

# What IS anarchy, really?

No wonder they ask. To hear the media -- both straight and underground -- tell it, anarchism's one thing one day and something else the next, thoroughly chaotic and unprincipled. Yet those of us who have established something of an anarchist presence in Seattle are seen to function quite consistently, in co-operative though sometimes critical relationships with all efforts that tend toward the overthrow of repressive institutions, overtly involved in as many facets of the movement to create a freer society as our numbers and resources will permit, and exerting a distinct influence on the tenor of that movement. How reconcile this practice with a theory generally portrayed as irresponsible, visionary, and inept?

Obviously, there's something wrong with the picture, and anarchy can't be what the media would have people believe it is. But the dearth of in-print anarchist literature, in a country where anarchism has been in eclipse for many years, puts real difficulties in the way of those now seeking to understand it. In any event, much of the older body of anarchist writing, mostly European, is not pointedly applicable here and today, however important it may be for tracing the roots of concepts only now coming to fruition.

Those concepts were ahead of their time, as all truly revolutionary concepts must be. Now their time has come.

So we're starting an Anarchist Study Series. We'll pool and make available what relevant written material we can, and discuss it and other things every sunny Sunday with whoever comes to the hilltop pavilion in the Arboretum at 1:00 p. m., for as long as interest lasts and circumstances allow. When Sunday turns out to be an indoor sort of day, meet at Dotty DeCoster's, 1036 32nd Avenue East, nearby.

