

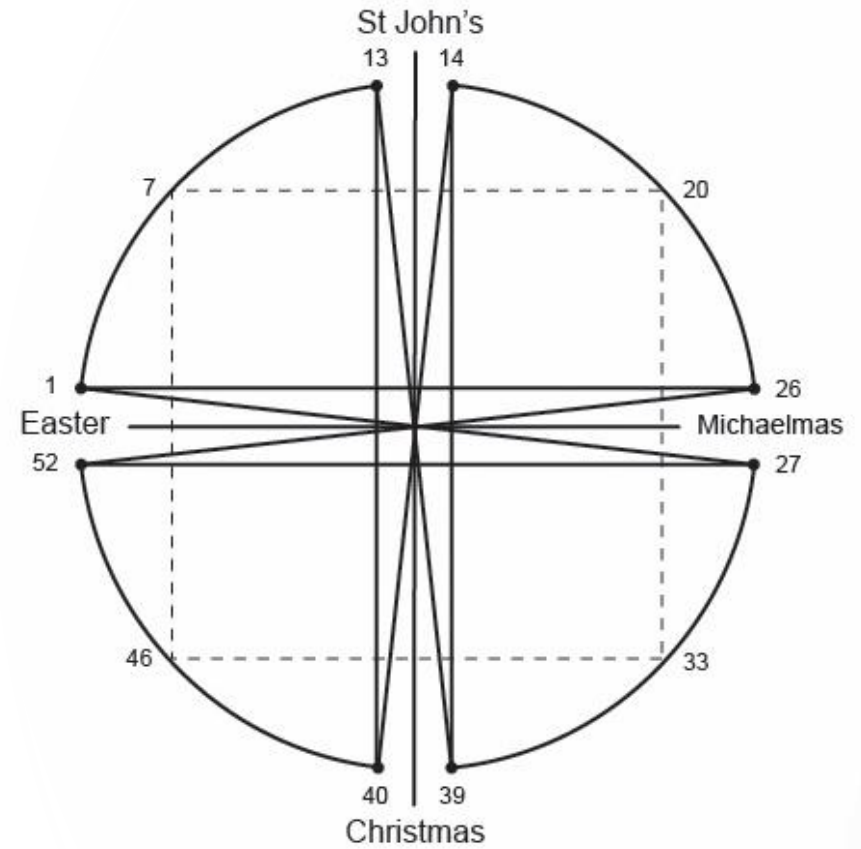
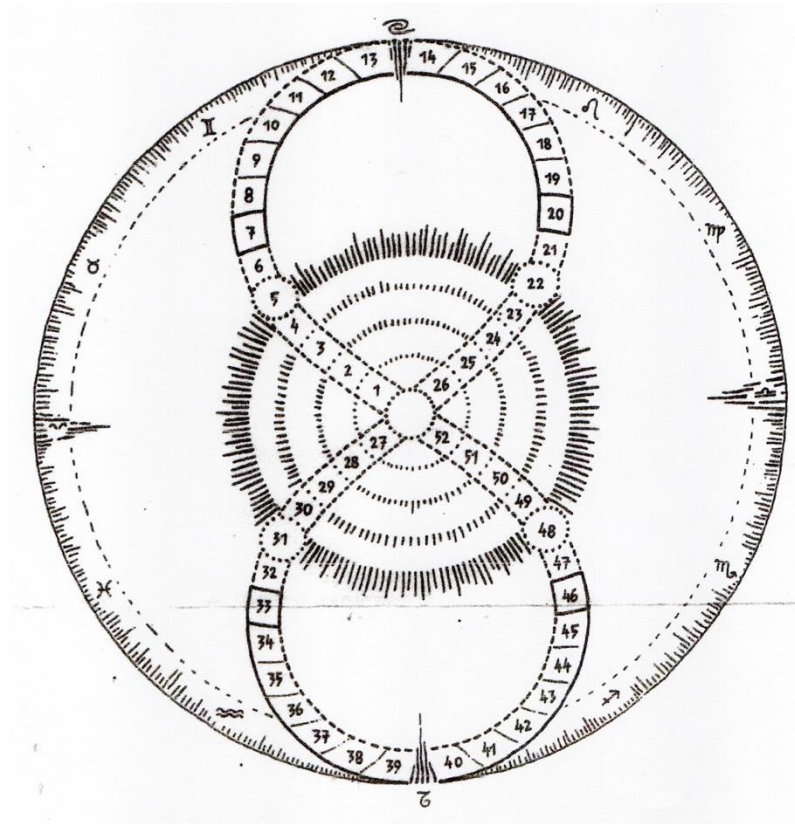
Calendar of the Soul



