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Steiner:-

"Another thing which has caused us the greatest difficulties is the fact that the power of impulse in the Anthroposophical Society itself has not always been estimated in a thorough manner. It is possible to hear once in a while opinions which are utterly false to the Anthroposophical Movement, which place it side by side with the very things which must be eliminated by it for the sake of human evolution. Only in the last few days I have had the experience that some one said to me that, if that which Anthroposophy provides is introduced in the presence of these or those persons, then even the most practical persons accept it; only, one must not mention to them Anthroposophy or the threefold social question, but must deny these. You see this is something which has been practiced by many persons for a number of years. This is the falsest thing that we could possibly do. In whatever realm it may be, we must stand before the world as representatives of the Anthroposophical entity under the banner of complete truthfulness, and we must be aware of the fact that, to the extent that we are unable to do this, we cannot further the Anthroposophical Movement. All veiled representation of the Anthroposophical Movement leads in the end to nothing wholesome."

Regarding many over-zealous or wrongly directed or neglected new undertakings during that period, Rudolf Steiner said:

"Thus one difficulty after another has come about through the fact that extremely premature undertakings have been entered upon since the year 1919, and especially-as must be emphasized again and again--through the fact that persons have established all sorts of things and afterwards not continued to work at what they themselves brought into being."