



With Verse 21 we are blessed by the light of Christ coming through our angel, a being spiritually much like our higher self according to Rudolf Steiner — and we begin the first stage of maturing a new seed of self unfolding within us.

May joy be with you, experiencing trust in love, light and life!

Rudolf Steiner's Calendar Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul Verse 21: Ahnung Within

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Verse 21 relates to the second member of the human being, the Etheric, and to Condition 2, "Feel ourselves to be a member of humanity as a whole with shared responsibility for everything that occurs." This should result in a feeling of calmness toward others and the world. Here also continues the fourth step in the "Christianized" Eightfold Path, which is Right Action.

This week we may recognize that we are feeling a new power within us —an "unknown force that ripens" and which, gaining strength, "grants or lends me to myself." This unknown power (*macht*) is the Christ strength, described in *Occult or Esoteric Science*, Ch. 5, that helps us to find and see our true self.

Ich fühle fruchtend fremde
Macht
Sich stärkend mir mich selbst
verleihn,
Den Keim empfind ich reifend
Und Ahnung lichtvoll weben
Im Innern an der Selbstheit
Macht.

original German by Rudolf Steiner



George Inness

I feel a foreign power bearing fruit
Ever-strengthening, to lead my self
back to me.
I have perceived that ripening
seed,
And now my intuition, full of light,
Weaves within me the power of my
own self.

tr. by Tom Mellett

A power not my own, I feel is strengthening me to grant me stronger Self awareness. I perceive a new "seed" ripening within me and with light filled understanding I sense the weaving power of my Self. Now is when this seed of my new soul capacity, will sprout and grow, for autumn is "spring" for the soul.

My Ahnung, my intuition, in weaving, light-filled action works to help my ego bring to consciousness my higher self. In Line 4, it feels like a knowing filled with wisdom —that which is an understanding and experience of eternal truth and eternal good. Permeated by the Christ "for my selfhood's power", it will form and fill my consciousness soul. Joyfully I sense the Christ weaving this new "light" in me. I am gaining power to know, to recognize my true self. I feel great gratitude for Christ's love, powering my purifying efforts in astral and soul members.



I feel a strange power bearing fruit
Whose strength bestows myself on
me;
I sense the seed maturing,
Light-filled anticipation weaving
Within me to make selfhood strong.

tr. by John B. Thomson



Karl König states that if we have taken up the warnings of last week's verse and have succeeded in sacrificing our egotistical lower self, then we have made a space for our new higher self to come in and begin development that shall enable the birth of our spirit child at Christmas.

From dimming our lower ego, our egotistical self, the light of worlds can begin to shine with ever more power within us. A feeling of new life and activity can begin to arise within the realm of the soul.

Meditating further we may contemplate the *meaning* of our earlier cosmic 'thought flight' into the heights of summer's solstice. As put forth by Eleanor Merry, our soaring thought was meant then to be impregnated "with the sublime *Morality* of ordered law that surges through the Universe."

I feel a strange creative
power
Grow stronger as it lends me
to myself.

I feel the life-seed ripen
And inner vision, full of light,
is weaving

On the power of Self within.

tr. by Isabel Grieve



I feel an unknown force that
ripens,
Which gaining strength, grants
me myself;

I sense the seed maturing
And boding light-filled weaving

Within me for my selfhood's
power.

tr. by. Daisy Aldan .

This week our thinking, elevated with renewed morality, has come down into our Self where it finds the Light of Ahnung, weaving within our two-fold nature. It feels blessed and fructified by the Light and from assurance that the seed germ of its coming "I" power is ripening within.

Merry then asks the great question: "How can this *Morality of the Spirit* become *Motive* in the human being?" She suggests recalling the final lines of the great Christmas Foundation Stone Meditation where we pray the Light of Cosmic Being for our free and active *Will*. When thus imbued, our *Thinking* will be true; and the seed ripening within us will develop in harmony with the Christ's Words of Truth which placed it there.

For an extraordinary source so profound in understanding how we help or weaken our human I power to come from God and Christ His Son, see *Disease, Karma and Healing* CW 107, Lecture 9.

Calendar of the Soul Verse 32

The **polar opposite** verse from Verse 21 is Verse 32, half way between Michaelmas and Christmas. In this translation by Ruth and Hans Pusch, we can see in Verse 32 a completion of the mood of Verse 21 that begins the process of bringing together higher self and lower ego—from whom the new selfhood must be forged that wills to give service to the world.

Ich fühle fruchtend eigne Kraft
Sich stärkend mich der Welt verleihn;
Mein Eigenwesen fühl ich kraftend
Zur Klarheit sich zu wenden
Im Lebensschicksalsweben.

I feel my own force, bearing fruit
And gaining strength to give me to the world.
My inmost being I feel charged with power
To turn with clearer insight
Toward the weaving of life's destiny.

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