From Easter to Whitsun

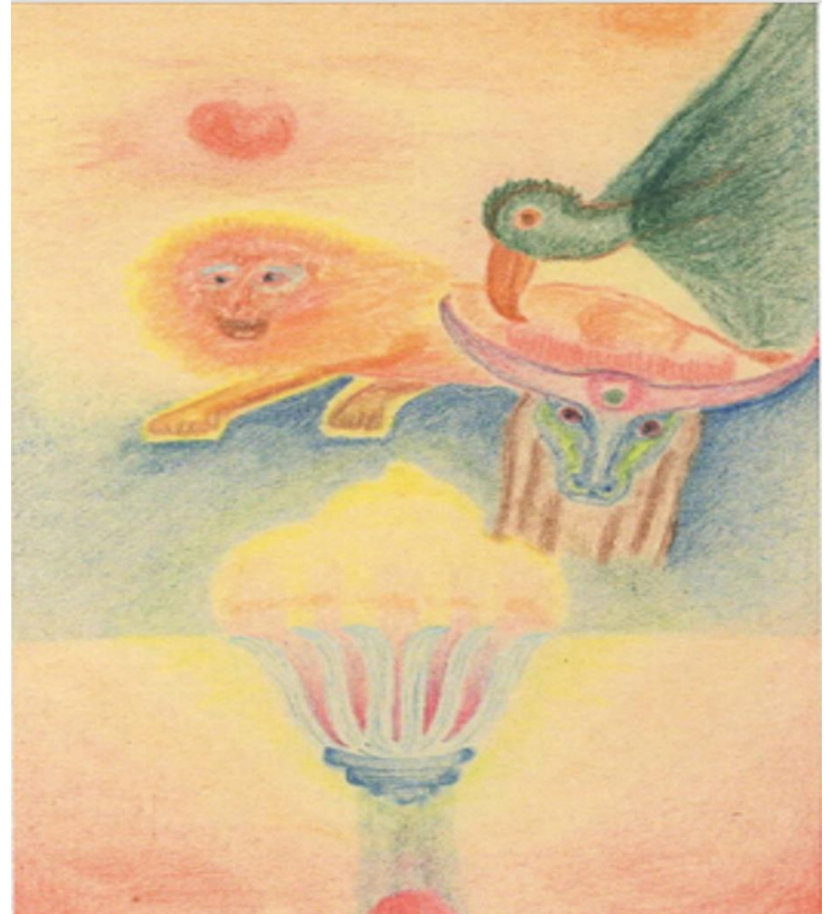


Cardinal Turning Points of the Calendar



Threshold Verse 46

The world is threatening to stun
The inborn forces of my soul;
Now, memory, come forth
From spirit depths, enkindling light;
Invigorate my inward sight
Which only by the strength of will
Is able to sustain itself.



The Expansion into the Ethers in Spring: Cosmic Life

Week 47

There will arise out of the world's
great womb,
Quickening the senses' life, **the joy of
growth.**
Now may it find my strength of
thought
Well armed by powers divine
Which strongly live within my being.

