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When the Foundation Stone of the General Anthroposophical Society was laid, [Dec. 24, 1923-Jan. 1, 1924] it was possible to experience the event as a Mystery, whose deep significance will only reveal itself to mankind as time goes on. Rudolf Steiner said at the time that his task was to give to the Society the form 'needed to foster the Anthroposophical Movement.'

...the Foundation Stone was laid in the hearts of those present. It must be laid Rudolf Steiner said, 'into our hearts that are working together harmoniously, filled with love and good will, striving to bear the anthroposophical impulse through the world'. Just as the first Goetheanum rose up out of the forces of the double pentagonal dodecahedron, which was sunk in the foundation stone, so the spiritual edifice of the General Anthroposophical Society and the Free High School was now to grow out of the forces of the Foundation Stone Meditation.

The whole of Anthroposophy passed through a fiery death when the first Goetheanum was burned, and it was reborn in the Foundation Stone Meditation. And one can say that the Society founded at the Christmas Meeting really represented a metamorphosed Goetheanum. But this new spiritual edifice, this transformed Goetheanum, was not confined in space, but arose each time new wherever human beings sought to work from out of the forces of the Foundation Stone Meditation. A great Mystery took place at the Christmas Foundation Meeting. A seed was sown so that the possibility was created for the world to become a temple, wherever human souls live and work out of the Foundation Stone's power.