent schools from behaving like that in the

My contention in the LSN article that journalists find it hard to report on matters involving Avatars, or anecdotal evidence that doesn't name particular schools was affirmed recently by my dealings with another journalist in the UK who admitted that it is hard.

Yet we are not in that position, having a massive body of evidence and being perfectly prepared to publicise it but we have been blacklisted by those who should be helping us to do it and who indeed agreed to do so.

The simple fact is that our opportunity regarding the HR situation is NOW. I'm writing to you to ask that you help us to draw attention to the facts of this matter. The matter of the critics is irrelevant to the opportunity that is in front of us now and it has the potential to do a lot of good for children all over the world, (which is the reason Melanie Byng supported it in the first place), except to say that our evidence is real, all signed off by the contributors.

Therefore we must contact as many people as possible in trying to get the publicity which will convince the HRC that this is something they should be doing.

I will be happy to send you any evidence you require if you could support us by writing a short piece for publication in the British media about the fact that a family stands to take a Steiner school to court for very similar reasons to those in the Jo Sawfoot case.

The collusion by 'critics' to repress knowledge of this case, in spite of their apparent commitment to debunking Steiner Ed, is certainly contradictory to their stated aims, which we have plenty of disturbing evidence of, but that is for the documentary, and not really relevant to this particular moment in time, we will deal with that when we relocate back to the UK this year.

The documentary will cover the whole story from the expulsion of the children in New Zealand, right through until something either happens or not. When people don't communicate with our polite and legitimate enquiries, they are unwittingly creating another chapter in the story, because this story is the story of whether people actually take any notice of bullying or not. We started in that direction immediately the school closed in against us, because documenting that behaviour was our only defence. The amount of individuals and agencies who have colluded with it is truly shocking. The chapter on the 'critics' is gob-smackingly only really about clique and I don't think any of them yet realise how destructive to the cause of debunking Steiner their behaviour is.

Clearly these concerns are of interest to many people in this cyber age, and we are confident the story will be an engaging one. For the

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moment though, I'm trying really hard to overlook the mobbing, banning and blocking of that group, to concentrate on the job in hand.

I'm asking, begging really, you to do the same.

Please help us not to waste this valuable opportunity, in service of children and their education.

Best wishes

Angel



Andy Lewis &lt;andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com&gt;

**trolls**

7 messages

**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

31 January 2012 14:35

To: andy@scali-lewis.net

hello Andy,

This is a long email, for which I apologise, but it may be necessary.

if you're about to write about the Steiner Academy Frome, you'll need to know about a couple of malevolent trolls, Angel Garden and Steve Paris, who may try to use the comments. I say this partly because they have published scurrilous material, some of which involves my 17 year old son, Joe. I would really rather not give them the fun & excitement of legal action, which is why we don't give them any attention. I'm hoping eventually they'll get bored and go away, but it's not happening yet. If you look down the twitter feed you can see it gets personal:

[Steinermentary \(steinermentary\) on Twitter](#)

(They have other twitter accounts, including @amazonnewsmedia)

They're trying to make a documentary about Steiner schools, after their children were excluded from a private Steiner school in New Zealand. They've made films before, low budget, one was about using yam as medicine. (!) They don't have the money or resources to make anything serious, but have produced various sites with video clips and mocked-up interviews with individuals. These are interesting, so we initially promoted their work by tweeting links etc.

They came to England last summer to visit a very sick relative, we met a couple of times largely because they wanted to look at Sands democratic school for their children. It's near here, Joe was there for a while and it's great for ex-Steiner kids who are behind academically. Angel and Steve had just bought a little house in France (Steve Paris is French) which they invited us to visit. We were busy, but Joe knows he needs to improve his languages, so we made an informal arrangement for him to fly over and help with the children in return for a chance to learn some French. No contract was drawn up. With teenagers, things often don't work out, so when he decided after a week he didn't want to stay we weren't too surprised, although his email was slightly alarming. He told me there was very little food, he was left with the children for hours and ignored by Steve, no one spoke any French to him and 'Angel is a fucking astrologer!'

At this point things became a little strange. It culminated in Joe skyping me the morning of his flight home and saying 'They say they'll take me to the airport if I clean their house,' We made some firm phone calls. At the airport, Steve fleeced Joe for all the money he had on him. We didn't stop worrying until we heard from the airline that he was safely on the flight.

Joe is a nice lad who reads Nabokov and Tolstoy, writes poetry and plans to study History at Uni. He's very bright and quite sanguine, so the experience was soon forgotten. But we decided we would rather not have any more contact with Angel and Steve. While Joe was away my husband Richard had had a long phone conversation with Angel about her mother's cancer treatment, from which he'd drawn a few conclusions. Richard is a GP & academic & an expert in primary care mental health, including personality disorder.

After receiving a threatening text from Angel I wrote a polite but firm email telling her that I felt unable to engage with her any more, and that I certainly was in no position to help in any way with their documentary. I feel that the posts we wrote for DC were our contribution to the debate, and that communities who face Steiner academies should decide themselves whether they want to oppose them. I knew that Angel was likely to 'out' me (I was anon at the time) and after quitting twitter for a while I decided to use my own name.

By this time Angel had been banned from Alicia Hamberg's blog (@zzzooley) for attempting to post attacks

on me in the comments, and because she was making it very clear that she expects ex-Steiner parents to use their own identities to 'whistle-blow' re bad experiences at Steiner schools. If not, she feels pressure should be brought to bear on these families to 'come clean'. It's of course very difficult to make a documentary if no one will tell their stories in public. For us, and for the Waldorf Critics in the States, this makes their project a potential danger to vulnerable individuals. None of us will promote their work.

Of course their accusations (many, manically expressed) involve people preventing their documentary, hurting children in the process. Angel even accuses me of 'grooming' her daughter (who I didn't even meet) presumably because I suggested Sands as a possibility and then withdrew my support. You can imagine how it feels to be accused of 'grooming' a little girl. And then to have these accusations sent to journalists (one of whom forwarded an email asking me what I would like him to do about it). Ignoring is the best thing.

So if they do appear on the quackometer, please just check that they don't use the opportunity to attack Waldorf Critics, Alicia, Lovelyhorse (Sam) or myself, because it has nothing to do with Steiner schools. They would be far more relevant commenting after a post about yams, or astrologers, or people calling themselves ludicrous names like 'Rainbow Star-child' or 'Angel Garden', or how psychopaths are initially charming.

Sorry about the length. All the best to you and your family,

Melanie.

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**Andy Lewis** <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>  
To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

31 January 2012 18:33

Hi Melanie

Got the email.

On a train now with low connectivity. So briefly. Not going to tolerate people using my post discussion for anything other than that. Sounds horrific. We ought to chat on the phone soon. My post is going slow. Work. babies. Procrastination. Usual problems.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>  
To: Andy Lewis <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>

31 January 2012 18:39

cheers. I feel a lot better now you're informed.

I understand all those things - especially babies. It's not an easy subject either. My number is

thank you. Mx

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**Andy Lewis** <andy@scali-lewis.net>  
To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

1 February 2012 23:02

I am sure you will have picked up that they are attacking me pre-emptively!

[http://www.amazonnewsmedia.com/ANM/ANM/Entries/2012/2/2\\_Is\\_home\\_birth\\_quackery.html](http://www.amazonnewsmedia.com/ANM/ANM/Entries/2012/2/2_Is_home_birth_quackery.html)

I am glad I checked who they were before responding.

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>  
To: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

1 February 2012 23:08

C8-3756

>> >>> >>> >>> >>> >> >> >> documentaries or post youtube-clips or ridiculous



too. But in Steiner you often hear about  
it.  
In  
Edinburgh  
apparently  
a  
child's arm was broken. I'm not sure if  
that  
was  
ever  
reported,  
but  
I  
was

told that the family (who of course  
complained)  
were  
ostracised  
by  
the  
school community.

You wrote about the Sawfoot case well:  
expensive mistakes (also: comment on a  
misrepresentation of  
waldorf  
criticism) « the ethereal kiosk

Is Angel thanking you for writing such  
great  
analysis?

No.

Are

you

still

hurting children? Yes. Look how powerful

you

are.

There is a case to be made about  
accountability

and it

would

involve

and the SWSF. All the

material

is

there,

if

Angel

wants

to dig

like Sam does through archived material and

way-back

machines,

recognising

names etc. and talking to parents WHO SHE

WILL

NOT

LATER

'OUT'.

But

no,

Angel wanted us to do all the work,

offering

>>>> I have an hour left to eat. Must get up early tomorrow.

>>>>

>>>> On 19 February 2012 23:04, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>>>> concentrate on that. I have to work on Midsummer Night's Dream for

>>>>> the

>>>>> next

>>>>> couple of days. I think it can wait.

>>>>>

>>>>>

>>>>> On Sun, Feb 19, 2012 at 10:01 PM, alicia h. <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)>

>>>>> wrote:

>>>>>>

>>>>>> thank you. There is an other reason I should perhaps avoid doing

>>>>>> anything today: I have had over a thousand visitors today, and most

>>>>>> of

>>>>>> them are from sweden. Plus new twitter followers who would just be

>>>>>> perplexed seeing a post about this. It's a very bad situation

>>>>>> really.

>>>>>> Good but bad. People want to know lots of things about

>>>>>> anthroposophists and anthroposophy and I will be virtually one-eyed.

>>>>>>

>>>>>> On 19 February 2012 22:56, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

>>>>>> wrote:

>>>>>>> just remember - there are lots of people who know about this now

>>>>>>> and

>>>>>>> they

>>>>>>> will tell each other. But let me know the minute you see anything

>>>>>>> because I

>>>>>>> can probably do something about it.

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>> On Sun, Feb 19, 2012 at 9:54 PM, alicia h. <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)>

>>>>>>> wrote:

>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>> by which I meant to start the sentence saying: he was.

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>>>>>>>> On 19 February 2012 22:54, alicia h. <[zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>>>>>>>> well he is. It is still available in my tweetdeck. But when I

>>>>>>>>> click

>>>>>>>>> on

>>>>>>>>> it, to see it online, it's not online anymore -- perhaps

>>>>>>>>> someone

>>>>>>>>> else

>>>>>>>>> saw it and protested? and he then deleted it.

>>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>> It was this tweet (the one she's been tweeting all day long):

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>>>>>>>>> RT @steinermentary: Why wld an apparently high profile anti

>>>>>>>>> #Steiner

>>>>>>>>> blog be promoted by a pro-#Waldorf site? <http://t.co/gUUOzbtm>

>>>>>>>>> #cults



are unethical and that they are untrustworthy, and that anything else is a distraction.

xx

On 7 Mar 2012, at 22:55, Melanie Byng wrote:

flimsim is v interesting. Don't understand it all. Need you for that!

xx

On Wed, Mar 7, 2012 at 10:39 PM, Graham Strouts <[REDACTED]> wrote:

well so long as you CAN ignore her thats not too bad. It's a very good post by Andy. I want to write about BD again soon as well, it is endlessly bizarre and fascinating!

It is very interesting the cross-over between skeptics like Andy and climate skeptics (if you can even call her that) @flimsin

under how things will develop there

On 7 Mar 2012, at 22:05, Melanie Byng wrote:

I think they were expelled because of their behaviour, that it had little to do with the children and even less to do with Steiner ed. They've been hounding Andy and sending him long emails with various threats and comments about Alicia, me etc. He doesn't let them post because they wanted to attack us on his blog, so I don't know what the comment ended up as when she sent it to you (I try not to read it over and over again). You are meant to think there must be a sinister reason why he doesn't let her post. Luckily people trust Andy.

There was an interesting exchange between her and @Popehat a couple of days ago where he told her off. Otherwise we're trying to ignore her.

xxx

On Wed, Mar 7, 2012 at 9:47 PM, Graham Strouts wrote:  
Hi Melanie  
how are you?  
things going pretty well here. Weather lovely. Garden growing.  
Havent had much time for blogging recently.  
Got a tweet from AmazonNewsMedia-

On Steiner schools, farms, health & banks RT

Superb blog post by

Retweeted by

- 1 Retweet
- 

5:37 AM - 28 Feb 12 via [Tweetbot for iOS](#) · [Details](#)

- [Close](#)

A blog-compliant comment that Andy Lewis doesn't want u  
2 read. [amazonnewsmedia.com/ANM/ANM/Entrie...](http://amazonnewsmedia.com/ANM/ANM/Entrie...) [#muckreads](#) [#steiner](#)

confused- her claims about being expelled from the school would support Andys' (and your) posts?  
let me know what's happening

xxx



But usually -- I would think -- discrimination cases are handled by regular courts. That is, if you have a case...

Ok, discrimination doesn't sound as fancy (and I'm sure not even that is applicable here)), but to devalue human rights issues by using term on minor grievances...

No, how would you run a school under such conditions? And these three kids were only in the school for a trial period, or something like that?

Money indeed. Hope the school agrees to nothing. The hr tribunal seems voluntary. It might also be that it can only make decisions that are not binding -- I haven't checked yet.

On 13 Mar 2012 08:51, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
good grief.

It's a misuse of the law, surely - they weren't being discriminated against for 'cultural' reasons.

What it would mean is that parents could behave in any way they wish (including causing distress to other parents, children and staff) and a school has to educate (debatable) their children regardless. No private school would put up with that.

Steiner schools quite often exclude parents, in my experience. But that's by the by - point is that what they want is money.

On Mon, Mar 12, 2012 at 11:33 PM, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Angel is making something of nothing, I presume, but she's going on about her human rights case. She claims the school has agreed to mediation and then posts the link to the titrangimessenger website (people like them can never get by with one or two websites, can they...). The most recent post there reads:

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In November 2009 The International Forum for Waldorf/Steiner Schools, formerly known as the Hague Circle, ratified a document which it described as a:

"description of the main characteristics of Waldorf Education. These characteristics are basics and can be completed by specific attributes in each country. ... These criterias are meant for inspiration and orientation."

Under the heading "Guidelines of Waldorf Pedagogy" it says that Waldorf pedagogy

"takes cultural diversity into consideration and is committed to general, human ethical principles (cf. U.N. General Agreement on Human Rights, December 10, 1948, the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, November 20, 1989, the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, December 13, 2008)."