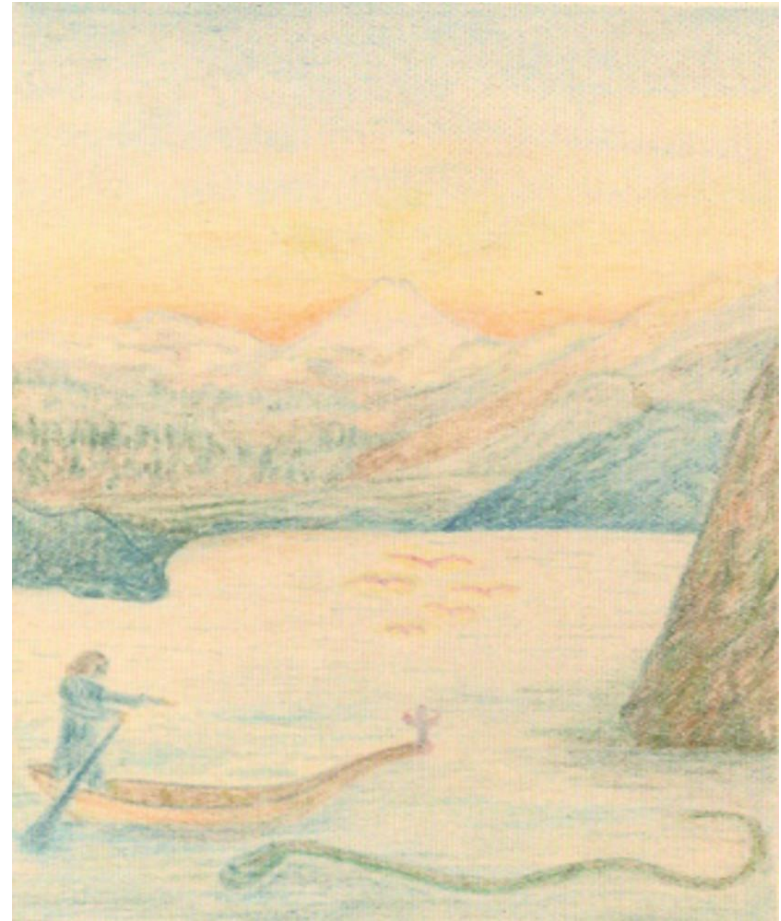
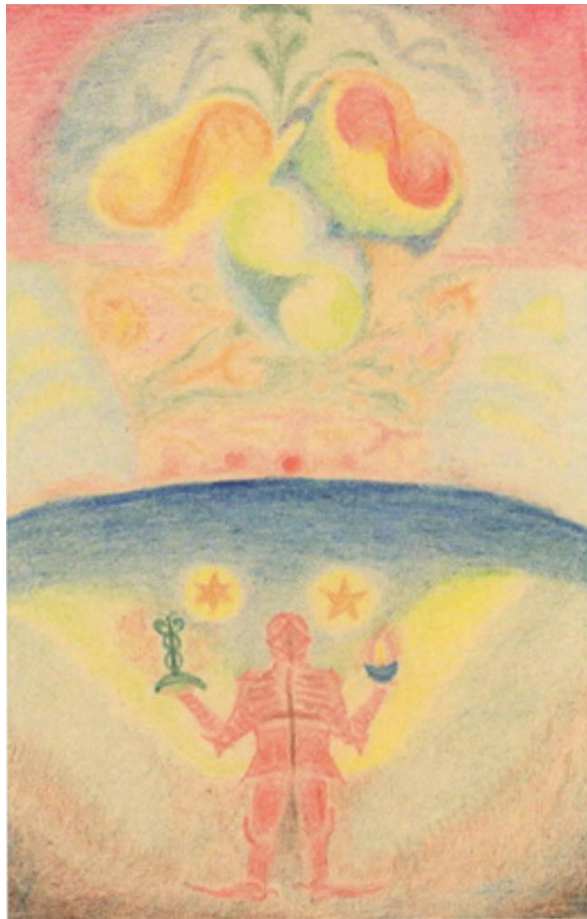
Other verses:

50: "The joy of growth throughout the world;" 52: "the life of worlds"

Week 49

I feel the force of **cosmic life:**
Thus speaks my clarity of thought,
Recalling its own spirit growth
Through nights of cosmic darkness,
And to the new approach of cosmic
day
It turns its inward rays of hope.

Verses 47 and 49 by Karl König



The Expansion into the Ethers in Spring Cosmic Light

Week 4

I sense a kindred nature to my own:
Thus speaks **perceptive feeling**
As in the sun-illuminated world
It merges with the floods of light;
To thinking's clarity
My feeling would give warmth
And firmly bind as one
The human being and the world.

