

Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul Verse 32 – A Destiny Step

Verse 32 relates to the sixth, undeveloped member of the human being, Life Spirit, and to Condition 6, which is "Feel gratitude for everything that falls to your lot."

In the first line of the verse the soul recognizes that its astral qualities have been transformed by the work of its creative artistry and this transformation has yielded a certain fruit. Unspoken gratitude is felt that now it can give itself, its creative forces to the world. A higher self, a more mature consciousness soul, offers love to the world.

Forcefully, the soul feels able and desires to understand its destiny. It is only when an artist loves his work or, the soul loves its destiny, that the work, the destiny, can be taken up creatively and transformed. Life itself then becomes a work of art. During autumn weeks it becomes more and more evident, that the human being himself, herself, becomes *co-creator* in human evolution.

Ich fühle fruchtend eigne Kraft

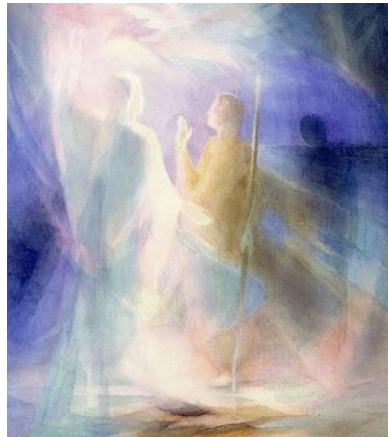
Sich stärkend mich der Welt
verleihn;

Mein Eigenwesen fühl ich
kraftend

Zur Klarheit sich zu wenden

Im Lebensschicksalsweben.

original German by Rudolf Steiner



Liane Collot d'Herbois Meeting the other

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.

tr. by Ruth and Hans Pusch

Line 4 contains "wenden" translated as "to turn", which for me always signals a further step in initiation is being made. In verse 32, the soul *turns* to contemplate strongly its own destiny —and with clearer insight now how to change, to transform certain aspects of its life —as an artist may create a work of art.

We thus become not a passive acceptor of our destiny, perhaps feeling merely resigned to God's will; rather, we become a *creator* of our destiny, not a *creature* of it.

Our strengthened forces enable a joyful will to "give me to the world", to the Christ. For this I need *clarity* to carry out my destiny, my karma. I remember that Christ is the leader of karma. But we belong to the body of Christ —whether we are conscious of it or not.



Ninetta Sombart - Healing

I feel my forces bearing fruit
Gain strength to give me to the world;
I feel my inner being forceful
To turn toward clarity
In weaving destiny of life.

tr. by Daisy Aldan



David Newbatt A Meditation

Eleanor Merry looks at these soul powers felt so strongly by the human being in this verse. The first power, come from summer's experiences perhaps with perceptive forces bestowed from above, is a fruit

bearing power that conveys the feeling that the soul now has forces *rightly dedicated to the evolution of the world.*

The second power, however, is that of one's *own inner being* which directs itself to clearness in action—this action being the conscious partaking in what makes up the woven web of destiny between human beings, and in one's life in the world. The larger one's conscious creative life activity, the wider will be the weaving of life destinies. Merry suggests, what I think we all feel, that the verse hints at the secrets of karma.

I feel my inborn forces bearing fruit
And gathering strength, now lend me to
the world,

I feel my Selfhood charge itself with
power

To turn towards clarity

In weaving of life's Destiny.

tr. by Ernst Lehrs



Envisioned

I now feel a force of my own
gaining strength to bear fruit in
the world.

I feel my very being growing
strong

to clarify my vision of the
weaving

of destiny within my daily life.

tr. by Dennis Klocek

Patsy Scala suggests the benefit of looking with understanding at just what we are offering to the world. What are our fruits? And how do we offer them? But with the power of Lines 4 and 5 we can answer with inner clarity. We must have compassion. We need to make certain that what we give of ourselves is true, and worthy of becoming a strand in the weaving of the tapestry of the destiny of the world. For the world's destiny is our destiny as well. We and the world cannot thrive without each other.

She suggests further that our personal fruit to the world provides the energy that "nourishes the soul of the world" as we send out hope, trust and faith into the world. The gifts we receive and those we give are the healthy rhythm of life, our destiny and our joy.

In summary, our intention for the week can be to contemplate the quality of the fruit and the power we bring into the world, and to consider its place in all of life's destiny. In this we can consider the fruits we bring as part of humanity, and those that are uniquely our own.

Calendar of the Soul Verses 32 and 21

Verse 21 is the corresponding verse of Verse 32. In this translation by Tom Mellett, we see how what was sensed in Verse 21 as a foreign power now feels strongly our own in Verse 31. And the *ahnen* or boding quality of the higher self hovering with a sense of joyful participation around the ripening soul, filling it with beauty and light, now in verse 31 becomes one's own self participating clearly with love in the life of destiny.

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

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.

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