

Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul Verse 17:

Verse 17, the Ego or "I", relates to **Condition 4, "Balance the truths you stand for in your soul with an open heart for the needs of the outer world."** Reflecting the "moods" within the zodiac as in Steiner's "The Twelve Moods" verses," sidereally now in Cancer is the "mood" of the **Spirit**; tropically, July 21 - August 20, the "mood" of Leo is the mood of the **Soul**. (See page 3)

We may see the "Cosmic Word" in Line 1 as being more than the Christ. It's the Father force, too, for Christ made the Father available to us. We remember His words, "Him in Me" and "Yea, greater things you shall do, because I go to the Father." It is this Cosmic Word that speaks so lovingly and powerfully to us in this verse, urging us to take His Being into the depths of our soul and spirit.

Es spricht das Weltenwort,
Das ich durch Sinnestore,
In Seelengründe durfte führen:

Erfülle deine Geistestiefen
Mit meinen Weltenweiten,
Zu finden einstens mich in dir.

original German by Rudolf Steiner



David Newbatt

Thus speaks the cosmic Word,
Which I through gates of senses
Might lead into the depths of soul:

Fill full your depth of spirit
From out my width of worlds,
To find in future, Me in you.

tr. by Daisy Aldan

We need to observe well to take in what is spread out around us. "Weltenwort", the world word, the Gods' creation, is the outer expression of all World Thinking. Through what I take in through my senses in a meaningful way the Cosmic Word speaks to me. With Christ living in my thinking, I am granted to lead these thoughts into my heart, the depth of my soul. There, filled with the Spirit from the wide universe, I will one day recognize that my I, my true Self, is the same in essence as the Cosmic I.

Through the gift of senses we take in God's creation—Christ's "width of worlds," "Weltenweiten" Line 5. We are to come to know with love and reverence the Universe, including more consciously to experience our own will, feeling, and thinking. Thus, we can say, My senses reveal the world to me and me in god's created world. Earnestly, lovingly we take in the Christ Being Himself; we find the Christ in ourselves.



Claude Monet

Thus speaks the Cosmic Word,
Which I by grace was free to lead
Through senses' portals into depths
of soul:

"Imbue your spirit depths
With My wide world horizons
To find in future time Myself in you."

tr. by Brigitte Knack



David Newbatt

We know well that the Cosmic Word is in the Sunshine, carrying Christ's light and love that nourishes, as well as Sun's physical light. We need this light in the heart in order that we may give love. When our thinking "goes through the heart", our word, our speech, too, can radiate the Sunshine that nourishes soul and spirit.

Thinking that goes through the heart is implicit in the verse; we feel that, deep within our heart, soul and spirit are united. This verse thus carries thinking's "first trial" —to learn that always we must let our thoughts go through the heart before we bring thought to action. In this way of thinking Christ lives—and in this way the last line of the verse can be fulfilled —for the Cosmic Word "To find in future, Me in you."

Do you know what you've seen this spring and summer? Here is a Parsifal question!

The germs of our senses originated long ago during Saturn evolution. But we are permitted to educate our senses so that we can bring a higher consciousness —now —of Spring and Summer into our soul.

Through Christ's gift of our evolving I consciousness, we're able to understand the deeds of the hierarchies in what they've given us throughout evolution as they've carried out the will of the Creator God. We begin to grasp what the earth is —the result of past evolutionary deeds from Saturn, Sun, Moon, Earth incarnations. We have the imagination of the truth that the entirety of cosmic vastness dwells within us, just as we dwell within the vastness of the cosmos.

So speaks the cosmic Word,
Which I, through the senses' doors,
Might guide into my inmost soul:

'Inspire your spirit-depths
With all my cosmic breadth,
And find in time *Myself* in you.'

tr. by John Thomson



Thus speaks the cosmic Word
That I by grace through senses' portals
Have led into my inmost soul:

Imbue your spirit depths
With my wide world-horizons
To find in future time *myself* in you.

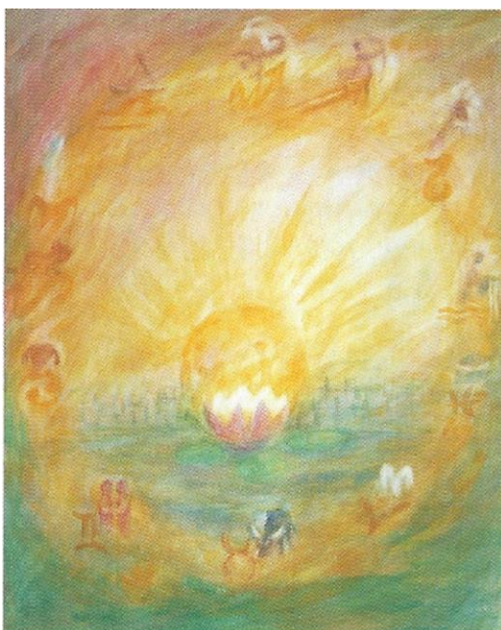
tr. by Ruth and Hans Pusch.