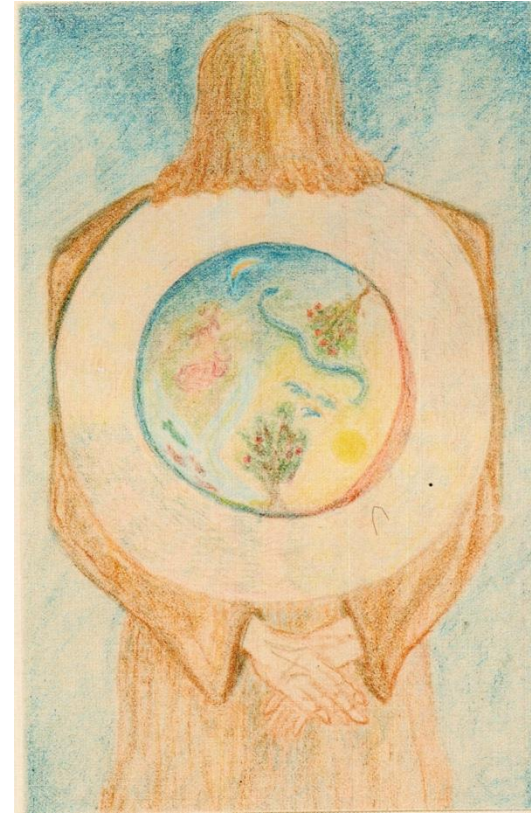
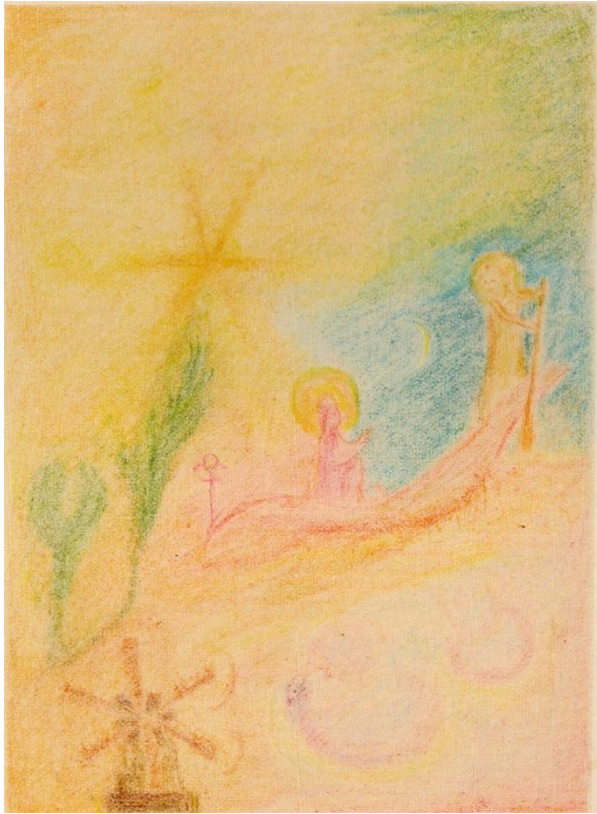
Other verses

1: one with light; 7: the world's enticing light

Week 5

Within the light that out of spirit
depths
Weaves germinating power into space
And manifests the gods' creative work:
Within its shine, the soul's true being
Is widened into worldwide life
And resurrected
From narrow selfhood's inner power.

Verses 4 and 5 by Karl König



The Expansion into the Ethers in Spring Cosmic Warmth

Week 9

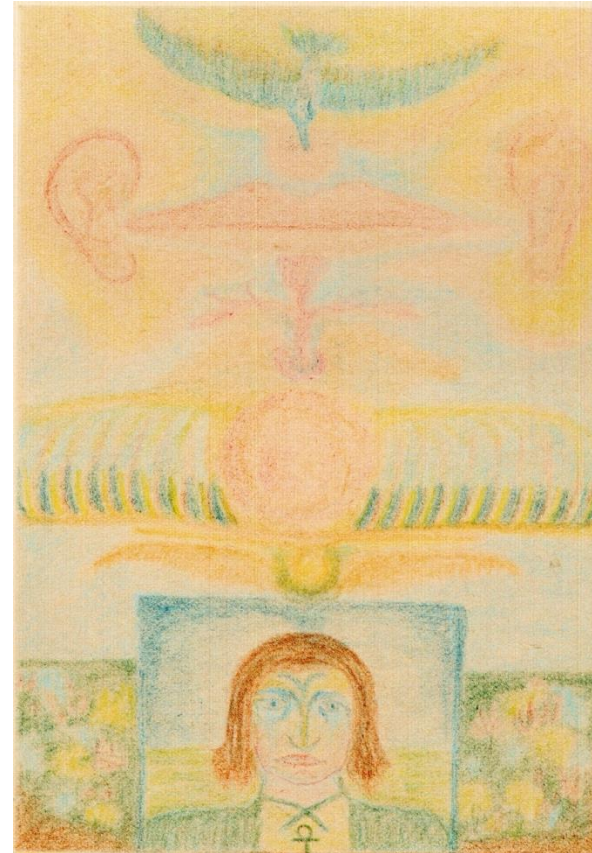
When I forget the narrow will of self,
The **cosmic warmth** that heralds
summer's glory
Fills all my soul and spirit;
To lose myself in light
Is the command of spirit vision
And intuition tells me strongly:
O lose yourself to find yourself.

