

# The Never-Ending Journal

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Holistic Biography Work ... bringing spirit to life





#### Welcome

Welcome to *The Never-Ending Journal*, a flexible resource for recording incidents, experiences and achievements of your life, offered as a gift.

You may never need another journal to record your experiences, thoughts, feelings, decisions, actions, photos, artwork, and so on. Save a Master Copy, then make a new copy each year. Start at any month of the year, saving as you go, and store it when you finish a year's record.

#### Use

You are free to change this Journal as you wish for your own use. It is designed for you to use in a flexible way to support your life journey. You may:

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- write directly into it on its form-fillable pages
- add extra pages as you need them plus extra pages included
- print it up if you prefer to write into it by hand
- remove pages that you do not use
- add photos or artworks or hand-written messages, and so on
- save or print at the end of each year as a record of that year

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#### Design

The design features of this Journal:

- A verse or prayer for each month is offered for self-reflection, and has been set to music by Laura as part of her Sacred Suite.
- Audio files available for these verses on request.
- Special flowers are featured, photographed by Karl-Heinz on his travels in Australia, suggesting Zodiac moods or colours.
- Virtues are noted for each Zodiac month, originally suggested by H.P. Blavatsky, and expanded and recommended by Rudolf Steiner for diligent daily practice to build new powers and abilities.
- 4 form-fillable pages are inserted for each month, with extra pages provided to insert as needed or to copy.

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# July

Unselfishness becomes catharsis



Deep peace of the pure red flame to you Deep peace of the pure white moon to you Deep peace of the pure green grass to you Deep peace of the pure brown earth to you

Deep peace of the pure grey dew to you Deep peace of the pure blue sky to you Deep peace of the son of peace to you Deep peace of the son of peace to you

Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the sleeping stones to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the soft white dove to you Deep peace of the son of peace to you Deep peace of the son of peace to you

Adapted from words written by William Sharp, aka Fiona Macleod, in his story, The Amadan (1899). Versions of these words are known as Deep Peace.



## **August**

Compassion becomes freedom



A shade art thou in the heat, A shelter art thou in the cold, Eyes art thou to the blind, A staff art thou to the pilgrim.

An island art thou at sea, A fortress art thou on land A well art thou in the desert Health art thou to the ailing.

The best hour of the day be thine The best day of the week be thine The best week of the year be thine The best year in the Son of God's domain be thine.

Excerpts from the Invocation of the Graces,

a verse collected in Scotland in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and translated from the Gaelic by Alexander Carmichael.

Recorded in his book, Carmina Gadelica – Hymns and Incantations. Collected in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland in the Last Century.



# September

Courtesy becomes steadiness of feeling



Pitjai inkaart-urna

Arrkana lyilhitjika

Era nthurrpa nama

Kutatha kuta

Hymn from Hermannsberg, in Australia's Northern Territory, in Western Arrarnta language.

Translated from the original German Lutheran hymn, as many hymns were, when it was a Lutheran mission.

It means: Come and sing unto the Lord, Love and mercy in his word.

Shared by Lily Roennfeld and Marion Swift, from N'taria choir. . Laura learnt this at the National Folk Festival, Canberra 2018, where we were given permission to sing and share this verse.

## October



O Michael, I commend myself to your guidance And Michael, I commit myself to your guidance With all my strength of heart So that this day may be a reflection

Of your destiny-ordering will

**Rudolf Steiner** A morning verse to Archangel Michael, translated from the German. Evening verse is also from Steiner.

#### Evening verse:

I carry my path into the setting sun And place all my sorrows in its radiant womb Purified through love, transformed through light May they return as helping thoughts As powers for joyful deeds of sacrifice

Contentment – Becomes self-composure

#### November

Patience – Becomes understanding



O Raphael, I commend myself to your Healing And Raphael, I commit myself to Healing

May this day be an experience of your flowering essence of Light

Lord Christ, I commend myself to your Love Lord Christ, I commit myself to Love

May this day be an expression of your Comfort, Compassion and Grace

Laura Summerfield, Morning verses for Archangel Raphael and Lord Christ, Based on Steiner's verse to Archangel Michael.



### December

Control of speech and thinking (minding one's tongue) – becomes a feeling for truth



Birth is a beginning and death a destination But life is a journey

A going, a growing from stage to stage: From childhood to maturity and youth to old age. From innocence to awareness and ignorance to knowing: From foolishness to discretion and then perhaps to wisdom. From weakness to strength or strength to weakness and often back again.

From health to sickness and back we pray, to health again. From offence to forgiveness, from loneliness to love, From joy to gratitude, from pain to compassion. From grief to understanding, from fear to faith; From defeat to defeat to defeat.

Until, looking forward or ahead We see that victory lies not at some high place along the way, But in having made the journey, stage by stage, a sacred pilgrimage.

Birth is a beginning and death a destination But life is a journey, a sacred pilgrimage.

A Prayer for Yom Kippur, 'Day of Atonement'. Rabbi Alvin Fine (1916-1999) From Jewish Reform high holiday prayer book, Gates of Repentance. Used as a 'Reconciliation Prayer'.



## **January**

Courage becomes the power of redemption



Hearts will sense the meaning of karma

When hearts learn to read the word which shapes human lives

When hearts learn to speak the word which develops the human being

**Rudolf Steiner** 

Verse hand-written by Steiner on a postcard for Ita Wegman, Translated from the German.

It is dedicated: An meine Mysa – to my Mysa – Steiner's name for Ita Wegman, recognising their connection in a former incarnation.

Dated and signed on his birthday, 25/02/1924



### **February**



The wishes of the soul are springing The deeds of the will are thriving The fruits of life are maturing

I feel my Destiny, my Destiny finds me I feel my star, my star finds me I feel my goals in life, my goals in life are finding me

My Soul and the great World are one

Life grows more radiant about me Life grows more arduous for me Life grow more abundant within me

**Rudolf Steiner** Peace Dance - Destiny, World and Man Translated from the German

Discretion becomes the power of meditation

#### March

Magnanimity – becomes love



Our Father who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name

They kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory For ever and ever

Amen

The Lord's Prayer, King James version, From Matthew 6:9-13.



# **April**

Devotion becomes the power of sacrifice



Victorious spirit Blaze through the powerlessness of timid souls

Burn out self-seeking Ignite compassion

So that selflessness The life-stream of Humanity

May well up as the source Of Spirit re-birth

**Rudolf Steiner** Translated from the German

# May

Equilibrium – Balance becomes progress



Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace Where there is hatred, let me bring love Where there is injury, pardon Where there is doubt, faith Where there is despair, hope Where there is darkness, light Where there is sadness, joy ... Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace

Oh Divine Master, grant that I may seek Not so much to be consoled, as to console To be understood, as to understand To be loved, as to love For it is in giving, that we receive It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned It is in dying, that we are born to Eternal life ... Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace

St Francis of Assisi Prayer

A prayer of peace attributed to St Francis, although not included in his writings. It first appeared in 1912 in French in the magazine, La Clochette (The Little Bell). Perhaps written by Father Esther Bouquerel.

#### June

Perseverance – becomes faithfulness



I hold the Sun within me As king he leads me into the world

I hold the Moon within me She preserves my form

I hold Mercury within me He holds Sun and Moon together

I hold Venus within me Without her love all is nought

She unites herself with Mars Who speaks my being in the Word

That Jupiter may illumine the whole With wisdom light

And Saturn the mature May ray within me the colours of my being

Rudolf Steiner, written for Ita Wegman Translated from the German