The signee for New Zealand was

In spite of this document however, when the school was invited to take part in mediation by the Human Rights Commission last year, the offer was declined on the grounds that:

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2012 at 9:38 AM  
To: "alicia h." <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)>

ok - Alan rang back, and was very good about it. They didn't want to publish it and have published an edited version, after being harassed about it for a fortnight. She was emailing \_\_\_\_\_ and her latter emails were, he said, becoming threatening. He is going to moderate the comments and won't allow her to mention individuals and certainly not you or me or Andy Lewis. I pointed out that our objection was to her wanting to 'out' parents, and that she was untrustworthy, which is why WC couldn't promote her work. I also said that I didn't feel her account of events in NZ was to be trusted, and that Steve had a job at the school, which may have had an influence on their later immigration status.

He had not wanted to post it at all and had already told the team about her behaviour toward me. I made it clear that I didn't feel I had the right to influence their policy and certainly didn't want to make things more difficult. She has already made them pretty uncomfortable. I said the NZ human rights body was set up more to protect minorities, not to be misused by Angel, and that I felt uncomfortable that the school itself had been silent. I said our objection to Waldorf was more theoretical (thank you for that) and that this did not mean the schools had no right to defend themselves. I don't think this has anything to do with anthroposophy, frankly. There may be mis-management but their behaviour will have made everything so much worse, it's hard to see how the school could have reacted other than to tell them to leave.

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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2012 at 9:48 AM  
To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Very good! I think you said exactly the right things -- I agree. In a way it's a relief to see how she acts the same way towards everyone and that it was never about us. Perhaps the human rights tribunal can be the target of her fury ;-)

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2012 at 10:19 AM  
To: "alicia h." <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)>

there's already a comment defending the right of parents to choose Steiner ed. It misses the obvious point that this doesn't mean the taxpayer should be expected to pay for it. Or that most parents don't actually know what it is. So I wonder who will comment next..

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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2012 at 10:25 AM  
To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > to him... ☞  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > or ☹ as if  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > he's awaiting instructions.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > but it doesn't make any sense. The obvious  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > answer  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > is  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > ... there's  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > something  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > up with these people...  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > She can't mention me because I haven't  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > written  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > anything she can  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > point  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > to. If  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > she tries to explain what she has against me  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > it  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > all  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > gets too  
>>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > confusing.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > Boy,  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > school, grooming ... wtf?  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >  
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>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > On Thu, Mar 29, 2012 at 9:41 PM, alicia h.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)>  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> > wrote:  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> you know, you've got to watch the youtube  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> video.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> It  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> is so funny  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> I'm  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> on  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> the floor laughing. And I have not even got  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> drunk.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> I  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> haven't  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> even  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> tried to.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >>  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nllMMNQDuMQ>  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >>  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> She doesn't mention you at all, so don't be  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> worried.  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >>  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> I wondered about her dialect -- where in  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> England  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> does  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> she come  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> from,  
>> >>> >> >>>>>>>>>>>> >> >>>> >> originally? It's kind of a pronounced

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From: **Melanie Byng** <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Apr 27, 2012 at 1:30 PM

Subject: Re: Angel Garden, Steve Paris

To: Mark Hayes

Cc:

that is certainly true, though this is an exceptional case.

Play it by ear. I'm sure he will have worked that out, so the important thing is to ensure he doesn't think we're endorsing their various campaigns. They are manipulative and dishonest.

cheers!

On Fri, Apr 27, 2012 at 12:47 PM, Mark Hayes

wrote:

Hi Melanie,

I don't think I fully understood (or was fully aware of) what went on with Angel & Steve, except that I came to the conclusion that people who've had bad experiences at Steiner schools aren't immune from being fruitloops either!

I will ask Jeevan if he's had any contact, though if he has I'm sure he'll figure out for himself that they're not credible sources.

Mark.

On 26 April 2012 13:23, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

> hello Mark,

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> unfortunately I think you will have to say something to Jeevan about Angel -

> he's following amazonnewsmedia on twitter. I would do it myself were I in

> contact with him but then I would first have to explain who I am etc.

>

> Sam and I have talked about the best way to approach this. We think if you

> could say that those of us involved in talking to the BHA atm do not endorse

> her activities, and possibly, that she has expressed herself in a way that

> suggests she is untrustworthy, particularly with reference to Steiner

Indeed, that is saying something. I had been thinking of posting something like this, but maybe it's crossing the line and making things worse rather than better...:

One day you will have to get over the fact that random people on the internet don't care enough about your children to blindly accept your word for what's been going on, especially when your behaviour contradicts what you're trying to make people believe. It's six months since I said I don't care about your children -- get over it. For what it's worth, I'm not a person who's very interested in children. I didn't trash your kids, Angel. I simply don't believe in you or what you're doing. Your children are not my concern. They are and were always your responsibility. Not the waldorf school's. Not that of random people you've encountered online. It's got nothing to do with me.

If people want to be on youtube, it's certainly not difficult to get an account. Nobody has to compromise their safety, integrity or credibility getting involved in someone else's 'project'.

I'd like to take the opportunity to point out that Angel Garden, Steve Paris, Steinermentary, Amazon News Media, Amazon Films, Titirangi Steiner Messenger, Titirangibully are all the same thing. They've also used other identities.

On 3 May 2012 14:38, "Diana Winters" -

wrote:

'Right and the wackiest thing is the part about how if we don't like their project, that's an "ad hominem against her children." Huh? Those poor children - the worst fate to befall them is their own parents. The Steiner school pales in comparison, and that's really saying something.

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Date: Thu, 3 May 2012 14:28:14 +0200

Subject: Re: steinermentary

From: [zzzoocy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoocy@gmail.com)

To: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)

CC:

Haha! Sane, no. Half a year later she still obsesses about me insulting her children by not believing in her. What Diana wrote is great. I think they're still seeking recruits.

On 3 May 2012 13:42, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

email from DC (David Colquhoun) just now on watching Angel's nasty video about Andy Lewis and Alicia:

'That's quite appalling. And really baffling. She sounds quite sane, but clearly isn't'

On Thu, May 3, 2012 at 12:39 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

I think that's very good, what do you think, Alicia? The main point being not to allow them to attract others to their projects without due caution.

They wrote to Sam too, not to me (lol) As I said to Alicia and Pete yesterday they also wrote to David

Colquhoun but I've spoken to him. Andy Lewis of the Quackometer of course they made their own nasty video about, and he knows most of the big-hitters so he has put out a warning.

there is a campaign by the British Humanist Assn re Steiner and Maharishi free schools about to hit the papers, signed by Edzard Ernst, Simon Singh and a few others including me. Angel will go warp factor 10 at that point.

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>>>> But I think she exaggerates these events not because she's involved  
>>>> with her children but because exaggerating them she gets attention.  
>>>> Let's say it was just some children pushing each other in the water.  
>>>> Perhaps her child was not exactly an angel (ha!). But that wouldn't  
>>>> something she could profit emotionally from.

>>>>

>>>> On 10 May 2012 17:12, Diana Winters wrote:

>>>> > I think we must assume that her stories are always exaggerated unless  
>>>> > proven  
>>>> > otherwise.

>>>> >

>>>> > Sadly, it occurs to me that the stories of what happened to her children  
>>>> > are

>>>> > probably NOT exaggerated. Which would make the whole thing just  
>>>> > incredibly

>>>> > sad. The reason I say that is that I don't have the impression she is

>>>> > particularly closely involved with her children - she is mainly involved  
>>>> > with herself. She would not be inclined to exaggerate things happening

>>>> > to

>>>> > her children because she is probably not all that interested in events

>>>> > in

>>>> > her children's lives, really - she is mainly interested in how the whole

>>>> > thing brings attention to herself.

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>>>> >> Date: Thu, 10 May 2012 17:07:22 +0200

>>>> >> Subject: Re: new rant

>>>> >> From: [zzzooy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooy@gmail.com)

>>>> >> To:

>>>> >> CC: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com);

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>>>> >> Yes, and the middle child in some group for smaller children, not

>>>> >> properly enrolled. Well, maybe I shouldn't try to understand, I'm sure

>>>> >> the facts will change anyway...

>>>> >>

>>>> >> On 10 May 2012 17:04, Diana Winters

wrote:

>>>> >> > No 'cus the thing I read definitely said this was the youngest.

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>>>> >> >> Date: Thu, 10 May 2012 16:51:30 +0200

>>>> >> >>

>>>> >> >> Subject: Re: new rant

>>>> >> >> From: [zzzooy@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooy@gmail.com)

>>>> >> >> To:

>>>> >> >> CC: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com);

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>>>> >> >> yes -- but she has three children. That's why I thought there was a

>>>> >> >> school girl, one in a nursery, and she was nursing a newborn

>>>> >> >> premature

>>>> >> >> baby. But really... Oh dear.

>>>> >> >>

>>>> >> >> On 10 May 2012 16:47, Diana Winters

>>>> >> >> wrote:

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>>>>>>> well, it's a useful place for people to see it collected all together.  
>>>>>>> And you're so calm and cogent - so detached - it must have pissed them  
>>>>>>> off SO MUCH.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 7:25 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>> I think it was justified, but maybe not worth it ;-)  
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>>>>>>> I hope that too. At this point, there's not anything else I can say  
>>>>>>> anyway. Communicating with them is pointless.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> On 12 May 2012 20:17, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>> but it is a good thing someone checks up on it, in case she has a new tactic.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 7:16 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>> I don't think you should feel bad at all - your post was perfectly  
>>>>>>>> calm and absolutely justified. I don't care if she writes rubbish  
>>>>>>>> about me - no one is listening (everyone who needed to know has been  
>>>>>>>> informed). I'd rather not do anything at all tho until after Joe's A  
>>>>>>>> levels. If she's still ranting in 6 weeks time, then possibly. I  
>>>>>>>> secretly hopes she gets into trouble elsewhere.  
>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 7:08 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>> I need to stop looking too. I kind of feel bad I blogged about it and  
>>>>>>>>> that since I did I have to keep informed about what they're screaming  
>>>>>>>>> into the void. I really need to just get away from all of this.  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> On 12 May 2012 20:02, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>> I'm actually having a lot of fun NOT looking at her tweets. Andy says  
>>>>>>>>> 'let her scream into the void'. Not that I'm not interested;) )  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 7:01 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>> they do seem to focus on the irrelevant.  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 6:31 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>>> yes. I'm sure its them who are mistaking or distorting something and  
>>>>>>>>>>> probably something wholly irrelevant. Shane has done nothing to  
>>>>>>>>>>> deserve their wrath.  
>>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>>> On 12 May 2012 19:29, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>>>>> he's always v nice to me. He doesn't comment on it - except to say  
>>>>>>>>>>>>> they're 'consistent'.  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 6:20 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> I don't know, didn't ask -- I think they were about how bad everone  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> is! The horrors they have endured. Et c. The usual stuff we know by  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> heart by now. Lol.  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> On 12 May 2012 19:18, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> oh - HE deleted comments! Were they about you?  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> On Sat, May 12, 2012 at 6:02 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooley@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooley@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> No, I think they're saying that we're RT'ing something he wrote in  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> which he said they'd emailed him. They think they emailed one time  
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> less than he said. They think they didn't say anything nasty (but they



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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, May 13, 2012 at 7:33 PM  
Subject: Re: Alert  
To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Cc: Diana Winters

Alarming enough. The details are like wading through a swamp anyway...

13 May 2012 20:32, "alicia h." <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)> wrote:

Ah -- cross-posting. Good. Yes, they should be concerned. And sadly it's far worse in reality than my post indicates... But it's enough.

On 13 May 2012 20:30, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
sorry - sent your post to several people who asked if they should be concerned. So there, it was useful..

On Sun, May 13, 2012 at 7:28 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
> yes - and they're pretty pissed off when they realise.

>

> I've sent your

>

> On Sun, May 13, 2012 at 7:25 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)> wrote:

>> Great, well done, it's sad you should even have to, but... It's impossible

>> to avoid all of it, but minimizing damage. People don't even know they're  
the same people with different accounts.

>>

>> On 13 May 2012 20:11, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

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>>> I can only see Good Schools Guide tweeting it - I've spoken to her

>>> (she was mortified when she realised who it was).

>>>

>>> On Sun, May 13, 2012 at 7:09 PM, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
>>> wrote:

>>> > I've done my very best on twitter - so many people to write to.. I've

>>> > tried to stop people tweeting their stuff but I don't know everyone...

>>> >

>>> > No, it's not great for their child. No.

>>> >

>>> > On Sun, May 13, 2012 at 7:03 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>> >> Steve is trying to appear sane and getting people to RT their videos.

>>> >> Apparently their daughter stars in the new videos. If it were true that

>>> >> the

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From: **alicia h.** <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Sep 3, 2012 at 10:22 AM  
Subject: Re: french  
To: Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
Cc: Andy Lewis <[andy@scali-lewis.net](mailto:andy@scali-lewis.net)>

That's what I fear. In the end, I feel, none of this is worth it.

3 Sep 2012 11:16, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
I hope so too. They'll just write another green ink letter..

On Mon, Sep 3, 2012 at 10:05 AM, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:

I hope he takes it the right way. They won't, obviously, because it sabotages their 'work' again.

On 3 Sep 2012 10:53, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
as you say, it eases your mind. He may already have doubts.

On Mon, Sep 3, 2012 at 9:31 AM, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:

I know he subscribes to the thread about himself because he responds very quickly. I've posted a caution about A & S in that thread as a comment. I hope I worded it cautiously enough...

On 3 Sep 2012 10:00, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
if he doesn't do what they want.

On Mon, Sep 3, 2012 at 8:58 AM, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:

He alluded to that and I asked a follow-up question which he didn't reply. Seems rather stupid of them.

Unfortunately he may run into trouble with A & S too...

On 3 Sep 2012 09:52, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:  
indeed. And I don't understand the situation this man is in - it's true the Steiner movement is threatening him with legal action?

On Sun, Sep 2, 2012 at 11:33 PM, Andy Lewis <[andy@scali-lewis.net](mailto:andy@scali-lewis.net)> wrote:

Getting a full translation of a UK blog with some profile (coughs) would neutralise them. And make them hopping mad.

>>>>>

>>>>> No, I'll continue to ignore it and hope Gregoire finds out somehow.