Week 12

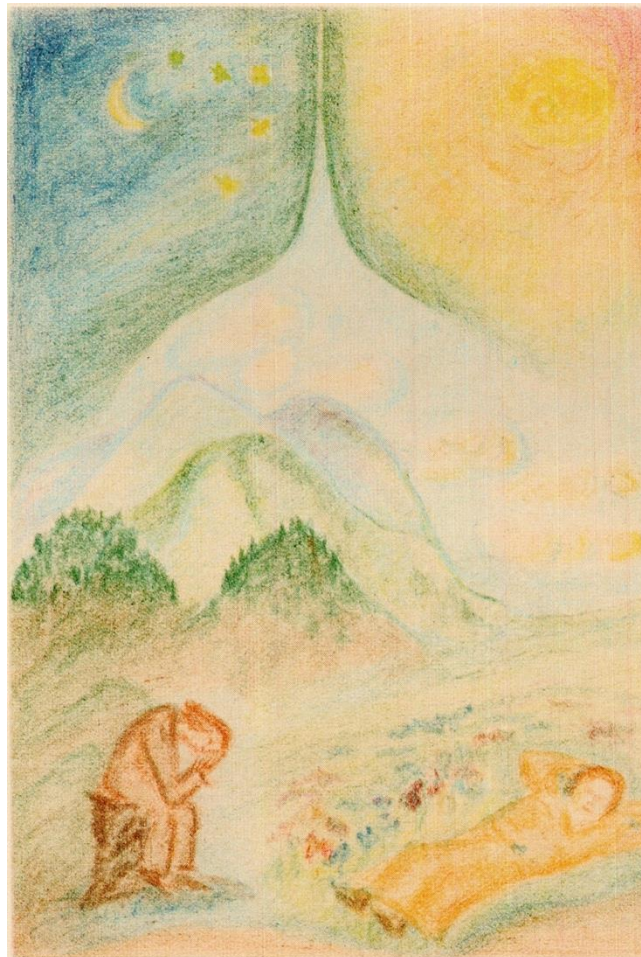
The radiant beauty of the world
Compels my inmost soul to free
God-given powers of my nature
That they may soar into the cosmos,
To take wing from myself
And trustingly to seek myself
In **cosmic light and cosmic warmth**

Other verse: 13 Out of the spirit's fiery worlds

Verses 9 and 12 by Karl König

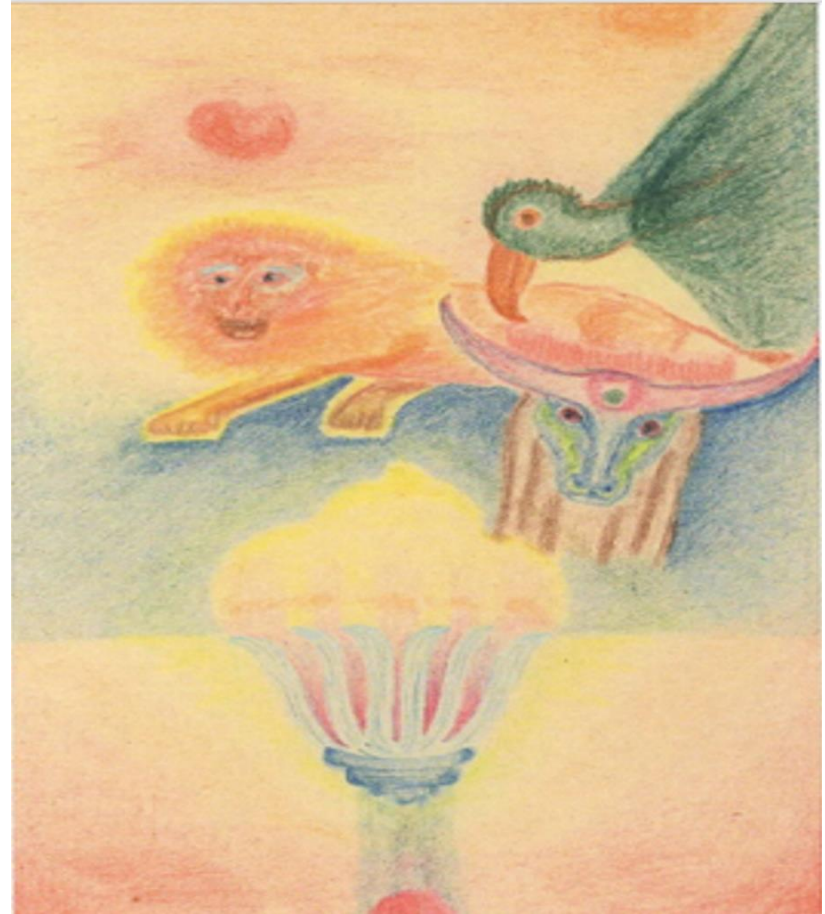


Easter, Ascension and Pentecost



Threshold Verse 46

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The inborn forces of my soul;
Now, memory, come forth
From spirit depths, enkindling light;
Invigorate my inward sight
Which only by the strength of will
Is able to sustain itself.



