

STRANGER THAN FICTION:

Some thoughts about pedagogical practice

Tim: The strangest things happen in the name of “education.”

Satoru: Indeed. At times it seems like a charade. It's all too easy to pass through most schools with minimal deep learning. Many schools seems are but factories producing Mickey-Mouse consumers.

Melissa: Isn't that what the system wants?

Tim: Television already does an adequate job of making people dumber than they need to be. The ancient Greeks knew that real education meant something quite different.

Liao: (chuckling to himself) As if the ancient Greeks actually agreed about such things! At any rate, I think we have to accept that schools are not perfect. Neither is our society.

Melissa: Maybe we idealize schools too much . . .



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