>>>>>

>>>>> On 1 Sep 2012 00:23, "Melanie Byng" <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>> I'm certain they'd threaten me with libel if they had evidence I'd  
>>>>> warned anyone. Best thing is not to draw attention to them. They've made  
>>>>> lots of people wary all on their own, I notice - thus the ref to green ink  
>>>>> letters.

>>>>>

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>>>>> On Fri, Aug 31, 2012 at 11:12 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>>> Oh, I saw him asking, but didn't know it was about this, and at the  
>>>>>> time I hadn't yet realized what had happened. I searched Grégoire's  
>>>>>> name on twitter, but didn't find him, so I presume he's not there.

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>>>>>> I haven't done anything yet, must think about it; although I'm really  
>>>>>> too scared to do anything because of the risk it all comes back and  
>>>>>> attacks me from behind.

>>>>>>

>>>>>> On 1 September 2012 00:00, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>  
>>>>>> wrote:

>>>>>>> > Andy Lewis is asking for assistance in translating it, his wife is  
>>>>>>> > a fluent

>>>>>>> > French speaker but they have small children. If there are a few  
>>>>>>> > donations to

>>>>>>> > pay a translator or an offer of help from someone qualified it  
>>>>>>> > would help

>>>>>>> > this situation - altho if I were Gregoire I'd appreciate a warning  
>>>>>>> > about

>>>>>>> > A&S. I wouldn't assume he takes Steve's comments about WCs  
>>>>>>> > seriously though.

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>>>>>>> > On Fri, Aug 31, 2012 at 10:28 PM, alicia h. <[zzzooney@gmail.com](mailto:zzzooney@gmail.com)>  
>>>>>>> > wrote:

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>>>>>>>> >> I noticed from searching twitter for Sune's tweets that he gets a  
>>>>>>>> >> lot

>>>>>>>> >> from Angel and Steve these days. They seem to have sunk their  
>>>>>>>> >> claws

>>>>>>>> >> into Grégoire P. I should have guessed, he's french, Steve speaks  
>>>>>>>> >> french. Tells us a little about their investigation skills though

>>>>>>>> >> --

>>>>>>>> >> despite being fluent in french, they didn't find him until the  
>>>>>>>> >> news

>>>>>>>> >> was posted on critics and later on my blog. They're publishing  
>>>>>>>> >> something about him on their website and bragging about it to

>>>>>>>> >> Sune. I

>>>>>>>> >> assume it's this stuff that Gregoire links to himself in this  
>>>>>>>> >> post:

>>>>>>>> >>

**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>  
To: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

6 November 2012 10:43

he does realise she's quite capable of publishing anything he writes to her, or making a video about him and writing to others about how he let her down etc unless he does as she wants.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>  
To: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

6 November 2012 11:10

this is lovely too - Twitter / sjparis: All you people who block me ...

Twitter / sjparis: Some people who call themselves ...

Nazis and child molesters.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>  
To: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

6 November 2012 13:50

just a thought - Joe was at their place in France for about a week. Steve shut himself away on his computer (we assume) while Joe looked after the children - he certainly didn't speak any French to Joe or indeed any other language. For us the point was how they behaved afterwards, not that Joe's trip was a damp squib - it happens to teenagers all the time. But they may I've made accusations about Steve and what he was doing during that time - they may even imagine Joe saw something on Steve's computer or said that he did. There was nothing like that, Joe commented that he had to eat frozen pizza and there was little point him being there (except as free childcare). He certainly said nothing unkind about the children or anything alarming about the way they were treated. Their domestic lifestyle is not our concern. So if anyone asks, there's nothing of this kind being circulated among WC etc and I've not heard accusations from the Steiner school in Titirangi through any source, including from other parents.

If I had any serious concerns I would tell the police, I wouldn't gossip on email lists.

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that they're egocentric, lying hyenas tweeting from multiple accounts and it's been going on for very long. Oh well...

On 6 November 2012 16:05, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:

> exactly.

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> On 6 November 2012 15:59, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

>> good. I believe they judge all of us by their own standards, so we must be

>> spreading nasty rumours.

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>> On Tue, Nov 6, 2012 at 2:54 PM, alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>>

>>> haha!

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>>> And, yes, they were very interested, I think they wanted that story

>>> together with the Sawfoot story, two juicy scandals. And their own, so

>>> three.

>>>

I can certainly verify what you wrote to Andy -- I haven't heard anything exciting about their homelife from you, except bad food, Joe having to do stuff he wasn't there to do, generally not a good place to be, the parents being uncooperative, uneducated children (but nothing particularly wrong with them otherwise). Not pleasant, but certainly no insinuations that they were criminal or whatever.

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>>> On 6 November 2012 15:32, Melanie Byng <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>> > yes and it wouldn't get her anywhere - she doesn't have a leg to stand

>>> > on

>>> > (joke).

>>> >

>>> > I'd forgotten about them asking about the German guy - ironic now

>>> > they're

>>> > all prurient about Andy and Pete.

>>> >

>>> > Here's something I just sent Andy:

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>>> > just a thought - Joe was at their place in France for about a week.

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>>> > shut himself away on his computer (we assume) while Joe looked after the

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Andy Lewis &lt;andy.scali@lewis@gmail.com&gt;

**Cheese**

2 messages

Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>  
To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

8 November 2012 23:09

See below.

I have two choices - not sure which is funniest

- 1) Completely ignore.
- 2) Responsd simply referring to Arkell vs Pressdram.

Your insight is, as always, welcome.

Ax

Dear Andy

Following your recent actions in defaming, and blocking anybody who mentions, people who are providing the "hard evidence" of problems in Steiner that you are simultaneously announcing internationally to others is very "hard to get", we are now putting you on notice that this mendacity must stop.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to dialogue with us about the smear campaign that has been mounted against us by you and other skeptics, before we move on to legal action. So please respond swiftly if you would prefer to talk to us than to a lawyer.

What you are doing is beyond unethical, and you will not get away with it.

Melanie and Richard Byng have dropped all their "friends" in it by not being prepared to take responsibility for the failure of personal initiatives they themselves introduced to people who were in a very difficult situation. This is not a "very terrible lie". It is a fact which we can easily evidence. But such personal "stuff" is part of life. That was their mistake. Mistakes can always be forgiven, yes probably even people being really vicious to you while your mother is actually dying, depending on how sincere the wish to make amends is, obviously, because that is pretty low.

But allowing their own failure to then seep into the public sphere to try and destroy whistleblowers, including the evidence we have collected of a broad and active smear campaign in which you are playing a major part, takes the whole thing onto a different level of clear and well-evidenced public, personal and professional victimisation by a large gang, and provably fomented by you. On this level legal remedies are available.

Your actions, which have certainly negatively effected the campaign to stop state-funding of Steiner in the UK, are clearly and overtly designed to trash the work of people who actually have taken the trouble to hold a Steiner school to account. These actions define you as a quack in this matter. Ignoring hard-won evidence (that actually supports your own sorry arse in quacking about Steiner) undermines your credibility as someone speaking publicly about the subject and is just not a rational thing to do for any skeptic. When the 'leader' of any campaign has to privately smear whistleblowers to hide live evidence, that campaign has clearly failed.

It's time for you to put up or shut up. Either publicly state that our Human Rights initiative is not real, (yes you could write some more defamatory material in a blog post for example, as you usually do), and that's why you must pretend parents are not speaking out, or provide evidence of the "terrible lies" that you allege we have been spreading about the Byngs.

It's transparent. If you had anything on us at all, you would have publicly denounced us already. Obviously

C10-4321



----- Forwarded message -----

From: alicia h. <[zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, Dec 22, 2012 at 2:04 PM  
Subject: Re: the mediation  
To: Diana Winters  
Cc: Melanie <[melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)>

The way she's been going on it wouldn't surprise me if nothing huge actually happened, and that her child was a nuisance and a bully self. But I can't know, of course. I don't think it happened the way Angel describes it, anyway, because Angel has so far not managed to describe anything at all accurately.

My hunch is that it would have been much more fruitful if the school had made such a concession in a \*real\* case, because now the school and most of the parents will instead be united in the belief that people who complain about bullying are idiots and bullies themselves.

But I'm pessimistic.

On 22 December 2012 14:38, Diana Winters

wrote:

> Hysterical.  
> Yeah, I have to assume they got some kind of satisfaction out of the human  
> rights process. I suppose, if I try VERY hard to be objective, that they -  
> or rather their children - probably were on some level wronged by the  
> school. I suppose the original reports about their daughter being bullied  
> were probably true - they're in accordance with many reports from Steiner  
> schools. So perhaps - I say grudgingly - it's not a bad thing if the school  
> was forced to make some kind of concession. For the school and the current  
> and future children there. It's just highly unfortunate if it gives any kind  
> of satisfaction to jerks like Steve and Angel, who are a menace to any  
> school, hell, to anyone at all they come in contact with.  
> I try to remember too that the most serious victims of Steve and Angel are  
> their own children. They are going to come out with some issues.

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>> Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2012 23:23:09 +0100  
>> Subject: Re: the mediation  
>> From: [zzzoey@gmail.com](mailto:zzzoey@gmail.com)  
>> To: [melanie.byng@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.byng@gmail.com)  
>> CC:  
>  
>>  
>> oh, dear Dog...  
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Andy Lewis &lt;andy@scali-lewis.net&gt;

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**Lewes talk**

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**Lewes Skeptic**

20 January 2013 23:39

To: Andy Lewis &lt;andy@scali-lewis.net&gt;

Hi Andy.

I'm just checking that everything is still okay for your talk next month. I'm about to put the tickets on sale. We usually have a full house for our event, so it would help me manage the numbers can you tell me if you have any guests you want to invite? Would you like me to book you into a B&B? If you're driving I can let you know about where best to park. If there's anything else that needs sorting please let me know.

Kind regards

Eugene Gill

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**Andy Lewis** <andy@scali-lewis.net>

21 January 2013 11:14

To: Lewes Skeptic

All looking good. Not planning on guests and have not thought about staying over yet! My work diary will probably decide that.

Tips on parking would be great.

Look forward to seeing you and hope the snow goes,

Andy

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**Andy Lewis** <andy@scali-lewis.net>

21 January 2013 19:53

To: Lewes Skeptic

I see Steve Paris is trying to smear me. You are joining a long list of people...

Long story, best (short) summary.

<http://lecanardnoir.posterous.com/angel-garden-and-steve-paris>

Please do not mention to them that I have contacted you. They are dangerous serial stalkers and I try to avoid all encouragement.

Regards

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On 20 January 2013 23:39, Lewes Skeptic

wrote:

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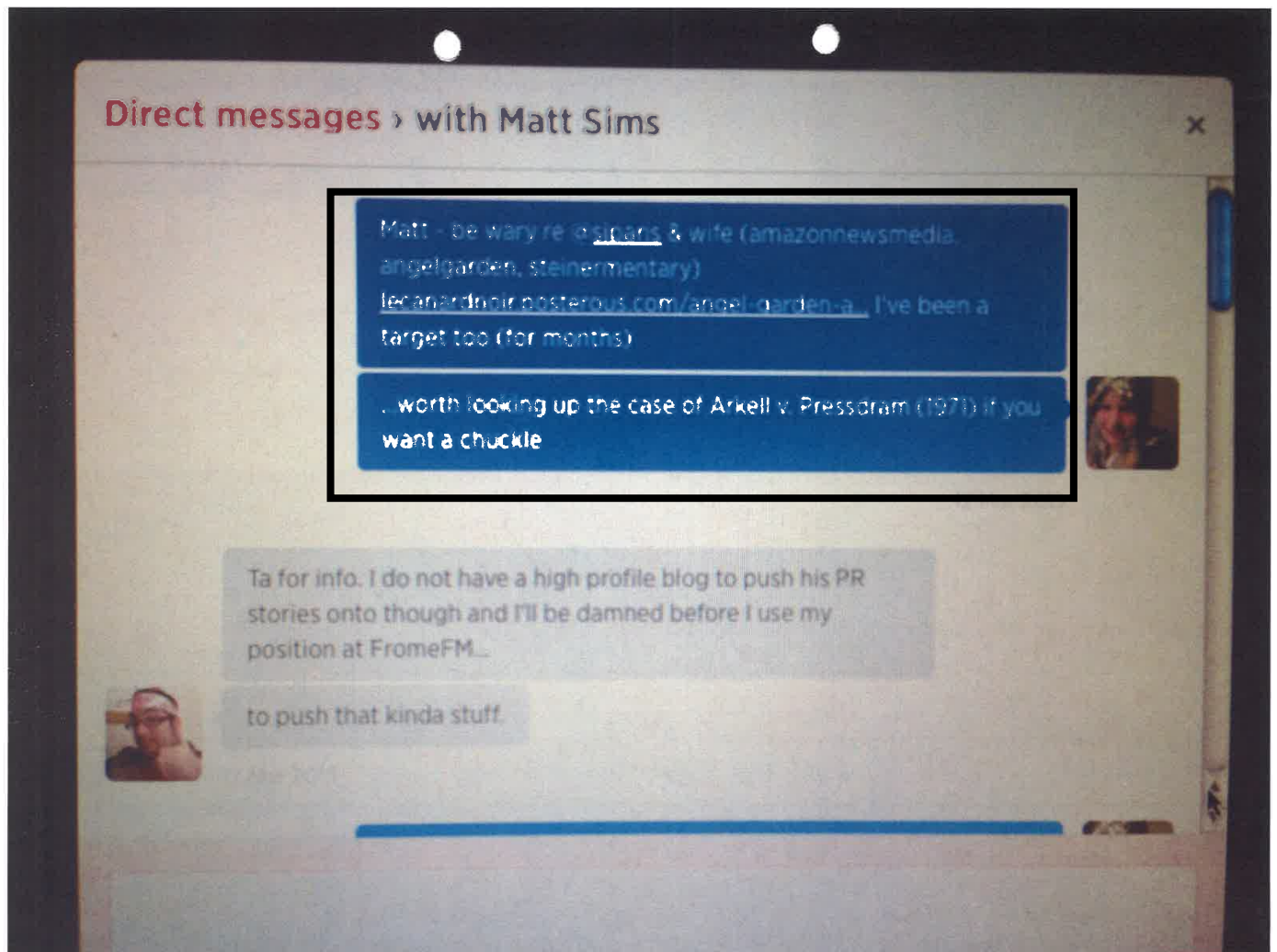
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**Lewes Skeptic**

21 January 2013 19:59

To: Andy Lewis &lt;andy@scali-lewis.net&gt;

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**alicia h.** <zzzoey@gmail.com>

5 July 2013 23:34

To: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

Cc: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

Amazing! 'forensic video documentary' -- that's the 'citizen journalism' youtube video, I presume.. I hope they showed it to their audience.

