

## **A DREAM ABOUT EDUCATION.**

### **Just sorting the World out.**

**Last night I was in Denmark, back in 1961 visiting my girlfriend. To think that back then I went all the way there and back on my Lambretta. In the dream her father was a famous educationalist. I was invited to attend a large meeting of school teachers.**

Sitting next to my girlfriend I asked her why everyone was speaking in English. "Because of you. They are being polite."

So I stood up and spoke.

I said that I was fed up with the current obsession with the cult of leadership in education; that I was totally opposed to the belief that children go to school in order to be measured; that rather than thinking so much about levelled tests we should be differentiating by outcome; that today no-one would discover penicillin by accident because it was not on the official curriculum; that the T in SAT once stood for TASK but because of Thatcher it was changed to TEST; that teachers and students of all ages are joint learners; that the word INSTRUCTION should be banned from anything to do with education; that politicians were using education to narrow the minds of the voters; and then I woke up.

I have discovered that my genius phone can tell me how long and deeply I slept. It is, however, totally useless at telling me anything at all about the quality of my dreams. Oh, my girlfriend back then was a schoolteacher. I asked her how much income tax she paid. "50%". "That's a lot", I said. "But", she replied, "look what we get for it."

By the way, the audience in my dream liked what I said 😊 Of course they did, it was MY dream.

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