Easter and Cosmic Life: Verses 49 to 1

Week 49

I feel the force of cosmic life:

Thus speaks my clarity of thought,

Recalling its own spirit growth

Through nights of cosmic darkness,

And to the new approach of cosmic

day

It turns its inward rays of hope.

Week 50

Thus to the human ego speaks

In mighty revelation,

Unfolding its inherent powers,

The joy of growth throughout the world:

I carry into you my life

From its enchanted bondage

And so attain my truest goal.

Week 52

When from the depths of soul

The spirit turns to the life of worlds

And beauty wells from wide expanses,

Then **out of heaven's distances**

Streams life-strength into human

bodies,

Uniting by its mighty energy

The spirit's being with our human life.

Week 1 (Spring)

When out of world-wide spaces

The sun speaks to the human mind,

And gladness from the depths of soul

Becomes, in seeing, one with light,

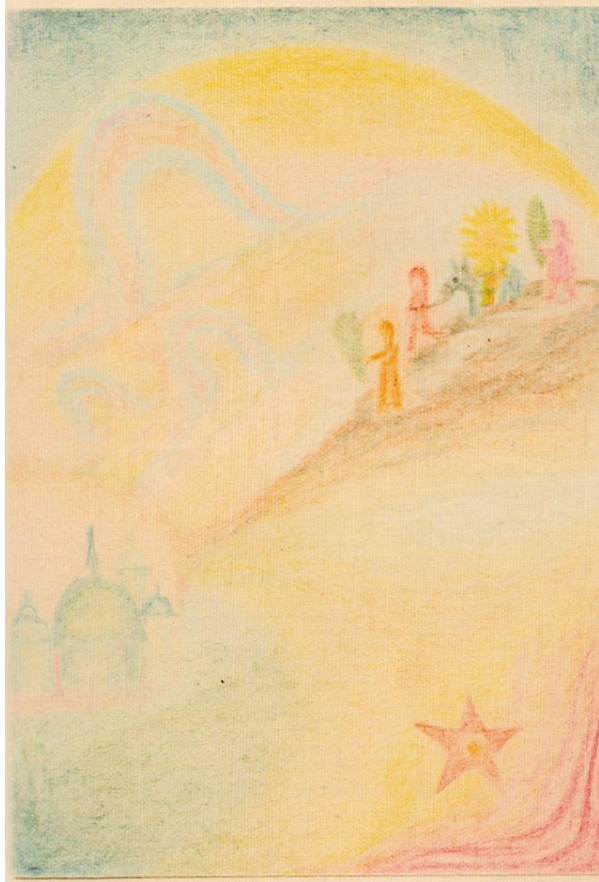
Then rising from the sheath of self,

Thoughts soar to distances of space

And dimly bind

The human being to the spirit's life.

