

## Rudolf Steiner's *Calendar of the Soul* Verse 13 - Gods' Word of Truth Flames in Me

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

The verses this season 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 "grounds of Spirit," we are really now in the world of spirit and we wish truly to seek our spirit kinship. This seeking is the world of Spiritual Will.

In the verse **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 vivid inner union of thinking, feeling and willing are important for us to be cognizant of these Beings.

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.*



Iris Sullivan

Line 2, Aldan's "there flames within my depth of soul,"\* appears to be a picture of my will forces *afire* — for in Line 4, the Word-of-Truth of gods *from Spirit Worlds* has filled my soul with fiery will forces. With awakening will, consciously I can feel that I am a spiritual being capable of seeking Divine kinship. We may indeed feel that the gentle urging by the Word of Truth comes to us from the Christ, the Cosmic I. Welcomed, and feeling the intuitive yearning of Ahnung, Line 5, we will seek our spirit relationship, 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. Goethe experienced such.

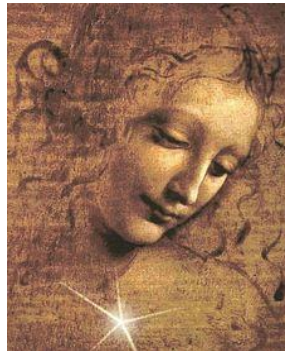
**Ahnung** would seem to be a re-emergence on a higher level of a state of consciousness that we had in very ancient times. Can we hear in our heart what the gods are saying to us? At this time of year, we are able to think who we truly are only with Ahnung. Later, both vivid feeling and deepened thinking must be ours. 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." (See also Rudolf Steiner's *Social Issues* Lecture 1, January 5 1920.)

"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 our Spirit relations in these "fire worlds," love-Seraphim, harmony-Cherubim, and will-Thrones, come the origin of our moral world order. Our 'free deeds' can make real these moral actions 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, this opportunity.

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. Gardner*



Leonardo da Vinci

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

We can experience ourselves as soul-spiritual nature, as higher I within this cosmic world; for it is with this "I" that we can know the beings of light and warmth.

The seeking is to be ongoing, for "suche ahndend" in Line 5 is the gerund form, 'we are seeking,' and as humans we actually need a continuous feeling of kinship with the hierarchies. With more active inner thinking, feeling, and willing, we can truly become more conscious of these Beings and conscious that in time we are to evolve to a 10th hierarchy.

**Out of their love for us we were created.** Rudolf Steiner has described how 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, also 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 wise help in forming harmonious community.

In verse 13 we actually find all the hierarchies working to help us. As in a kind of mirroring of when on Saturn, the Spirits of Form worked with the Archai, on Earth we have received the Archai's gift to us of personality, which now with the help of the Angels we bring into our deeds of individuality.

**This capacity for individuality** is pictured in a bible verse: Luke 39-40, that describes how Mary with haste took initiative to go to stay with and 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 initiate 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. Even a 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.



Through meditating the Calendar, we reach a level of higher consciousness each year.

## 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 be unable to come to flower.

Note: From *Verses and Meditations*, Rudolf Steiner Press, 1972. On Page 36 is a facsimile of the verse in Rudolf Steiner's handwriting; Page 37 has the above translation by George and Mary Adams.

No title appeared for this verse and so "Inner Being Cup of Light" is simply taken from words in lines 4 and 5.

The index reference in *Verses and Meditations* says that Rudolf Steiner gave this verse personally to someone with the initials of J. L. in the autumn of 1914. EK