

In the past century Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy has been and still is one of the most well-known and influential alternative spiritual movements, including among others schools, farms, and hospitals working in accordance to ideas from the anthroposophical worldview.

Despite this impact on society rigorous analyses within the academic discipline of philosophy of religion of the epistemological and metaphysical foundations of anthroposophy, that not only lead to criticism of anthroposophy or the refutation of specific claims, are rare. Yet, given the clear impact of anthroposophy on modern societies mainly in the Western hemisphere, a philosophical analysis of the epistemological and metaphysical foundations of anthroposophy leading to a constructive dialogue between philosophy of religion and anthroposophy should be well motivated and fruitful for either part.

The central goal of this project, to be achieved in this project, is to identify major epistemological and metaphysical claims within anthroposophy and arguments for them, to analyze and critically assess them with methods common in analytical philosophy and to constructively relate the results of the analysis to fields in which anthroposophy is influential. The analysis and the constructive dialogue between philosophy of religion and anthroposophy will result in articles on specific central topics within anthroposophy and possibly in a final publication in form of a monograph.