

33rd Week  
Nov. 15 - 21

33rd Group  
Autumn

Now first I feel the world

Soul participation { Which without the co-experience of my Soul  
- By itself but empty frosty life,

And manifesting itself without power

- creating itself anew in souls

} Could in itself; only find death

World re-creation

So fühl ich erst die Welt,  
Die ausser meiner Seele Miterleben  
An sich nur frostig leeres Leben,  
Und ohne Macht sich offenbarend,  
In Seelen sich von neuem schaffend;  
In sich den Tod nur finden könnte.

Translation note: We actually here have one continuous sentence, one thought: the world without my participation will die.

Miterleben - co-experience is the key. But we have two expressions of it. "By itself" that is "alone" the world-life would be empty and frosty, "In itself" it could only find death since the world must recreate itself continually thro human souls and this without participation, would take place without power. We have here a polarity of outer and inner lifelessness. Note the two incomplete modifying phrases set off by dashes in translation.

This 7th week is the mid-point of autumn. The theme, we observe, of death, death and a redeeming force, here the soul's participation, A similar theme pervades the other corresponding verses, also the mid-points of the seasons. . . These are crucial times of the year when human souls are in grave danger of losing their way. - It is an interesting fact that these periods are called the Quarter-Days each having a minor festival. If you investigate we find them related to ancient cosmic celebration descending from druid mysteries in Europe and now only associated with witchcraft.

"Now first I feel the world" (actually: Thus, finally I feel the world) is a culmination in awareness of my relation to the world, building up during the recent weeks. What is this "world" I feel, Is it the earth proper, all living nature? Or is it the extra-terrestrial world as will? The paints and stones? "Kosmos," is never used in the verses, only Welt, "knowing how often this grand theme of man nourishing the spiritual life of the entire elemental world right up through the spheres, by his spiritual activity, how often this theme recurs in Anthroposophy, we can take world in the cosmic sense.

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