The Time of Easter (König) *Verses 52 and 1*



The Time After Easter

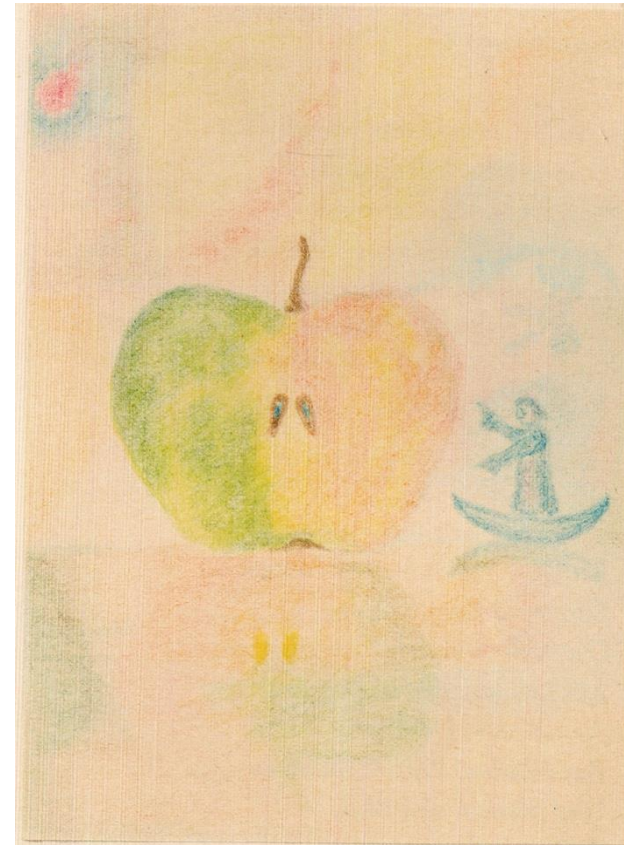
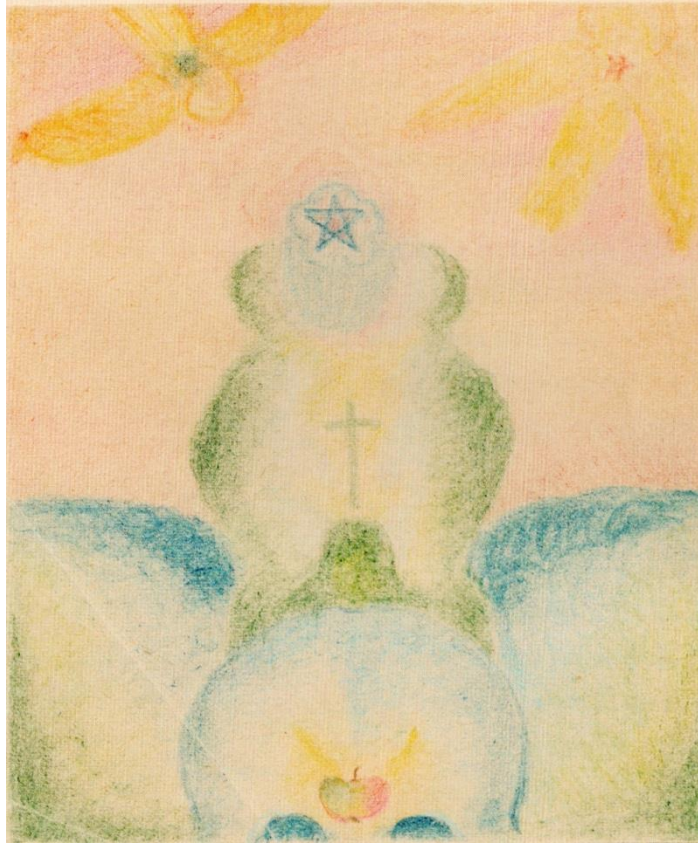
Week 2

Out in the sense-world's glory
**The power of thought gives up
its separate being,**
And spirit worlds discover
Again their human offspring,
Who germinates in them
But in itself must find
The fruit of soul.

Week 3

Thus to the World-All speaks,
**In self-forgetfulness
And mindful of its primal state,**
The growing human I:
In you, if I can free myself
From **fetters of my selfhood,**
I fathom my essential being.

The Time after Easter (verses 2 and 3)



Ascension, Whitsun and Cosmic Light

Week 5

Within the light that out of spirit
depths
Weaves germinating power into space
And manifests the gods' creative work:
Within its shine, **the soul's true being**
Is widened into worldwide life
And **resurrected**
From narrow selfhood's inner power.

Week 6

There has arisen from its narrow limits
My self and finds itself
As revelation of all worlds
Within the sway of time and space;
The world, as archetype divine,
Displays to me at every turn
The **truth of my own likeness.**

