Does Steiner education work? What others say:

"Based on a comprehensive, integrated understanding of the human being, a detailed account of child development, and with a curriculum and teaching practice that seeks unity of intellectual, emotional and ethical development at every point, Waldorf education deserves the attention of all concerned with education and the human future." Douglas Sloan, Ph D, Professor [Emeritus] of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University.

"If I had a child of school age, I would send him to one of the Waldorf Schools." Saul Bellow (1915-2005), 1976 Nobel Literature Laureate.

"The advent of the (Steiner) Waldorf Schools was in my opinion the greatest contribution to world peace and understanding of the century." Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of West Germany. Former Waldorf parent, 1971 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

"Being personally acquainted with a number of (Steiner) Waldorf students, I can say that they come closer to realizing their own potential than practically anyone I know." Joseph Weizenbaum, Professor (now emeritus), MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), author of “Computer Power and Human Reason”.

"(Steiner) Waldorf education enables young people to be in love with the world as the world should be loved." Marjorie Spock, Author: “Teaching as a lively art”.

"What I like about the (Steiner) Waldorf School is, quite simply, its graduates...They are interesting people. They can converse intelligently on almost any issue, because they have been taught to examine. They can be enormously sympathetic to almost anyone's plight because they have been taught to tolerate. They can gracefully dance or score a goal because they have been taught to move. They can circulate among the various groups on campus and engage in a variety of activities because they have been taught to harmonize." James Shipman History Department, Marin Academy, San Raphael, California.

"(Steiner) Waldorf School graduates see behind the facts that often must be repeated or explained on examination. They are keenly interested in the macrocosm of the universe and the microcosm of the cell's ultrastructure, but they know that Chemistry, Biology and Physics can't tell them much about the nature of love... I feel certain that all Waldorf School graduates believe in the orderliness of our universe, and they believe the human mind can discern this order and appreciate its beauty." Dr. Warren B. Eickelberg Professor of Biology, Director, Premedical Curriculum, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York.

"Those in the public school reform movement have some important things to learn from what (Steiner) Waldorf educators have been doing for many years. It is an enormously impressive effort toward quality education, and schools would be advised to familiarize themselves with the basic assumptions that under gird the Waldorf movement." Ernest L Boyer (1928-1995), Former President, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"The importance of storytelling, of the natural rhythms of daily life, of the evolutionary changes in the child, of art as the necessary underpinning of learning, and of the aesthetic environment as a whole - all basic to (Steiner) Waldorf education for the past 70 years - are being "discovered" and verified by researchers unconnected to the (Steiner) Waldorf movement." Paul Bayers, Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University.

"There is no task of greater importance than to give our children the very best preparation for the demands of an ominous future, a preparation that aims at the methodical cultivation of their spiritual and their moral gifts. As long as the exemplary work of the (Steiner Waldorf School Movement continues to spread its influence as it has done over the past decades, we can all look forward with hope. I am sure that Rudolf Steiner's work for children must be considered a central contribution to the twentieth century and I feel it deserves the support of all freedom-loving thinking people." Bruno Walter (1876-1962), composer and conductor.

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