I'm sure Angel managed to remain centered in her own reality -- everything indicates a stunning ability not to take in any other 'reality' than her own.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 08:20

To: "alicia h." <zzzoey@gmail.com>

Cc: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

she will be very convincing, and everyone will be impressed (snort)

All because a 17 yr old boy didn't want to be used as a sciwy.

This just means anyone can present anything, with no credentials. I must show Richard, who has just been bhangra dancing at a primary health care conf in Nottingham. Much more serious.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 08:29

To: "alicia h." <zzzoey@gmail.com>

Cc: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

Andy - how did you find out about this?

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**alicia h.** <zzzoey@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 09:15

To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

Cc: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

Hello -- I put the news about her participation at the conference on my facebook wall (not sharing it publicly though, only with 'friends'). An acquaintance -- psychologist and cult expert -- saw it, said he is at the conference and had spoken to her yesterday. He asked me for more information so I tried to sum up the past two years...

Anyway, the ICSA is making a fool of themselves when allowing this, which I also said.

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**alicia h.** <zzzoey@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 09:24

To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

Cc: Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>

He's going to talk to the ICSA people, he says.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 09:49

To: "alicia h." <zzzoey@gmail.com>

**C11-4588**

happy to talk to anyone who wants anything checked about them.

I have no idea what they wish to achieve by speaking here. Then again, I have little idea what they wish to achieve by any of their actions - beyond some weird affirmation - or some long term goal of leveraging money out of people.

I just cant see how this talk is going to do anything. Are they really hoping to whip up some support here and get a 'gang' onto us? If so, they are even more stupid than i though.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 16:55

To: Andy Lewis <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>, alicia hamberg <zzzooley@gmail.com>

they want to win - to do so they think they can gain credibility using this org. Maybe they want to be the voice of anti-Steiner in the cult community.

There were no more messages from 'Elena', her husband, her cook or her lover.

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**Andy Lewis** <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 17:00

To: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

Cc: alicia hamberg <zzzooley@gmail.com>

They are not really going in with an anti-steiner pitch and i bet their talk contains no critique of Steiner beyond their child happened to bullied at a school that happened to be a steiner school. Although I am happy to be convinced that no bullying took place beyond the usual moderate rough and tumble of any playground.

They will focus on their ninja meja skills to out the likes of us. ANYone there will then google and see what a complete crock it all is.

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**Melanie Byng** <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 17:05

To: Andy Lewis <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>

Cc: alicia hamberg <zzzooley@gmail.com>

most of the bullying was them, I bet.

It is the sheer bombast of the woman - the outer aggression hiding the inner emptiness. And the venom of her.. and she is slovenly too, says Joe.

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**alicia h.** <zzzooley@gmail.com>

6 July 2013 17:09

To: Andy Lewis <andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com>

Cc: Melanie Byng <melanie.byng@gmail.com>

I believe that's what they want -- support. Also, I think they're making long-term plans for getting money -- I don't think they've entirely abandoned the documentary project, although now it's going to be about the skeptic cult, I suppose. I'm guessing that participation at such a conference is thought to confer credibility. People will assume they're onto something if they were accepted as speakers at a conference.

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C11-4591



Andy Lewis &lt;andy.scali.lewis@gmail.com&gt;

## Angel's Intimidation

13 messages

Andy Lewis &lt;andy@scali-lewis.net&gt;

16 October 2013 10:38

To: Richy Thompson

, Sara Passmore

, Stephen Law

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Thanks for dealing with this.

I think it best to respond to you (not her) about her allegations.

She is now tweeting that I am ignoring Human Rights issues etc, and that I have defamed her and put children at risk.

The truth is that I blocked her from commenting on my blog because of her hostile behaviour towards me and how she wanted to use her comments to attack other people. I have also refused to discuss her problems with the New Zealand school her children attended on my blog because a) she misrepresents what happened, b) it does not support my argument and c) her behaviour means I do not want to engage with her in any way.

One of the ways I blocked her from sock-puppeting and commenting on my blog was by putting a comment trigger of 'Human Rights' that automatically put comments containing these words in moderation. Her husband managed to work this out by repeatedly submitting comments with different word combinations. They now misconstrue this as me 'ignoring Human Rights'. Also because they undertook mediation with their school through the New Zealand human rights commission, they see me blocking them and 'ignoring human rights'. After 3 years of mediation the school finally bought them off with a modest payment but with no admission of significant wrong doing or an apology.

And by ignoring them and refusing to write about them and make their story the centre of my Steiner School articles, I am allegedly defaming them and putting children at risk.

Their harassment of me has been continuous for 18 months or more. They have been writing to any venue I speak at and of course are threatening to issue court proceedings against me with rambling, incoherent letters. They have complained to the BBC about me and continuously try to engage with people on twitter who may know me so that they can deliver one of their payloads of the blog posts and videos they have made about me. They track me around the web and if I comment on an article and then launch an attack on me.

By writing to you, they only have one intention: to cause me problems by intimidating me and those who I deal with.

I hope to bring my family to the talk in November. I do not want to expose my family to this monstrous behaviour. I do not want to give them more fuel for this misrepresentations by being present at my talk and having the opportunity to disrupt the meeting and its message.

You have been perfectly clear to Angel that she is not welcome because of the threats she has made to me. Anything further you write will be misconstrued and used to further her harassment.

I understand this is a difficult issue to deal with and I regret having to bring this baggage along. Unfortunately, the intensity of attacks has increased since agreeing to talk and I did not anticipate this would get this bad. I can only guess that this is the case because her demands for me to give her money to go away against the threat of a defamation case has failed.

I look forward to the event and hope Angel and Steve do not cause any trouble. I suspect they will not show up as like most bullies they like to know that they will win and will not risk humiliation. However, they may try

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clause.



The Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School did the same once our public settlement **grabbed** the **interest** of the **media**, and Mark Thornton decided that contradicting everything he'd willingly signed in front of the Human Rights Tribunal Director and publicly label an eight year old child a liar, was the right thing to do to convince the world that the school was the "safe, natural and peaceful learning haven" it is advertised as. Without mentioning the settlement, or sharing **the joint signed Statement** along with his contradictory Open Letter, prospective parents are obviously none the wiser about his duplicity.



More recently, the unreserved apology Michael Park Steiner School made to one of their neighbours, had to be **virtually retracted** once Dee Whitby, the previous principal, vehemently disapproved of her successor coming clean about how this "valued neighbour" had been so appallingly treated by the school under her management, for over a decade.

As Alicia Hamberg **explains**, these schools have a *"tendency to ignore problems instead of dealing with them. Hoping they'll just go away. Or that nobody will notice. Or that you can bluff yourself out of a crisis. Waldorf schools have these fantastic communities that everyone has to believe are fantastic, or the image crumbles. Bad things happening detracts from the feeling of being blessed."*

If what former parents or students bring up threatens to challenge the school's image, it certainly **looks like**, *"basically, anything — invented, half-true or whatever, it doesn't really matter — that can be used against you might be used against you, in any distorted shape or form; anything to preserve the movement and to rubbish you. It will not be about the validity or the substance of your experiences, claims or arguments — it will be about you."*

Too much evidence shows that vilification of families who speak up is not at all uncommon in Steiner Communities. Reports of reprisals are uniformly personally targeting. Retractions and deliberate distortions after accountability process help to explain the rarity of such events, whilst further enabling supporters to take to the media claiming the evidence of it is **all hearsay and anecdotal**.



Aren't we sick yet of the claim to champion and support children by people found to be simultaneously targeting, undermining and abusing them?

How many more scapegoats will be required before such situations are properly resolved?

Will anyone within the Steiner movement be willing to **discuss these matters with us**, or are they happy to silently condone such actions because, as Alicia **puts it**, *"many waldorf educators -- including those who make videos, including those who seem a bit more enlightened (or have humour) -- feel that anyone who complains or anyone who is or feels hurt must have something wrong with their heads. Either they're disturbed, or they're hysterical, or... in any case, the 'fault' is with them" ?*

From: Pam Rowe  
Subject: TRSS  
Date: 12 June 2013 5:27:46 am GMT+01:00  
To: Angel Garden <angelgarden@icloud.com>

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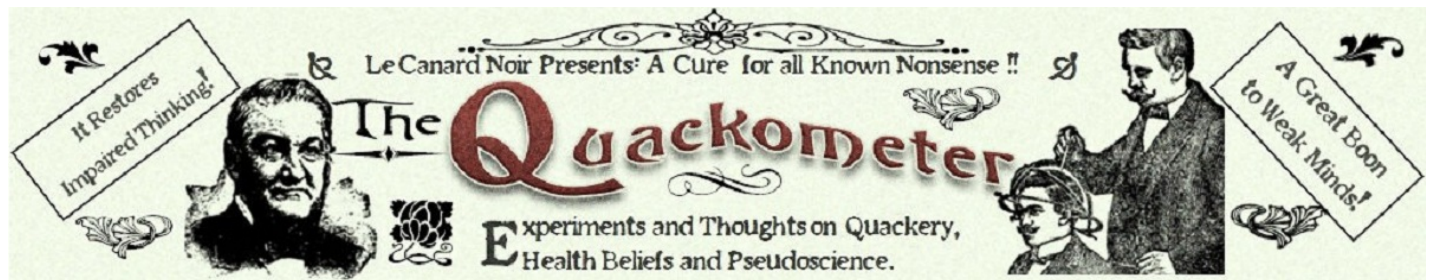
Good afternoon Ms Garden

Mr Kee asked me to look into your enquiry. We have made further contact with the school and have been advised that the letter has been taken off the website.

Kind regards and best wishes.

*Pam Rowe  
Registered Legal Executive/EA to the Director  
Office of Human Rights Proceedings  
PO Box 6751  
Wellesley Street  
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This morning, we [discovered](#) that pharmaceutical companies in Germany that manufacture homeopathic remedies, had been paying shills to discredit critics of alternative medicine. One of the organisations was Weleda, an anthroposophical

health care company founded by Rudolf Steiner.

Yesterday, on my blog post on the Steinerist Triodos Bank, a pro-Steiner commenter tried to discredit my interpretation of Steiner's views on race and geology by calling an academic who had researched these ideas a "Janus faced historian and intellectual con artist". I asked him to tone down his language before I would allow him to post. It turns out that the person responsible was actually paid by a Steiner organisation to 'monitor the web' for criticisms of Steiner schools and he has done so with associated legal threats

