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Goetheanum
School of Spiritual Science



Founded by
Rudolf Steiner at the
Christmas Conference
of 1923 in Dornach,
Switzerland



What is the School of Spiritual Science?

The School of Spiritual Science strives to foster the connection of the spiritual in the human being with the spiritual in the universe.

It was founded by Rudolf Steiner in December 1923 at the same time as the General Anthroposophical Society. He envisaged both the Society and the School of Spiritual Science as combining the greatest openness with the deepest esotericism.

The School of Spiritual Science is structured with the General Anthroposophical Section at its core, with specialised sections related to it. These are the Sections for Agriculture, the Arts of Eurythmy, Speech, Drama and Music, Literary Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and Astronomy, Medicine, Natural Science, Education, Social Sciences, Spiritual Striving of Youth and the Visual Arts (including Painting, Architecture and Sculpture).

The activities of the General Anthroposophical Section are formed around a core of nineteen esoteric lessons with meditative exercises for spiritual development, training and research. The work is referred to as the 'First Class'. The Second and Third Classes were not established due to Rudolf Steiner's untimely illness and death.

Since its founding the activities of the General Anthroposophical Section have spread worldwide. The esoteric contents of the Class Lessons are shared with its members by Class Holders appointed by the leadership of the

General Anthroposophical Section. The content is given by means of the spoken word, and can be supported with conversation groups, the sharing of research, and related activities based on the participants' individual striving and meditative practice.

Becoming a Member

When an inner intention arises to move beyond merely having insights by means of ideas, towards experiencing spiritual realities derived from the Spiritual World itself, then it may be time to consider joining the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science. After gaining a basic understanding of the Anthroposophical Society and its work in the world today, a prospective applicant should ask him or herself the following questions: Am I able to sustain meditative practice on a basis of personal commitment? Am I willing to work together with fellow members, with objectivity and openness independent of personal sympathies and antipathies? Am I willing to re-present Anthroposophy in a non-dogmatic, non-sectarian and honest way?

If the aspirant can inwardly answer these questions affirmatively with a sure, positive confidence that he or she is ready to become a member, the next step is to have a conversation with a Class Holder. Depending on its outcome the Class Holder will then assist in the application process. Once admitted by the leadership

of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland, the new member may also join a vocational section.

"In general ... it will be necessary for human beings to get to know the spiritual world first in the form of ideas. This is how spiritual science is cultivated in the General Anthroposophical Society. However, there will be people who want to participate in portrayals of the spiritual world that progress upwards from the form of ideas to manners of expression that are borrowed from the spiritual world itself. There will also be people who want to get to know the paths to the spiritual world in order to tread them with their own souls. The three Classes of the School of Spiritual Science will be for them."

Rudolf Steiner, *The Constitution of the General Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science* (GA 260a, p.108f.)

For more information about the School Of Spiritual Science, the Sections and the First Class, see: www.goetheanum.org.

Image: Medallion version of the 'Sun Seal' by Rudolf Steiner