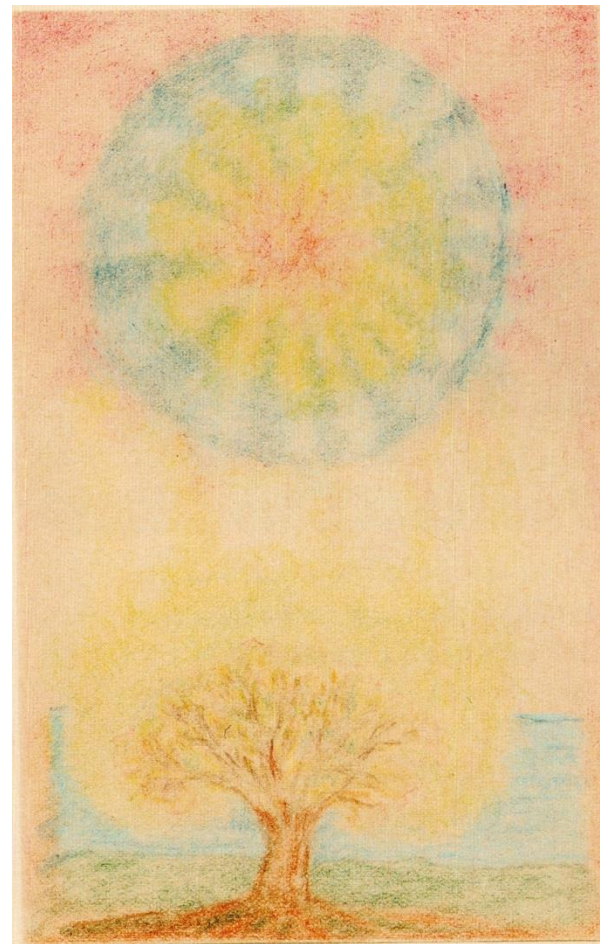
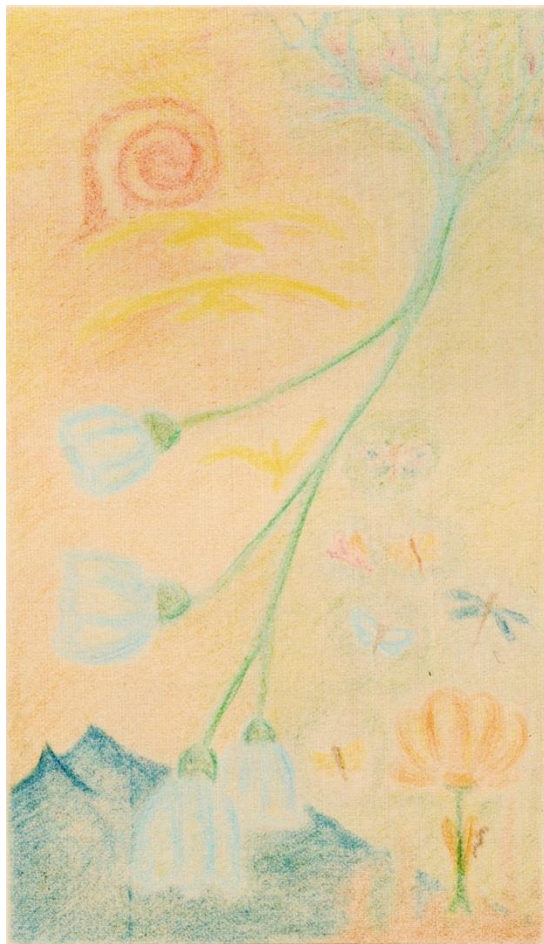
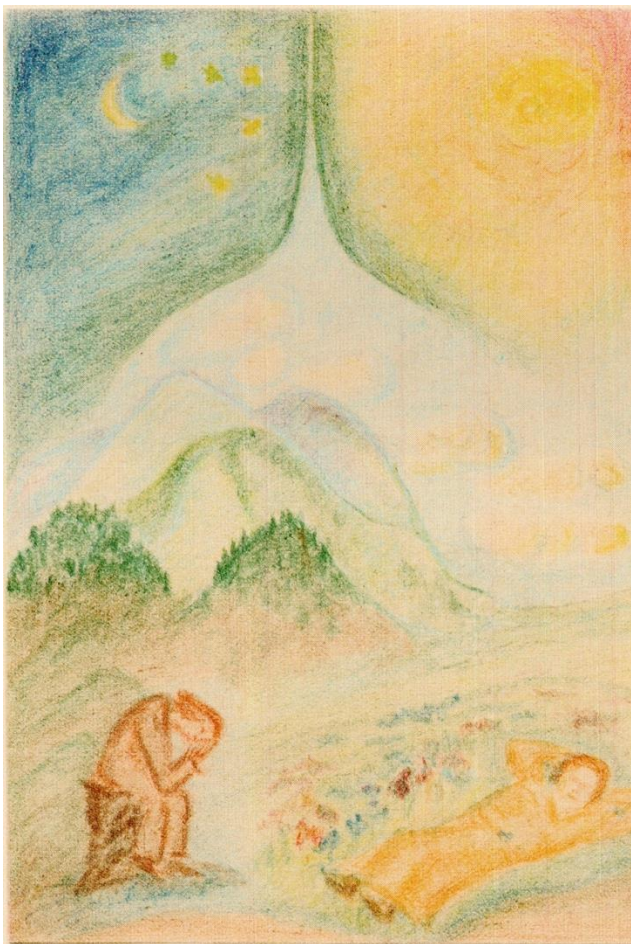
Week 7

My self is threatening to fly forth,
Lured strongly by the **world's enticing**
light.
Come forth, prophetic feeling,
Take up with strength your rightful
task:
Replace in me the power of thought
Which in the senses' glory
Would gladly lose itself.

Week 8

The senses' might grows strong
United with the gods' creative work;
It **presses down my power of thinking**
Into a dreamlike dullness.
When **godly being**
Desires union with my soul,
Must human thinking
In quiet dream-life rest content.

The Time of Ascension and Whitsun (Verses 6 to 8)



Contemplate

How has the Calendar helped you explore and understand these three festivals?

What differences do you see between this approach to the festivals and those you are most familiar with?