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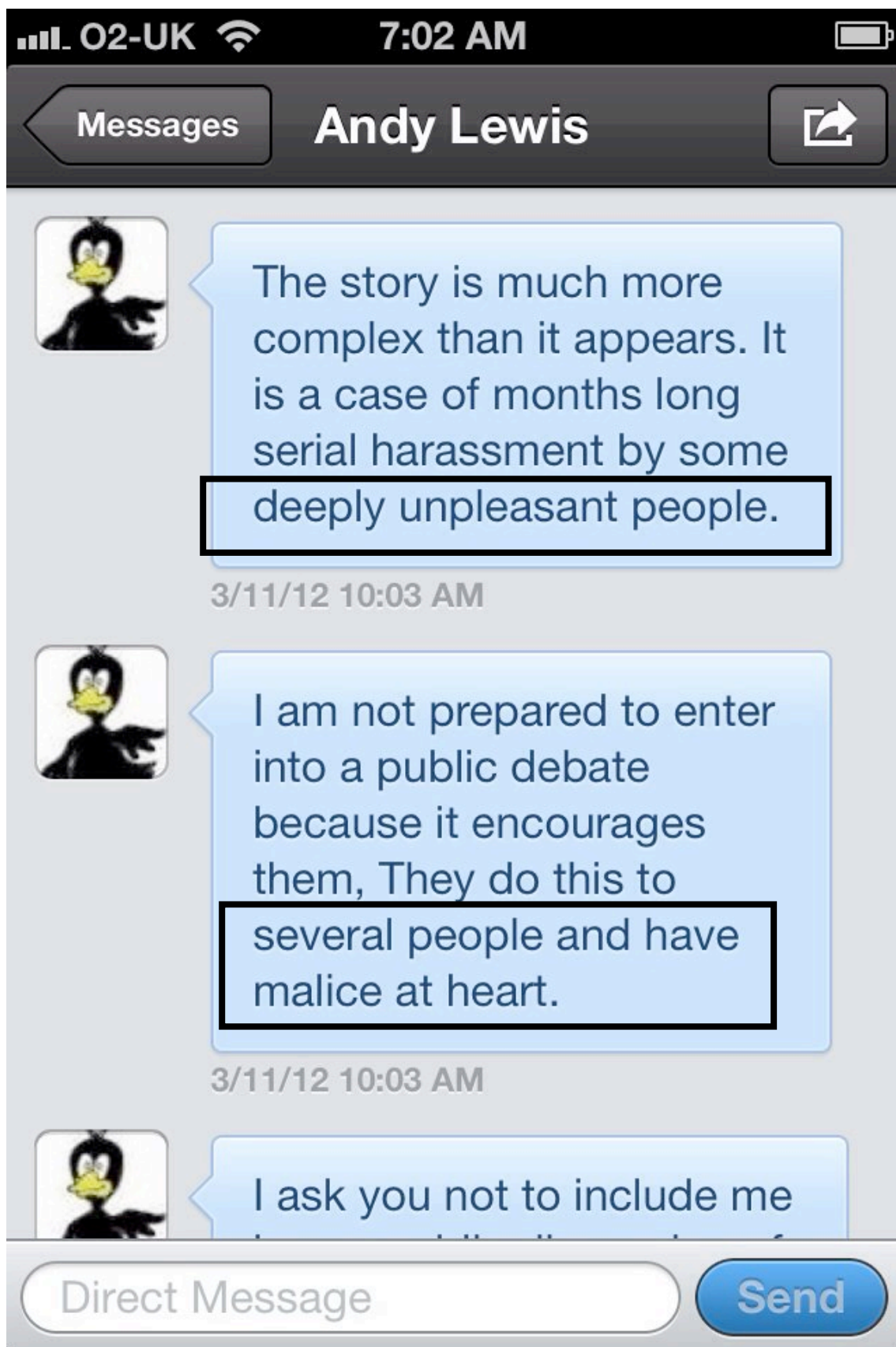
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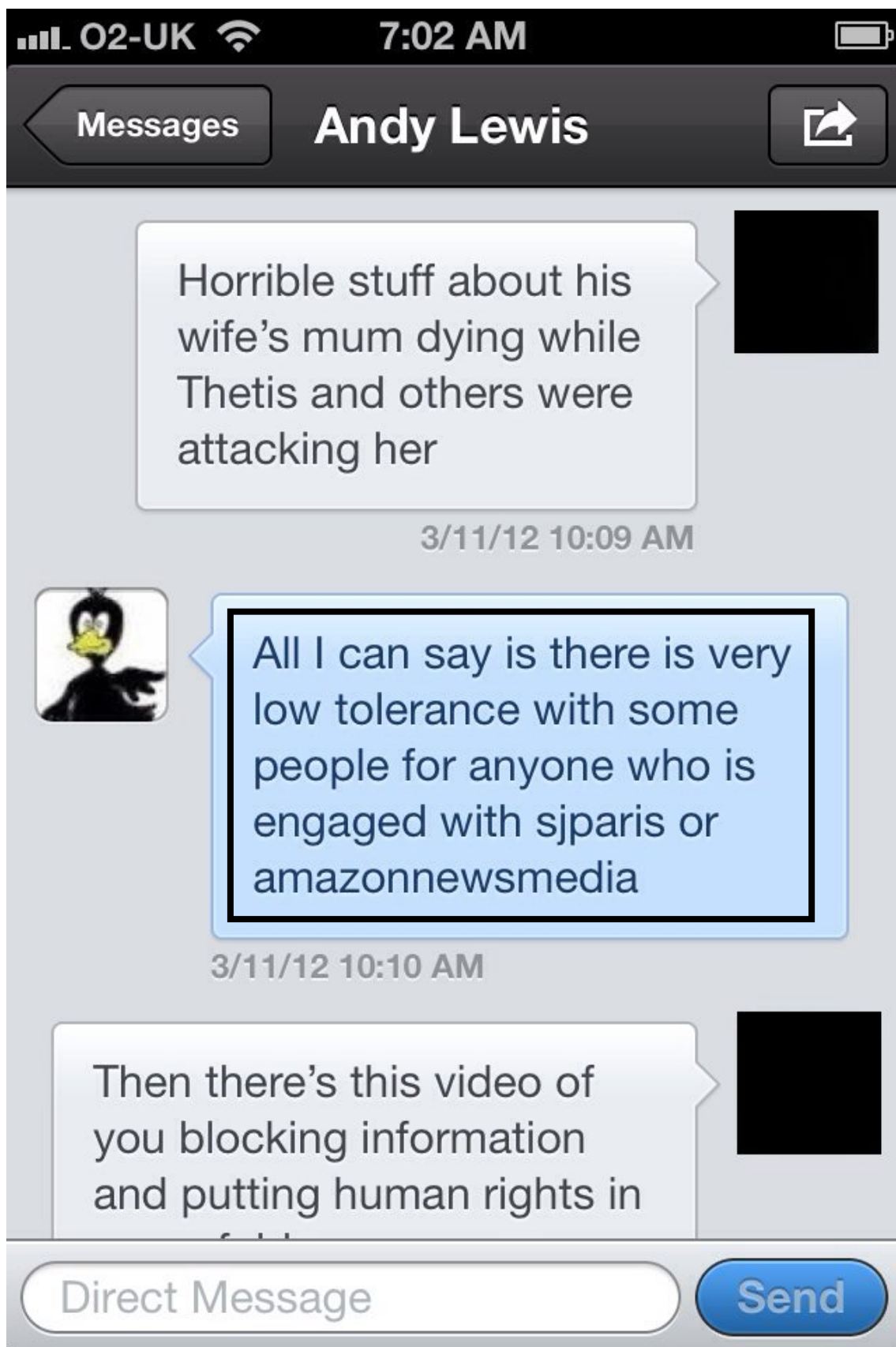
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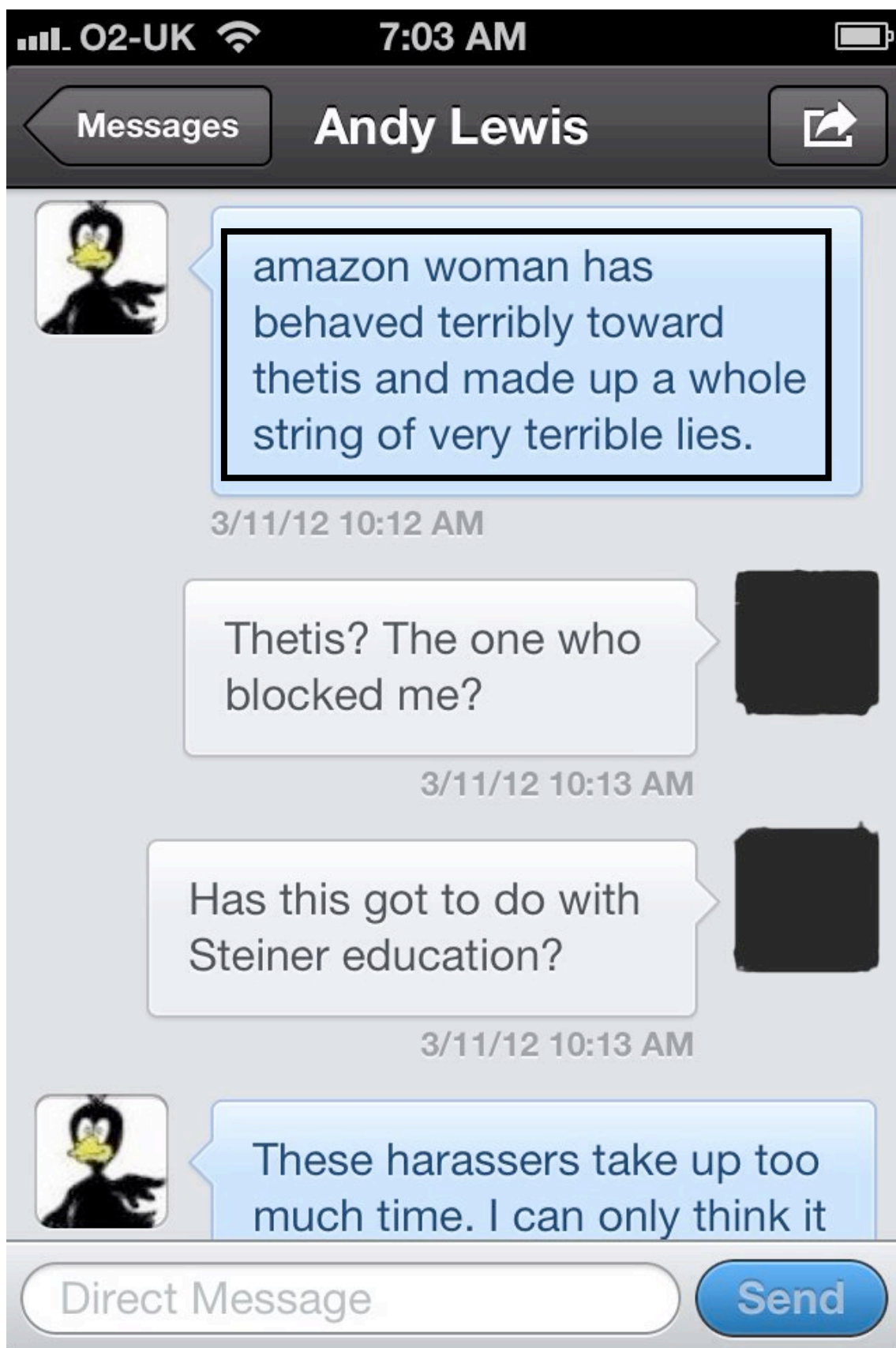
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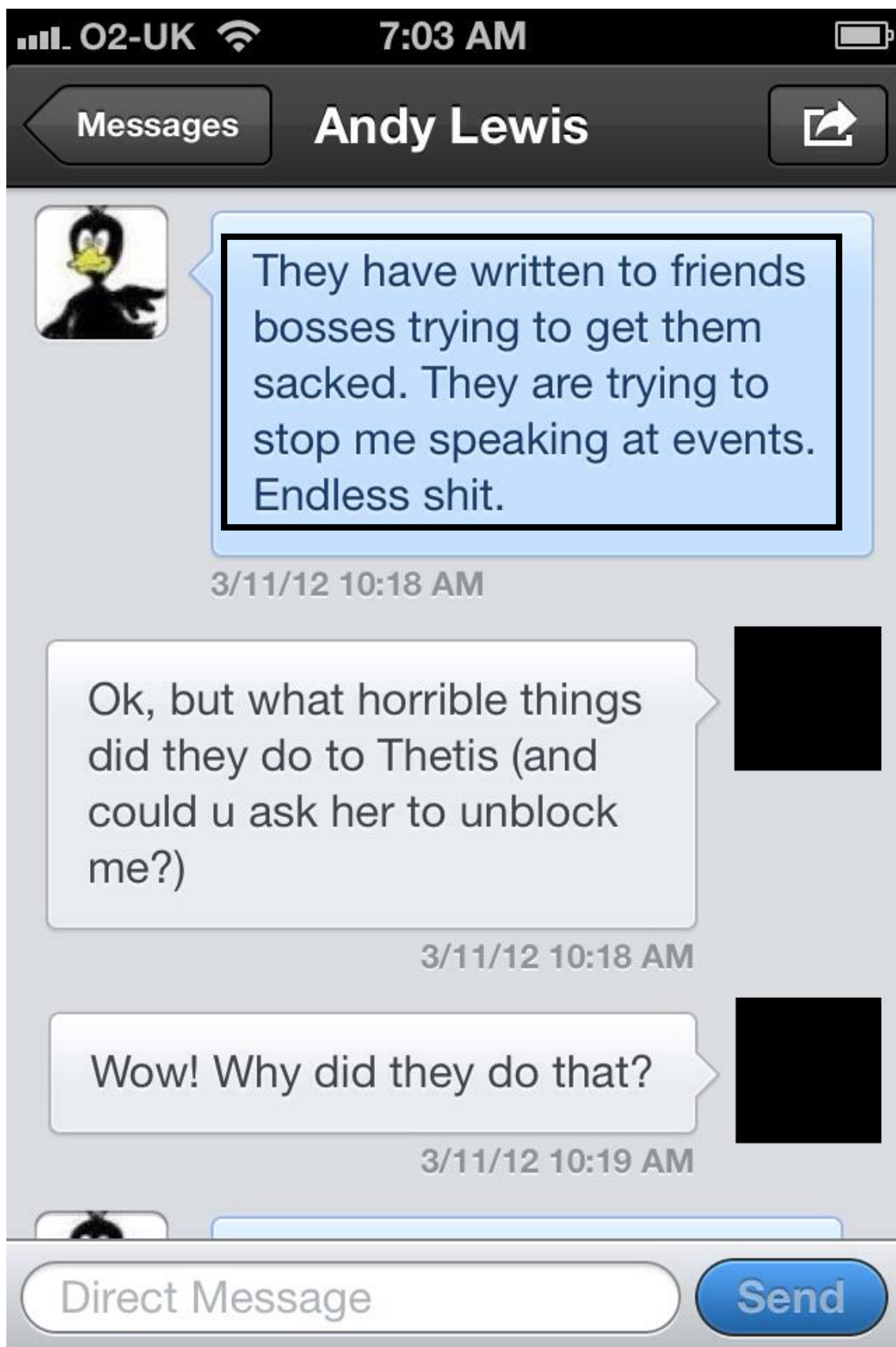
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**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 3 Nov 2012

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@noodlemaz your bio says you're honest. Could you then please tell me why our work must not be promoted? What were you told about us?

**Dr Marianne**

@noodlemaz



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@sjparis I heard negative and concerning things. They may or may not be true but I'd rather leave it at that, if you understand.



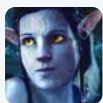
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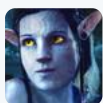
@noodlemaz thanks for getting back to me but are you saying that friendship trumps evidence?

**Dr Marianne** @noodlemaz · 3 Nov 2012

@sjparis testimonies of friends are worth a lot, and somewhat a separate issue. I'm not saying it impacts on the truth of your links. GL.

**Steve Paris** @sjparis · 3 Nov 2012

@noodlemaz if I dm'd u my email address, could u at least tell me what they've told u? Wouldn't ask anything more. Just concerned.

**Dr Marianne** @noodlemaz · 3 Nov 2012

@sjparis I'd rather not, I'm not doing anything with it, I'd just rather not communicate - again, good luck with everything.









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Can you name a few for us, since it's so obvious? They haven't even adequately distanced themselves from Steiner's racism. What exactly is so obvious to you?

**MK***November 11, 2012 at 12:21 am*

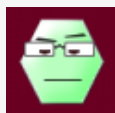
I too wrote to Michael Gove, met with the Dept For Education and spoke to Ofsted about my concerns as I realised the arty and relaxed school I'd enrolled my child in was not what I thought it was at all.

Gove told me he would look into it, the DfE seemed completely horrified and photocopied teaching resources etc and Ofsted said I should have researched what the school's philosophy was about ! Bit tricky when the parents handbook avoids it and I hadn't thought to Google 'Steiner racism' , 'Steiner lies' etc I honestly think these schools are being funded simply because Gove's mates are involved with Frome and politicians seem to make up rules to suit themselves.

This is a great post and I really hope somebody somewhere will be embarrassed enough to sort this madness out !

The schools will be in turmoil if they get local kids in wearing bright pink or black with Nike trainers and I-Pods, how will they explain that they can't play football because it's not good for their reincarnation ?  
Akward...

