With this sixth Autumn Verse 32, the soul feels a force within itself gaining strength to offer deeds of love to Man and World —and with clear mindfulness toward its own destiny.

May we serve in gladness and with gratitude!

Opening up her book of destiny-
Pamela Zagarenski

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

Eloise Krivosheia

Verse 32 relates to the sixth and 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 own 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 desires and feels able 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

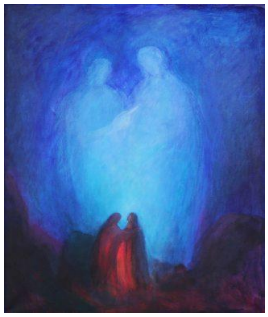
Liane Collot d'Herbois Meeting the other

I feel my 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

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

We thus become not a passive acceptor of our destiny, for example, not feeling merely resigned to God's will; but strengthened by the forces of our higher self, we willingly take on additional responsibility, **becoming a *creator* of our destiny, not a *creature* of it**. ("*Schicksal*" in line 5 is destiny)

These newer forces now enable a joyful will to "give me to the world", to the Christ. For this, I need *clarity* to carry out my destiny, my karmic help to others. I remember that Christ is the leader of karma and I know we belong to the body of Christ —whether we are conscious of it or not.


Ninetta Sombart – Healing

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 P:usch

David Newbatt A Meditation

Eleanor Merry looks at these soul powers felt so strongly by the human being in this verse. The first power, coming from summer's experiences, certainly also with perceptive forces bestowed from above, is a fruit bearing power that conveys the feeling that the soul now has forces rightly to be dedicated to the evolution of the world.

The second power is that of one's *own inner being* which directs itself to clarity 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's destiny. Merry suggests, what I think we all feel, that the verse hints at the secrets of karma—how a maturing ego, inspirationally can choose to help bear karma for another.

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 what we are offering to the world. What *are* our fruits? How do we offer them? Compellingly the power of Lines 4 and 5 involves an "inner clarity." We must have compassion; making certain that what we give of ourselves is true, and worthy of becoming a strand in the weaving of the tapestry of world destiny. 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 each 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 both 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 to 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 power in Verse 32. And the *ahnen* or boding intuitive 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 32 becomes one's own self participating clearly with love in the life of destiny.

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.

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.