

Rudolf Steiner's *Calendar of the Soul* Verse 13 Final verse of First Quarter

"Spirit Man" or "Spirit Human Being" Verse 13 relates to Condition 7, "Unite all previous 6 conditions in living." Living in all these conditions brings life into harmony and freedom with others—a thought closely related to the gifts of the Kyriotes, Spirits of Wisdom.

The verses have shown us how we can activate increasingly higher states of consciousness. The Sun is still at summer height and Verse 13 speaks of the "fire" around us and within us. Soaring to "Spirit foundations," "grounds of Spirit," we are really in the world of spirit; and there really seek our spirit kinship. This is the world of Spiritual Will.

Thinking, Feeling and Willing are united by the Word-of-Truth which bids us discover our Spirit-kinship. Seeking spiritual kinship requires will initiative, the I working in the will. And although we have little consciousness of the world of will, in summer our will forces work within us strongly, and joyfully we want to experience a greater closeness to all those hierarchies that brought us into being. A conscious inner union of thinking, feeling and willing are important for us to be cognizant of these Beings.

In Line 2, "there flames within my depth of soul*," is a picture of my will forces afire—for in line 4, will forces within my soul flame up with Spirit Worlds of Will, the Word-of-Truth of gods. With awakening will, consciously I can feel that I am a spiritual being capable of seeking my Divine kinship. Urged by the Word-of-Truth, (do we experience it as the Christ, the Cosmic I?), to seek our Spirit kinship, we will use the new capacity of Ahnung to seek our spirit relations. We feel this Ahnung as an intuitive yearning to seek our spirit kinfolk.

*A curious relatedness to such cosmic flaming forces is that often after a fever, we have a special chance to find a spiritual truth for which we may have unconsciously been needing or seeking.

Und bin ich in den Sinneshöhen,
So flammt in meinen Seelentiefen
Aus Geistes Feuerwelten
Der Götter Wahrheitswort:
In Geistesgründen suche ahnend
Dich geistverwandt zu finden.

original German by Rudolf Steiner.



And when I am in senses' heights
There flames within my depth of soul
From Spirit fire-worlds,
The Word-of-Truth of gods:
In grounds of Spirit, seek divining
To find your Spirit kinship.

tr. by Daisy Aldan..



Iris Sullivan

And when I live in senses' heights,
There flames up deep within my
soul
Out of the spirit's fiery worlds
The gods' own word of truth:
In spirit grounds now seek
expectantly
To find your spirit kinship.

tr. By Ruth & Hans Pusch.



Ahnung would seem to be a re-emergence on a higher level of a state of consciousness that we had in very ancient times. Can we hear in our heart what the gods are saying to us? At this time of year, we are able to think who we truly are only with Ahnung. Later, we will use the intellect. We may remember also that in Esoteric Lesson, Oct. 30, 1911, Rudolf Steiner told his spirit pupils that "...whereas God remains an abstraction to mere thinking ..If we glow through our thinking with reverence, devotion and humility, we may hope to penetrate the spiritual world."

"When thus consciously, humbly we allow our souls to soar to the heights of sensory glory, then we know that there is a part of this glory within us. If that were not so, we would be unable to recognize spirit's presence in the world for we cannot recognize what is not already a part of us. We know that the spark glowing within us is a part of spirit's fire that ignites and creates the cosmos." (Patsy Scala, *Weekly Meditations*, p. 43.)

The "Word of Truth of Gods" is a moral and fiery world. From these Spirit "fire worlds" —love-Seraphim, harmony-Cherubim, and will-Thrones come the origin of our moral world order. Our free deeds make them real on earth. At night we live in that moral world order, but in day waking we are left entirely free. It is important to realize how we live in this polarity.



Leonardo da Vinci

And when I've ris'n to heights of
sense,
There flames up deep within my soul
From fiery spirit worlds
The gods' own Word of truth:
**In spirit grounds divining seek
To find your spirit kinship.**

tr. By John F. Gartner

And so we feel the warming flames
of the First Hierarchy and we may
especially think of the Seraphim,
Spirits of Fire and Love.

We can experience ourselves as
higher I in this cosmic world— it is
with this I that we want to know
the beings of light and warmth.

It is to be an ongoing seeking, for "suche ahnend" is the gerund form, 'we are seeking,' for as humans we actually need a feeling of kinship with the hierarchies. With more active inner thinking, feeling, willing, we can become more conscious of these Beings and that we are to be the 10th hierarchy.

Out of their love for us we were created. We recall that in the beginning the Seraphim received the plans for our evolution from God, the Cherubim thought them out, and out of their love and devotion to the Cherubim, the Thrones gave them forth. The Kyriotetes, Spirits of Wisdom, are powerful, light filled Beings devoted to helping us build harmony and warmth of community. Ever more our task now in this time of the consciousness soul and in the constellation epoch of Pisces, which we may see as human beings relating in brotherhood, we may especially seek to know the Kyriotetes and ask for their help in forming harmonious community.

In verse 13 we actually find all the hierarchies working. And thus on Saturn, the Spirits of Form worked with the Archai, who with their help, would give personality to man. Now our Angels help us to do our deeds of individuality.

This capacity of individuality is reflected in a related bible verse: Luke 39-40, describing that Mary with haste took initiative to go to stay with, to help, her cousin who at an advanced age was pregnant (with John, to be the Baptist). Similarly, at this time of year, we often are with, or we initiate being with, those with whom we are to work in the coming year.

Perhaps, sparked by our I working in our will, in the warmth of our blood, we have initiated a special togetherness.

An added thought may further describe the mysterious wish of human beings to reach up in summer to the Word-of-Truth: we observe that all living beings in growth try to reach up to their archetypes. The newly planted bare root rose tries with every shoot to grow into a beautiful mature rose bush. It is thus, that we, too, wish to reach up to our archetype, to the Spirit of Truth.



Inner Being Cup of Light

Rudolf Steiner 1914

Even as blossom and fruit,
By the Sun-Spirit ripened,
Spring from the flowering stem,
So from the stem of man's inner being
Will Truth uplift his budding cup of light,
Tended by God and nurtured by the Good.

Therefore to the Truth
Every good man aspires,
As to the Light
The plant reaches out
Lest it droop ere it come to flower.