What I remember from our school;  
The stifling of creativity -everyone  
had to make a fecking wooden  
spoon, draw a wet on wet volcano  
painting in Class 6, knit ,play ancient  
tunes on wooden recorders,  
decorate their main lesson books in  
an 'appropriate' manor ( the class  
teacher wrote on my daughter's book  
'careful how you decorate' too many  
black squares ! )  
No computers till age 14  
No CD's no amplified music  
Really bad teaching a lot !  
All the older kids hating eurythmy.  
Parents evenings where the parents  
aren't allowed to talk.  
A lesson on how Gnomes were real  
(for 13 year olds !)  
Having some very sweet staff and  
some really scary ones like the one  
who came from Brighton Steiner  
School and lasted 3 weeks as he  
told stories of decapitation and  
shook the kid's hands so hard it hurt  
them...  
Racism and how it wasn't dealt with  
,not surprising really !  
Being sent a letter from the school's  
solicitor saying I was not allowed to  
speak to Ofsted or the Equality and  
Human Rights Commission.  
I'm looking forward to seeing the  
BBC piece and hope you will be  
visiting a pub in London soon !



***Pete Karaiskos***

*November 11, 2012 at 5:51 pm*

"Being sent a letter from the  
school's solicitor saying I was  
not allowed to speak to Ofsted  
or the Equality and Human

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Rights Commission."

Do you still have this letter? I'd love to post it on my blog...



**Ted G**

January 28, 2013 at 11:56 am

Have you posted this letter on your blog?



**Andy Lewis**

November 11, 2012 at 10:47 pm

If you are prepared to make public that letter, then it would be incredible!



**MK**

November 12, 2012 at 11:37 am


Andy, I Just found the letter and will get it to you. Pete I guess you will be able to get it if Andy posts it otherwise Andy has my email if you need it.



**Pete Karaiskos**

November 12, 2012 at 1:35 pm

Fantastic! Thanks!

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Alicia,

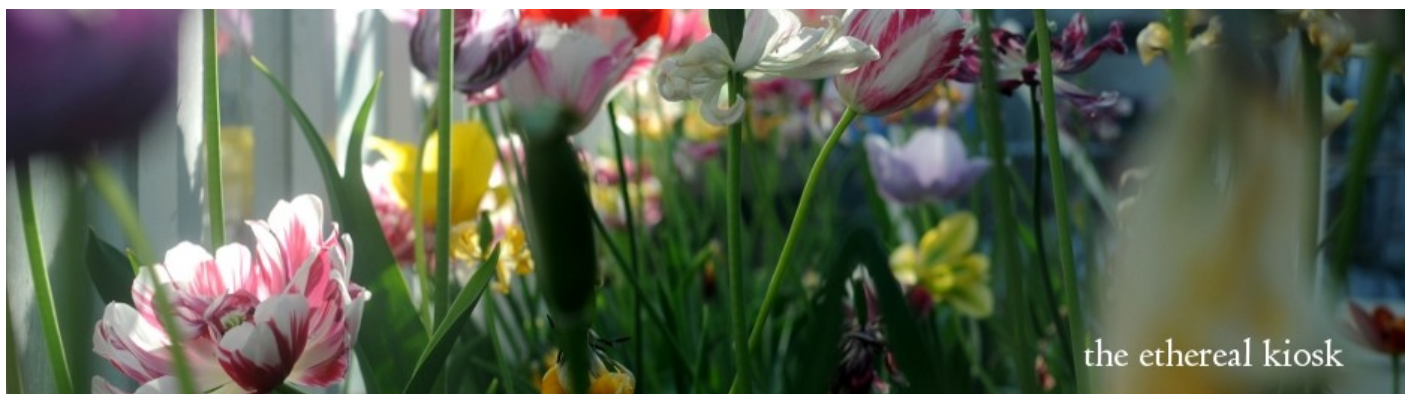
Thank you so much for posting this link. It is classic Steiner school behavior when confronted with their own abysmal failures: staff stalling for months in an apparent effort to avoid urgently needed action to ensure children's safety and emotional well-being, prevaricating, ignoring parents' written concerns, and finally misrepresenting the facts to the parent body at the expense of innocent children and their families.

These parents have done an excellent job of documenting the school's misdeeds. I am only halfway through the archives. It's like reliving our own horrible Waldorf nightmare. I know many other former Waldorf parents will find their detailed account of their experience--with its entire chain of correspondence--unpleasantly familiar.

Dan, I hope you're posting the link on the PLANS website. It perfectly illustrates so many problems with Waldorf, not just the dangerous attitude to the bullying issue but also insensitivity to children, disregard for safety, unprofessional stalling tactics, outrageous hostility to parents who make legitimate efforts to rectify serious problems, and an utter lack of normal understanding of right and wrong.

Margaret

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## waldorf and the media (ii)

January 29, 2013 · by [alicia hamberg](#) · in [anthroposophy](#), [waldorf](#)

(Continued from [previous post](#). What I will talk about now is, in a way, more important, but due to their nature, these considerations will be much rarer than some of the reasons mentioned yesterday, especially wanting to [move on](#) or not being able to [identify](#) what was wrong. Most of those dissatisfied with waldorf education will never get to the point where the things mentioned today will start to be relevant to their decision.)

A major concern which may play a part in stopping people from pursuing the matter further, in particular in public, is how the movement sometimes treats people who are leaving or who express criticism. Melanie already mentioned this in [her comment](#). I wrote a [post](#) not long ago, and have written about these problems many times before. This problem has many levels, it ranges from general unpleasantness to actual risks, the latter naturally much rarer. I suppose that what I am about to say will seem unbelievable to waldorf proponents and anthroposophists who have never noticed this phenomenon or who have perhaps noticed something is slightly off but not realized it has any impact.

First, there is the general uneasiness that comes from no longer being treated as before — people, old ‘friends’, who turn their heads away when they see you, who show you are not worth listening to, and so forth. This sometimes happens even if someone doesn’t express criticism; announcing that you will be taking your children from the school might be enough to create an ominous or even hostile atmosphere. You have done the unthinkable — or unacceptable — and they no longer want to acknowledge that you exist. Which, perhaps, might *seem* fair — after all, the defector has shown disrespect for what waldorf enthusiasts hold dear, what they idolize. It is a betrayal of sorts. A hole emerges in the supposedly perfect facade, when one person no longer wants to keep filling in the defects with rosy-coloured paint. I don’t know how big this problem is, but I know it exists. In addition, I think I mentioned this earlier, there might be attempts to blame or discredit the individual parents, sometimes subtly sometimes not so subtly. In the community around the school, gossip might start to spread about flaws and faults. The parents and children leaving no longer like ‘us’. There must be a reason why they failed — and the reason is them, not the school. If you think those who are the subjects of such unsavoury talk do not sense it — you are wrong. Of course they do. And a person (actually) does notice when old acquaintances find it beneath them even to greet him or her on the street. And there are children involved here; they perceive hostility just as easily as adults, and will be affected by it. This — and other ways of ostracizing a person or a family — is merely the beginning, however. Among those who do voice criticism — but not in the media, of course — this is probably, in most cases, how far the unpleasantness goes, and perhaps it seems insignificant. But nobody wants unpleasantness, nobody wants to feel hated for expressing viewpoints. It is easier just to move on.

Among the more serious consequences that might occur, if someone has not already been put off pursuing the topic, it is worth looking at a few examples. For what it’s worth, they are not made up, and they are only examples. They are all things I have seen or read people report, some of these things occur again and again. You might get intimidating messages or threats (to life and limb, sanity and health; yes, even threats of violence occur); you might either get threatened with a lawsuit (and significant loss of money, some thug might claim — erroneously, but what does it matter? how do people know, unless they spend money on a lawyer?) or you are actually sued (it happens, as we all know) and the intention might not even be to win, but to scare other potential critics and to destroy your life; you might find yourself the subject of frivolous reports to police or social services; your property might be destroyed; your children might no longer be welcome to see their old friends; your employer might get phone calls or mail with accusations or insinuations about various things; if the rest of your family is still involved in waldorf or with anthroposophy, you risk losing contact with them (example of an actual threat: if you complain to the media, your children won’t ever see their grandparents again); you will be called a wide variety of ugly names; then, of course, there is general smearing and defamation of character — in private and in public you will risk being dragged into the gutter: you are not only ignorant or hateful or bitter or vengeful or a damned materialist, which speak to your lowly character, perhaps you are also some kind of crazed sex maniac or you are debilitated or you are mentally disturbed or you are guilty of criminal acts or you suffer some other moral or mental decrepitude or derangement.

Basically, anything — invented, half-true or whatever, it doesn’t really matter — that can be used against you might be used against you, in any

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distorted shape or form; anything to preserve the movement and to rubbish you. It will not be about the validity or the substance of your experiences, claims or arguments — it will be about *you*. If you enter discussions online, and none of the above happens, you are still highly likely to be insulted (on the basis of someone's deluded perception of you as a person, not your arguments), you will be pitied (poor you, having to be you, such a wretched, wasted life form), humiliated, degraded, told to seek psychiatric help, to disappear from the face of the earth because your existence is so futile, you will be told your life must be meaningless, that you are a small, insignificant, intolerant, dumb person and that you are worth nothing and you do not deserve to be heard or read by anybody. None of this is exactly funny, and although one small thing here and one small thing there may not seem so severe, it is something else to be on the receiving end.

I am not going to suggest that critics are always nice or fair. I do acknowledge that there are issues all around. But it is not fair to treat dissatisfied families as pariah or to treat critics who have done nothing wrong — other than criticize — the way they have sometimes been treated. Personally, I do not think I have deserved the ugly words, the threats, the insinuations, the attempts to rubbish my character (and so on and so forth) that I have sometimes been subjected to. I simply do not think I have deserved it. *And I have been spared* the most vicious kinds of attacks — I have been lucky. Others have not been so lucky. Perhaps it is because I have stayed away from the media; I do not know.

You have to know this — before you enter. And you have to be stupid enough to do it anyway. I do *not* want to exaggerate this; I do not want people to fear speaking out. Most likely, there will be no significant problems — small bruises, hurt feelings, worry. But I believe the unpleasant behaviour encountered by many of those who dare post even an anonymous online comment about this subject is enough to scare people off from pursuing it any further, as does the awareness that doing it can put you on the receiving end of some of the things you have seen happen to others. Yes, it *does* matter *how* you talk about people, how you describe them and how you treat them. It does matter when people's claims are not rejected for their content but for who they are or — more accurately — who they appear to be, after anthroposophists are done with 'reputation control'.

I suppose that from an anthroposophical viewpoint almost any criticism — in particular if delivered harshly — of the waldorf system or of anthroposophy will *seem like* a personal attack, as anthroposophy appears to be so ingrained in the personality of those who care deeply about it, and thus 'similar' countermeasures are thought of as appropriate. But this is a fatal misunderstanding. It must be permissible to criticize ideas and actions even if people feel strongly and in a very personal way about them. And criticizing ideas or actions is patently not the same as rubbing someone as a person, especially not rubbing someone falsely or for unrelated reasons. And — yes — I do get it: when people criticize anthroposophy, and when people say things you feel are unfair (from your viewpoint or interpretation), it is experienced as a very serious thing, even as a threat to or a war against you personally. Anthroposophy is in your heart and your soul (to put it tritely), it gives life meaning, it gives purpose and explanations, it is at the core of the universe, and I understand that; I can even respect that it is so. But this does not make it — anthroposophy — exempt from outside scrutiny. And criticism of a worldview is not the same as personal attacks, no matter how deeply hurtful it feels.

The risk of the severe and bad reactions occurring increase after you make your arguments in public. On the other hand, one might say that a more public profile might also actually protect you against some of it, if you are lucky. There are some kinds of nastiness I don't receive anymore, presumably because I don't put up with it, and I will let people know. People have reason to protect their anonymity, but unless the threat is really severe or believable (the waldorf movement's public image is that of a benign, soft and kind, movement), the media would probably not even want to run any anonymous story on it. Mind you — I do *not* think that we should exaggerate the risks, but I do not think people can ignore them either. It is likely, if you openly criticize, that you will be subjected to some unpleasant reactions. Perhaps mild, perhaps severe. It differs. There are many ways of discrediting you or to make you feel uncomfortable voicing criticism. I personally have difficulty seeing many good reasons for people to compromise their own wellbeing and that of their children in order to appear in the media, under their own identities, to speak about the faults of an education system they have already left. As far as I can tell, they have more to lose than to gain. Maybe it will happen, also in Sweden, maybe one day some very angry and driven parent comes along, reads up on things, makes all the right arguments, based upon knowledge and experience, and demands media attention and requires real changes to be made — but this will take a special person to dare this, to persevere and to accomplish what he or she sets out to do, despite — most likely — ruthless and morally uninhibited opposition.

There is also another phenomenon which we can categorize as: damned if you do, damned if you don't. The waldorf movement tends to reject criticism as ignorant, people don't 'understand', they say. It is so complicated, and people who criticize have simply misunderstood everything. (Obviously, this problem is inherent in the nature of esoteric belief systems. They are construed like this, as paths of initiation, where you are thought to acquire greater insights gradually. Being able to criticize the ideas is not a sign that you have acquired an understanding; quite the contrary. Adherents usually feel dismissive of outsiders, who never seem to understand the ideas in the 'right' way.) So let's say you spend quite a lot of time attaining knowledge. You end up knowing a fair bit about waldorf and anthroposophy. Not only have you spent a lot of your time on this (some may say you have wasted time, but I would not say that), you are now open to a whole new set of accusations: the effort you have spent is clearly an indication of some spiritual deficiency, or in other words, mental defect. You must be obsessed, you must be subnormal somehow. And if, after spending all this time, you actually still have criticisms, perhaps modified, perhaps better argued and better informed — in other words, despite studying the topic, you are still refusing to see the light —, now, apparently, to some anthroposophists, this means you are clearly both evil and deranged; you are an incorrigible 'hater', you and your 'crusades' are purely destructive, your aims are solely evil, which points to a depraved mind. And you are treated accordingly. It does not matter much if objections to waldorf education are hasty and somewhat uninformed (perhaps because you are rightfully angry and have not had the time to investigate things in depth) or if they are the results of years of investigation — the fault and failure is on the side of the critic. (Now, I could add a few things about offering education to people whom are considered too ignorant or dense to understand what they are choosing — perhaps that approach is simply a bad idea from the start?)

