

## **AN EXPOSITORY ANALYSIS OF RUDOLF STEINER'S PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The need for this work is as a result of a thorough inquiry into the question of freedom especially from the perspective of Steiner. The problematic questions for this critical sojourn are stated as follows: Can man be free? What is the basis for freedom in Man as a thinking being? Does freedom subsist in thought, or action, or in both? Is there limit to what man can 'know' or 'do' as a free thinking being? What are the necessary conditions for the freedom of man? The purpose of this study is geared towards unleashing the potentialities of man, especially with regards to the freedom of thought; for man is what he thinks. Attention shall be paid to the basis of freedom, whereby freedom of thought is freedom in act, the limits of a free thinking being, and the necessary conditions for a free man. Rudolf Steiner's thought on freedom serves as the reference point in this research. These would go a long way to help us enshrine freedom in our present society. In the course of this philosophical research; many philosophical tools will be employed. The methods of Hermeneutics and Analysis would be of great importance.

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