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When Jessica Olausson visited Malawi in 1996 within the newly created link between the departments of theology and religious studies at the University of Malawi and at Linköpings universitet, she almost by chance got the opportunity to study the ideas behind and the implementation of the Malawian curriculum project on Religious Education in primary education. She got interested in this project, and so did we who shared her material and her thoughts, when she came back to Sweden. And as we continued to reflect, we got troubled about those images of ourselves and our Religious Education which we discerned when we used this project as a mirror.

This essay has since then been used in Linköping in different educational contexts. We will continue to do so, and we invite you to share our mirror and to help us to learn even more from looking in it, both about Malawi and about ourselves!

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