In my opinion — after writing about this for a few years and despite encountering quite a few waldorf defenders and anthroposophists who are definitely not representative of or responsible for such attitudes as those described here in this post — this is still a movement which, on the whole, mistakenly appears to believe that it deserves to be exempt from scrutiny, that all criticism is an affront, that all the blame is on those 'others', and that there is nothing wrong in sacrificing individuals in order to save the collective 'good' or, I suppose, if you are inclined that way, to 'rescue humanity' (from whatever dreadful things humanity seems unwilling to 'rescue' itself from).

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For those who read nordic languages, it's worth mentioning Norway. I recommend Trond Kristoffersen's and Kristin Sandberg's ([steinerkritikk](#)) book on the Steiner school movement; in particular the chapter with testimonies from former parents and teachers, and the experiences they have of the schools and some of them also deals with problems when leaving the communities. The book also contains a little bit about how critics' are dealt with more in general. Anyone who wants an illustration of what might happen to a woman who publicly criticizes the movement, should read Kristin Sandberg's former pupil, [Ida Jackson](#). The websites that were set up, by people associated with the Steiner movement, to smear Kristin and Trond were unbelievable — at least for a movement pretending such high spiritual ideals. In Norway, you'll also find this [blog](#), which has dealt with the treatment of defectors many times. And, in general, comparing Norway and Sweden, you will also find more in Norwegian media.



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**6 Comments**

1. [Pete K](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 2:52 pm](#) ·

Excellent post Alicia. Right on the mark! You've picked up on the subtleties of "shunning" in the Waldorf world.



2. [alicia hamberg](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 3:09 pm](#) ·

Thanks Pete! And, oh, that's the word, 'shunning'... I wish I had remembered it to use it in the post!

I'd like to add that our own experiences (ie, my family's) after waldorf were somewhat mixed. There was never any explicit criticism of the school, as far as I know, but obviously it was clear (from the mere fact that we were leaving) that there was dissatisfaction.

A few people were so offended they could not bear greeting us on the street or where ever, and there was an unpleasant atmosphere in some regards. Some people, on the other hand, stood out for the opposite reason — they were perfectly wonderful about it, not treating it as a personal insult, instead behaving as they always had, decently. And then there was everything in between, I guess. Interestingly, commitment to anthroposophy cannot necessarily, or at least not easily, be identified as a deciding factor.



3. [Diana](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 4:51 pm](#) ·

Truly excellent ... hope to have more time to discuss later! Thanks for this, marvelous.



4. [alicia hamberg](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 5:04 pm](#) ·

thank you! I'd be very excited to hear your views!



5. [Diana](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 9:34 pm](#) ·

I will have to stop obsessing about a certain other topic, first.



6. [alicia hamberg](#) · [January 29, 2013 - 9:59 pm](#) ·

Haha!!

**please leave a howl, a bark, a growl, a tail-wag or a comment! (comments are currently moderated,**

## November 2009 Leaflet

We produced this leaflet in November 2009. It gives a good illustration of how the school were trying to spin the expulsions into something less damaging to their reputation, and shows how not everyone was happy with what was going on nor how the manager was handling the situation.

### Why we are protesting

We are here because of the appalling way my family has been treated by the Titirangi Steiner School: my eldest daughter who was 8 at the time was being regularly bullied in her class by children who had been behaving in this way since Kindy.

We informed the teacher and management about it and after four months of us telling the school, them reassuring us that they took the matter seriously and nothing ever changing, they expelled our children, including my child at Kindy who never had any problems, and my little one at playgroup.

But we weren't the only ones this happened to: three other families had left the same class in previous weeks, also because of bullying, and we've since learned of many others who have suffered at the hands of this school over the years because of the management's refusal to deal with bullying.

Our children, especially our eldest, have been severely affected by their treatment here, to the extent that we are seeking help for them.

### What the school says to other people

The manager never gave us proper reasons why the school kicked us out, but here is what they say to anyone enquiring about this event:

*"The school's policy with regard to bullying is one of social inclusion."*

Setting aside the irony of being kicked out because the school believes in 'social inclusion', in the four months of communicating with them, the school never used that term. Not once. They only started mentioning it once they excluded us and we began making a fuss.

But social inclusion doesn't mean letting children bully others without consequences. We never advocated expelling children, however. We simply wanted them to stop the bullying or separate the children. They have no such policy here.

*"The behaviour of the parents became unacceptable to both the school and other parents."*

All we did was write emails to management and had meetings with staff. Many parents were in fact glad that someone was finally doing something about the bullying but I doubt they'll be brave enough to speak out now having seen what can happen if you do.

We didn't protest or complain publicly about the situation until after we were kicked out, when we were rightfully angry at the school's inefficiency and its inability to protect children.

This is a school that told us that expelling a bully would be violent to the child. They had no such problem expelling a 'sensitive child' (as her teacher identified her) and her younger siblings.

*"Our enrolment agreement with parents requires them to provide an ongoing commitment to Waldorf Education which, in our view, was not forthcoming in this case."*

Unless bullying is part of Steiner education, their statement is groundless: we were committed to their education system, even going to an anthroposophical doctor, on teacher's advice, to help our daughter build her confidence up so she could cope with the bullying.

But even if what they say were true, is it the school's policy to evict people without notice or warning, suddenly, with no possibility of appeal?



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Our eldest child loved the curriculum and we were determined to help her thrive there, by making her class the safe environment the school claims it was.

We were scheduled to have a meeting with management, trustees and teachers to discuss behavioural management. A meeting proposed by the manager himself. But on the day of that meeting we unexpectedly received a letter cancelling it and chucking us out instead.

When we went to the school to demand an explanation on the record for this sudden and violent action, they refused to talk to us, issued us with trespass notices and called the police within minutes of our arrival.

*"The school has investigated all incidents reported by this family and has found them to be without substance."*

In all the correspondence detailing many events of violent behaviour, the school only questioned one, which was due to a case of mistaken identity on our part. If they queried one, you'd think they would've flagged up others if they had doubts. They never questioned any of our other reports while we were at the school.

#### **Where you can find out more**

Visit our website, which includes all the correspondence between us and the school as well as a few videos explaining the situation in greater detail:

[www.titirangisteinermessenger.com](http://www.titirangisteinermessenger.com)

Having read the correspondence in its entirety, one of the trustees said the following:

*"I am of the view that you and your family have been very badly treated. [...] You are being blamed for everything that is wrong in the school rather than seen as the catalyst of change that is needed [...] My wife & I discussed your situation at length and we questioned what we would do if we had been in your situation... we concluded that we would have not kept quiet either."*

Sadly, trustees are powerless at this school.

#### **How can a school do this?**

There's an important loophole in the current Education Law that allows some New Zealand schools, Private Non- Integrated (PNi) ones like the Titirangi Steiner School, to operate almost entirely without safeguard or supervision by any Ministry Department. These schools are not covered by the vast majority of sections of the Education Act, including those covering protection of children from bullying and from damaging actions by the school. As a parent sending your child(ren) to such a school you need to be sure that the institution is up to the job, without Ministry support.

But at the moment PNi schools aren't by law obliged to inform parents of the school's different status in law with regards to the children's reduced protection and rights, a situation that further puts children at risk through parents being ignorant about it.

We are calling for compulsory disclaimers in these schools that all parents must sign to show that they have been made fully aware of the implications for their children's safety and their rights in sending them to a PNi school.

If you agree with this, please sign the petition at:

[www.ipetitions.com/petition/pni/](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/pni/)

Thank you for your time.

Steve Paris on Twitter: "@carolinepub I would be interested to know what Andy told you about us though. Care to share?"

28/09/14 9:10 am

**South East Skeptics**

In 7 days the award-winning blogger @lecanardnoir appears @BrightonSkeptic. Check ticket availability here: [bit.ly/ZQb28s](http://bit.ly/ZQb28s)

**Steve Paris**

@SESkepticS do you think he'll run away like he did yesterday at his Bath talk? Will you offer refunds if he does?

**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis You and Angel are not welcome at next week's talk, and will be turned away.

**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub I would be interested to know what Andy told you about us though. Care to share?



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**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis It's all here: [quackometer.net/blog/2012/11/a...](http://quackometer.net/blog/2012/11/a...)

**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub that, sadly, is a distortion of events. But if you read out letter which is there too, you'll see that we want to sort this out

Steve Paris on Twitter: "@carolinepub u shld ask urself why Andy's so...s confrontation & enjoys sparring with anthroposophists, but not us"

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@carolinepub



**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis I don't book the speakers. But people invited to speak here have the right to do so without fear of harassment or intimidation...



**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis ... and our paying customers have the right to enjoy events without interruption from disruptive parties.



**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis We run a lot of comedy nights, and would turn away any known hecklers. We'll be treating you and Angel as known hecklers.



**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub again, we didn't expect him to leg it after we quietly tried to give him the letter after his talk, during break b4 Q&A.



**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub were we heckling in Bath?



**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub how is quietly handing a letter during the break, heckling?



**Steve Paris**

@carolinepub was the only way we could make sure he got the letter. Weren't sure he'd got the email & he could've refused a registered post



**Caroline of Brunswick**

@sjparis So now you've given him the letter, there's no need for you to come to the Brighton talk, right?

Steve Paris on Twitter: "@lennylaw hi. Has anyone aside from me tried... to you Andy and his group's animosity towards my wife and myself?"

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**Andy Lewis**

Dec 2012

You have to remember, that those series of tweets and emails is not a spoof. But someone demanding their right to comment on my site.



**Dirk Thrust**

@lecanardnoir That comment you won't post is very anti-steiner and seems to fit with your opinions. What's the problem?



**Steve Paris**

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@lennylaw hi. Has anyone aside from me tried to explain to you Andy and his group's animosity towards my wife and myself?

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@lennylaw



**Dirk Thrust**

@sjparis Not as yet. It seems odd seeing how you and he both seem to have similar views regarding Steinerism.



**Steve Paris**

@lennylaw I agree it's odd, but that's because it's personal politics, nothing to do with views on Steiner. Can't explain it any other way.



**Steve Paris**

@lennylaw what started all this hatred of us can be found in the link I gave you the other day. I think it explains the situation well.

Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>  
To: Sid Rodrigues <sidrodrigues@gmail.com>

3 November 2012 01:55

Hi Sid

"Andy has colluded in some atrocious cyber-bullying"

I have communicated with Angel precisely twice - both time by email. Once to explain why her comment had been held up in my moderation queue for 2 hours after she had accused me of blocking her. I was at lunch or something. A second time to explain I did not want her using my blog to attack other people.

For this, I have been hounded by her and her partner with tweets and videos being made, emails sent to people - constant harassment. I am not the only one. She has tried to get a friend of mine sacked by writing to his boss.

For this reason, I would strongly advise you not to engage in anyway with her, Steve Paris or any of her sock puppets - which are pretty obvious. She consistently falls out with people, gets angry at the slightest hint she is being disrespected and then never lets it go. I know of one person who reported her to the police. And I too, with a few others are considering options. Fortunately, she is in New Zealand right now, but has also lived recently both in France (near where my wife is from) and in Bristol (near us now). So, I do consider her an actual threat.

I am sure you will understand.

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[Quoted text hidden]

Andy Lewis <andy@scali-lewis.net>  
To: Sid Rodrigues <sidrodrigues@gmail.com>

5 November 2012 22:37

Hi Sid,

Not sure what to make of our twitter exchange but it does look like there is something that needs sorting out.

Firstly, let me assure you that this email has not been forwarded or discussed online. The only person I have discussed this with is a psychiatrist friend in a face to face situation. This person is not on twitter.

The situation with angel and her husband is complex, nasty and is causing problems. It is likely that she does indeed suffer from a personality disorder and is paranoid too. She is playing games with many people in an attempt to discredit not just myself but a number of people who she believes have slighted her. She will not let go. One thing she will do is assume that there is a conspiracy between people to keep her silent. She is both driven by this and uses it to intimidate.

The people affected are considering what to do. There are children involved too - directly. The police is an option, but Angel, at the moment is in New Zealand. She will come back to the UK and has made threats to 'sort people out' when she gets here.

Your email was useful in that it provides extra evidence of her constant harassment, should it come to the point when authorities need to be involved.

Hope all is well and she is not causing you too much trouble. As I said, the best way to avoid her attention -

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which inevitably turns nasty - is not to communicate.

Regards

Andy

On 3 November 2012 01:20, Sid Rodrigues <sidrodrigues@gmail.com> wrote:  
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**Andy Lewis** <andy@scali-lewis.net>  
To: Sid Rodrigues <sidrodrigues@gmail.com>

6 November 2012 16:51

Hi Sid,

I hope things are sorted out from last night.

If you feel able to help, any emails you get from these people will be useful in building up a file of their activities. Of course, this will not be passed on beyond any authority that gets involved.

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[Quoted text hidden]

From: Ms Angel Garden <angelgarden@mac.com>  
Subject: Fwd: Pitch - please acknowledge receipt  
Date: 22 October 2013 10:12:36 am GMT+01:00  
To: editor@rationalist.org.uk



Hi, I'm forwarding this pitch again because I did not receive an acknowledgement, which sometimes means that mail has got lost. Please would you acknowledge receipt of this pitch concerning important points of ethics for humanists. Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ms Angel Garden <angelgarden@mac.com>  
Subject: Pitch - please acknowledge receipt  
Date: 18 October 2013 11:32:38 am GMT+01:00  
To: editor@rationalist.org.uk

Hello Rationalists

I apologise in advance because my pitch is going to be a big challenge for humanists.....however, it is a genuine and proper challenge to a load of victim blaming, dishonest and downright abusive behaviour which does not, by rights, fit within any rationalist position, let alone humanism.

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The British Humanist Association claims on its website under the title "Equality and Human Rights" that "As humanists, we support the right of every person to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be allowed to speak, and believe, as they wish".

Sounds good, doesn't it. So why, when I flagged up the fact that a speaker they are hosting at the end of November on a platform of concern for children at British Free-schools, is currently showing contempt for the actual Human Rights of children whilst not even allowing right of reply, did my phone-call get "cut-off", after I was asked not to attend the event?