When the verse says, "Fill full your depth of spirit," it is in a way saying, "I've shown you world evolution. Have you made meaning of it? Have you taken it in?" "**Depth of spirit**" is **willed thinking** as used in *The Philosophy of Freedom*. " There is a power wielding here, a resolution, that needs to be carried over into Verse 18, verse of spirit self. You ask yourself, "have I made a resolution in this verse?"

In *Leading Thoughts #18-19* Rudolf Steiner wrote: "In Nature's existence we find the Spirit "asleep". Yet just as sleep has its task in human life — as the 'I' must be asleep at one time in order to be the more awake at another — so must the World-Spirit be asleep where Nature is, in order to be the more awake elsewhere.

"In relation to the World, the soul of man is like a dreamer if it does not pay heed to the Spirit at work within it. The Spirit awakens the dreams of the soul from its ceaseless weaving in the inner life, to active participation in the World where man's true Being has its origin. As the dreamer shuts himself off from the surrounding physical world and entwines himself into himself, so would the soul lose connection with the Spirit of the World in whom it has its source, **if it turned a deaf ear to the awakening calls of the Spirit within it.**"

The 12 moods of the Zodiac are also helpful for deeper understanding of the COS verses.



Anne Stockton- Constellations and Sians

(from an article by Roberta van Schilfgaarde, 2005) "The verses of *The Twelve Moods* comprise another of the many artistic efforts of Steiner to stir our awareness of this eternal life, filled with thought forms and beings of all kinds, in what we call space and time, but currently hidden from perception. We are as unaware of our walking through an ocean of spirit as fish are of swimming through water.

"Rudolf Steiner, (Berlin, Jan 20-23, 1914) spoke of the need to enliven and broaden our thinking. People rarely think thoughts, he said. Instead they think in words, in static forms, rather than in mobile thoughts. Since in general, all of us are stuck in thought forms, we need to learn to bring movement into our thinking. 'It is just this that is the boundary between the Spirits of Form and the Spirits of Movement,' he said.

"Our individual philosophical, or thought, orientation toward the world comes from our 'spiritual nativity,' which Steiner indicated can occur either before or after birth and may be even more important than the actual birth chart, with which it is not necessarily identical.

"He speaks of the twelve constellations as each bearing a specific world-outlook—a specific philosophical orientation—and the planets, including Sun and Moon, as each having specific world-outlook moods."

The Soul Calendar speaks in an enlivening way of our soul's movement in inner experience through the year's 52 weeks. In accord with the different cosmic approach, *The Twelve Moods* speak in a very different but also enlivening way of our soul's movement in inner experience through 24 hours. In the four lectures on *Human and Cosmic Thought*, particularly the second and third lectures, Rudolf Steiner outlines the twelve philosophical world-outlooks connected with the signs of the zodiac and the seven world-outlook moods connected with the planetary spheres.

These lectures on *The Twelve Moods* were published in English as *Human and Cosmic Thought* by the Rudolf Steiner Press in London in 1961 and again in 1991.

Roberta van Schilfgaarde's article also briefly characterizes each planet, before summarizing each planetary outlook and that of each constellation.

Comment from Amazon regarding *Human and Cosmic Thought*

Rudolf Steiner demonstrates that there are twelve main philosophical standpoints, and that the future of philosophy rests not upon defending one and refuting the others, but in learning to experience the validity of them all. What convinces us of the truth of a certain point of view? Why do we find it difficult to comprehend viewpoints that differ from our own? What are the inner foundations of our knowledge?

In these concentrated and aphoristic lectures, Steiner speaks of twelve main philosophical standpoints and the importance of understanding each of them. **An appreciation of the variety of possible worldviews not only sharpens and makes our own powers of thinking more flexible, but also helps us to overcome narrow-minded biases while promoting tolerance of others and receptivity to their views.**

Steiner explains how each viewpoint is colored by a particular "soul mood" that influences the way we pursue knowledge. Several philosophers and their works are characterized in this sense to shed light on their contributions to human culture. Through insight into the true nature of human thinking, we are led to understand the quality of cosmic thought and how, as Rudolf Steiner tells us, human beings can be seen as thoughts that are thought by the cosmic hierarchies.

Calendar of the Soul Verse 36

The polar opposite verse from Verse 17 is Verse 36, corresponding to two weeks before Christmas. *Here is the original German of Verse 36 and a translation by Daisy Aldan. You can see how in Verse 36, there is a reflection of the mood of Verse 17.*

In meines Wesens Tiefen spricht
Zur Offenbarung drängend
Geheimnisvoll das Weltenwort:
Erfülle deiner Arbeit Ziele
Mit meinem Geisteslichte,
Zu opfern dich durch mich..

Now deep within my being speaks,
With urge to revelation,
In mystery, the cosmic Word:
Fulfill the goals of your life's work
With Spirit light from Me,
To offer up yourself through Me.