

Forum: Anthroposophy and science

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In this issue of *RoSE* we open up a Forum for discussing the question of the relation between Anthroposophy and science. More precisely, the question concerns the methodological foundations of spiritual science and the scientific quality of Anthroposophy. Since Steiner Waldorf education has much of its ideational foundations in Anthroposophy, this question is of relevance for this journal. Is Anthroposophy a science in its own right that can be developed, as Rudolf Steiner claimed? If so, how can it be justified in the context of present day philosophy and theory of science? Or is Anthroposophy merely the metaphysical speculations by a deluded visionary? What other possible views may exist? Is Steiner's extended methodological path reasonable? And if so, can it be demonstrated concretely within contemporary educational research?

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