Let's see – the given reason by email was that I have made a "threat" against Dr Andrew Lewis. This was the rationale given to me after waiting two weeks having provided all the information here about the behaviour of this speaker with regard to his contempt for the human rights of children as well as his false claim to be evidence-based. When I tried to reply to the email citing my information as a "threat", it resulted in an out of office reply for the next six weeks.

Co-incidentally a transcript has been published of a "conversation" between Jimmy Savile and a couple of junior police officers in which it is impossible not to notice that he used the exact same tactics that are being used by this speaker! The piece I am writing will dissect this alleged 'threat' in the context of the kinds of victim blaming language used by Jimmy Savile and make the similarity absolutely clear. Here are the tactics....

1. minimise and ridicule any detractor – Andy Lewis refers to me exactly as "Angels of harrasment" "odd and disturbing", in the same dismissive slightly humorous manner as Jimmy Savile did about people trying to flag stuff up about him.
2. make out you are the victim of threats – having blocked any right of reply and smeared your detractors, leaving them no other way of exposing abuses but legal action, make out that this is a "threat" against you to persuade others to help protect you from them.

This is what Jimmy Savile did, and this is EXACTLY what Dr Andrew Lewis is doing. The question is, why is the British Humanist Association helping him to do it? Of course I am not referring to the pedophilia aspect but that is not the only way to abuse children, when the tactics are too similar to ignore and the behaviour quite abusive enough thank you.

The BHA are colluding:

1. In spite of the fact that Dr Andrew Lewis' contempt for Human Rights of the children he claims to be concerned about are clearly visible when you see that he publishes inaccurate facts about the only Human Rights settlement in Steiner education ever, and his publications cast doubt upon the word of an 8 year old



child that has already been subject to Human Rights process. He does this in order to give "false balance" to a type of school that he travels round the country describing as 'misleading'. A simple look at dates of publication show this to be true, there is no excuse for not "being able" to see it. This evidence based skeptic publishes defamation about an 8 year old rather than simply publish the facts of a Human Rights settlement, banking on people believing him because he is "evidence-based".

2. In spite of their stated commitment to Human Rights, to equality and dignity. Humph. In reality of course, Dr Andrew Lewis is simply bullying them by saying he won't come if the "weirdos" are allowed in, but caving to that is spineless given the evidence.

3. In spite of the fact the Dr Andrew Lewis himself is on a very vocal platform of exposing others for publishing misleading information, i.e. What Doctors Don't Tell You and he has been instrumental in advising shops that they are responsible for giving the magazine a platform. They have actually succeeded in getting Waitrose to stop selling it. That is on the basis of there not actually being any proof that the magazine has actually harmed anyone whereas the evidence that Dr Andrew Lewis is misrepresenting facts about a Human Rights process is clear for all to see. Waitrose have simply stopped stocking it on grounds of responsible promotion. By Dr Andrew Lewis' own standards, the BHA should be called out for giving him a platform as at this point, they are looking far less socially responsible than Waitrose.

What am I looking for?

#### 1. Freedom to attend

Well I asked the BHA to guarantee me entry to the event, and to allow questions, following Dr Andrew Lewis' extreme slurs after the last public meeting in Bath that I paid to get into to hear him mislead the public about children's welfare in Steiner Education, following which the Caroline Pub in Brighton suddenly stated we would be treated "as hecklers" if we turned up there. Although nothing happened in Bath apart from us trying to give Dr Andrew Lewis a letter to try and diffuse the situation, he was the one who made outrageous smears that led another member of the audience to approach us (after he ran off without doing his Q & A), to ask why he was smearing us as pedophiles.

But the British Humanist Association have cited Dr Andrew Lewis's "freedom of speech" lawyers Bryan Cave, and their Savile's claim of a "threat", to try and keep me out. This is squarely a matter of public interest, that such outrageous collusion should be occurring against children under the banner of humanism.

Publishing against a Human Rights settlement, calling into question the honesty of an 8 year old child, blocking any right of reply, about a settlement that took 3 years of gruelling work to achieve for a whole family, this is all extreme provocation. It is a brick wall of lies, misinformation, and censorship. If he behaves in such a manner that legal action is the only avenue left, framing that then as a threat to stop himself from being questioned while he stands on a platform of concern for children is not a real threat, it is a parody of anything remotely skeptical whatsoever. It is deceit pure and simple, just as it was when Jimmy Savile did it.

#### 2. For humanism/rationality to be real – more than lipservice

Yet all I am asking for is that in order to have a platform on the basis of concern for children and respect for human rights, that Dr Andrew Lewis as well as any other speaker should be required to show respect for them. He should not be colluded with on the basis of publishing rubbish against children and still be given a platform and congratulated for his concern about them.

If humanist organisations are not going to require their speakers to behave honestly and decently towards children, when that is the very platform they are on, then they are not humanists, and those supporting them on the basis that they are, should know.

#### 3. Democratic inclusion limited if necessary by proportionality

For your information and lest you have already been swayed by Dr Andrew Lewis' un-evidenced statement of opinion such that "it appears that (I) become very angry with anyone that will not make my complaint the centre of debate", I'd like to make it clear, as I will in my article, that apart from being completely blocked from ALL debate with no right of reply even on posts that are obviously targeting by having my name on, my issues with Dr Andrew Lewis are limited to Steiner Education and we are only seeking a proportional amount of attention to what has been achieved by this settlement.

What that would look like I will leave to others to decide but here's the context. This is something which Dr

Andrew Lewis tells journalists can't be done – "Nobody will call them out, it requires too much work", about what critics have described as "the most often reported problem within Steiner Education", i.e. unchecked bullying.

What do you think a proportional amount of attention to something almost impossible to achieve that has never been done before about the most reported problem in Steiner Education might look like for an evidence based skeptic seeking a comprehensive platform on the title "What Every Parent should know about Steiner Waldorf Schools"?

Sad to say that in this case it looks a lot like Jimmy Savile.

#### 4. Accountability

My point is that an evidenced based skeptic speaking on a platform of concern for children should at least have been required to publish the FACTS about a Human Rights settlement on a subject he's preaching on before being given a platform. Is that clear enough?

Not to do so is contempt of the human rights of the children when what he's published calls their honesty into question in direct contradiction to the statements signed by the family and the school. That surely has to be the bottom line on a platform labelled "evidence-based". There was a settlement, it has substance, he should publish the substance, even if he feels emotionally compelled to rubbish it. At least then his audience could see what he's rubbishing.

And before you say, as other "skeptics" have, oh but they were your children so that doesn't really count does it, I'd like to draw your attention to Simon Singh, who is now referred to in the headlines of Press Gazette pieces as "Freedom of Speech campaigner" for defending HIMSELF against a libel action and then taking further steps on from there.

Any further steps we could take on the basis of such a historic achievement, in order to help children, (plenty of other parents ask for the information we can provide) are reduced by the fact that Dr Andrew Lewis, whilst seeking a comprehensive platform with the absolutely misleading title "What Every Parent Should Know" is currently LYING about the settlement.

He should not be given any platform on concern for children, or evidence-based anything, until he at least publishes the FACTS. Not to ask him to do so before accepting that platform is collusion.

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In conclusion I am looking for someone, anyone who is actually the rationalist they claim to be. One of the reasons that Dr Andrew Lewis fell into the trap of dishonestly hiding information about a platform he is occupying as an evidence-based skeptic is that as we were in New Zealand, we seemed very dismissable, but oh dear we aren't in New Zealand any more. The response of the British Humanist Association has been pathetic, partisan and cowardly. This matter will not rest here and I have already informed them that I have purchased tickets for the event. If I can't find anyone among the supposed rationalists who can see that Dr Andrew Lewis is doing what he projects of Steiner Education, i.e. "hiding in plain sight", and ask him to show proper respect for children, I'm quite prepared to do whatever is necessary to make sure that this travesty of respect or humanism gets noticed.

It's disgusting that such a sentence should even be necessary to write but I will go further and submit to the humiliation of having to picket a supposed "humanist" event in order to flag up abuses that Humanists seem so willing to condone, although should that be necessary I will make sure that the opportunity for publicity about it is not wasted. The facts here speak for themselves, but due to being effectively shut out of "democratic" debate I am reduced to asking permission to tell people about it.

Lip service is quite the fashion back in the UK I notice.

British Humanists can collude with these obvious tactics if they want to, I can't stop any of you. But I can and will make a noise about it, and I'm starting by asking you to allow me to lay out these facts for your readers. I could be wrong, but I think there will be a lot of your readers who will not approve of someone claiming to be a champion of children when actually behaving abusively towards them. But if people are paying membership fees to any organisation behaving with such outright de-humanising hypocrisy, then those people really ought to know.

My anger is not aimed at the person reading this, but at the blanket collusion of such obvious lies. Having said

that, and having had the evidence put simply before you, my approach to you is certainly on the record and your response in either properly helping to expose and remedy, or trying to further cover up this duplicity, is likewise on the record.

Dr Andrew Lewis has made a serious mistake in thinking that he can simply lie about children and walk away towards being congratulated on a platform of evidence-based concern for them with no consequence. He has a lot of friends and some of them work in Humanist Organisations. None of that will stop me from exposing his fraudulent behaviour, and organisations that collude with it, will be tarred by the same brush when he is eventually exposed.

I am definitely not saying that Dr Andrew Lewis is "like" Jimmy Savile, (watch skeptics miss that) nevertheless the facts show that Jimmy Savile played the same tactical, victim-blaming game to hide his dishonesty, and the house of cards is still falling and revealing all those who lied for Jimmy.

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Thanks for reading this, I fully assume everything I send to any "skeptical" organisation will fall into the hands of Dr Andrew Lewis, over the months I have found that to be the most sensible course of action, so I'd like to say thanks, because I've clarified my point of view that bit further by writing you this email.

best

Angel

#### PREVIOUS PUBS

Your guidelines say that you need to see previous publications:

Here's one from 18 months ago, which is regularly described as "vile" and "nasty", but which simply documents the behaviour of "skeptic" Dr Andrew Lewis.

<http://is.gd/ethics>

You can see all my attempts to rectify facts on my website and YouTube, all of which were written while doing something Dr Andrew Lewis still says can't be done, about the most reported problem in Steiner education, while my mother was dying and while under constant and vicious attack from "skeptics".

#### FACT CHECKING

– Here is the settlement published in Jan 2013 – <http://is.gd/3years>

– Dr Andrew Lewis' blogpost about us (can't pretend it's about the settlement), was republished in April under the title, Steve Paris and Angel Garden, or the other way round. I will not link to it. I hope someone will notice the fact-free nature of this post and the reliance on supposition and innuendo.

Interestingly Dr Andrew Lewis's dishonesty even extends to not revealing that it's been republished subsequent to settlement by leaving the original date of publication on it which was before the settlement. The proof that he did republish it is that it was previously on Posterous and he published about having to move all posts from there to his blog when Posterous shut down in April, 3 months after the settlement had been published. Should this be questioned, I have his tweet announcing this move in April.

Regarding the lack of right of reply, if the above video doesn't make it clear what extent he will go to to deny right of reply, I can send you screenshots proving I'm blocked from replying to Dr Andrew Lewis anywhere at all either on his blog, or on Twitter, as well as the large number of others blocking us simply on his say so (due to their assumption of his evidence-based skepticism).

This puts into interesting relief his recent comments about "not trying to get WDDTY banned", but it's a matter

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which are basically 'enjoy your BPD!' On the other hand that IS her disablement, not the foot. The foot is real, but it isn't that bad.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**            **STEVE PARIS AND ANGEL GARDEN**  
**AND**                 **TITIRANGI RUDOLPH STEINER SCHOOL**

Steve Paris and Angel Garden complained ("the complaint") to the Human Rights Commission ("the Commission") alleging that in June 2009, Titirangi Rudolph Steiner School (TRSS) unlawfully discriminated against their daughters [REDACTED] by excluding them from TRSS because of their family status.

Mr Paris and Ms Garden and TRSS now wish to settle the issues arising from the complaint on the following terms:

1. The parties will sign the attached statement about the matter. This statement may be made publicly available.
2. TRSS will make a payment of \$9,000 to the Paris/Garden children. \$1,000 is to be paid by direct credit on 14 December 2012. The remaining \$8,000 is to be paid by direct credit no later than 21 January 2013. The funds are to be paid into the following account:



3. Mr Paris and Ms Garden will put the following statement on their websites:

"Our Human Rights Act complaint against Titirangi Rudolph Steiner School has now been resolved by agreement between the parties."

4. Mr Paris, Ms Garden and their children agree not to bring any Human Rights Act proceedings against TRSS concerning the matters which are the subject of the complaint.

**SIGNED** by Steve Paris this 19th day of December 2012:

A blue ink signature of Steve Paris.  
**STEVE PARIS**

SIGNED by Angel Garden this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012:



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ANGEL GARDEN

SIGNED by \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of Titirangi Rudolph Steiner School  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012:



(An authorised representative of Titirangi Rudolph Steiner School)



**STATEMENT**

Titirangi Rudolph Steiner School (TRSS) accepts that the Paris Garden's eldest child's accounts were honest and that her actions in reporting bullying were fully commensurate with the school policy which emphasises the importance of telling both teachers and parents.

The class was a mixed-age class of 17 boys and 5 girls. There were many boys in the class who were nearly two years older than the Paris Garden's daughter.

TRSS acknowledges that some children in the class displayed bullying behaviour.

The Paris Garden's middle child was very happy in the kindergarten right up until her place was withdrawn in response to her parents' actions. The middle child had been happy in the kindy for over a year with no problems whatsoever and was settled with her teacher and her friends.

The Paris Garden's youngest daughter was happy in the play group and registered to begin nursery in 2010.

In retrospect, TRSS regrets not going through with the meeting scheduled for Monday 8 June 2009, and acknowledges that the Paris Gardens had invited a parent representative to that meeting who was knowledgeable about socially inclusive ways of addressing bullying.

TRSS acknowledges that Steve and Angel's words and actions (behaviour) in continuing to try and address the issues of bullying with TRSS, as they were advised and encouraged to do in all conversations with all TRSS staff, arose out of their natural and dutiful concern as parents for the safety of their child and concern for the wellbeing of other children in the class.

  
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**STEVE PARIS**

Date: 14/12/12

  
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**ANGEL GARDEN**

Date: 14/12/12

MARK THORNTON, for TRSS

Date:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MR THORNTON", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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