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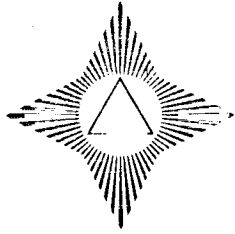
Between the years 1948-1980 Martinus sent a Christmas greeting to all subscribers to KOSMOS. The following is the first of these from 1948.

The sunlit days of summer are gone. The season of coldness and darkness has come. We are passing the winter solstice. However, in the clear and frosty night sky the planets, moon and stars are shining, sending their heavenly illumination into the dark shadow of the Earth. And from even the deepest ravines and abysses one has thereby access to seeing thousands of light years into infinite space, the vast depths of God's kingdom. Yes, the lights in the sky are also shining for the beings of the abyss. This is the principle of world redemption, and thereby the principle of the Christmas gospel, symbolized on the physical plane by the stars in the sky.

The above-mentioned gospel is a message, a fairy tale-adventure from real life about the shining spirit of God for all those who are wandering in the darkness. It is the great light that shone over the world's first epoch of creation and that shone later through all times. It shone over the coming into existence of the pyramids of Egypt, it radiated already in long since lost and forgotten times over the temples and pagodas of India and shone over Chinese terrains. It sparkled with an all-outshining brilliance from the mountains of Judea, and today concentrates its heavenly light on the middle of the dark night of fate in the western countries. In truth its light is like "the lightning that came out from the East and shone in the West". God's spirit still moves on the face of the waters. It smiles to us here in the midwinter of our Nordic domain as "Christmas atmosphere", and makes itself felt as warm, heartfelt handshakes wishing "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year", as loving greetings, letters and presents to relatives and friends, to the poor and needy, to the homeless and lonely. It has made it a tradition that at the joyous time of Christmas no one should starve or freeze, no one should be homeless or abandoned. This loving Christmas atmosphere, this warming light of the mind is the first weak glimpse of the dawn of a new world epoch. It is the lasting "peace on Earth" of the Christmas gospel and the ensuing goodwill to men that is beginning to dawn.

In recollection of this divine closeness I would here like to wish all my friends a very merry Christmas and express my sincere thanks for all the faithfulness and love you have shown my mission, my fellow workers and me in the past year. The heartfelt greetings, letters and other expressions of love I have received from you have been a most encouraging and inspiring support in our common great work in the service of world redemption. And with this continued understanding and loving attitude, the burdens will be easier to bear and the obstacles to the birth of the new world culture easier to remove in the new year, which is now on the threshold, and on through the years to come.

Through this, our loving cooperation, I see people rising out of the great Armageddon and going into the epoch of light and initiation where they themselves each gradually become the way, the truth and the life, where they become a warming and shining sun for their surroundings thereby revealing that "man in God's image" has become flesh and blood in the earthly zones.



Christmas Candles

by Martinus

Physical winter and summer

Midwinter is the darkest time of the year. And darkness with cold and wind, frost and snow, sleet and slush, is particularly pronounced here in our latitudes. But winter is also the symbol of all destructive forces, indeed of death itself. We see how, already in the autumn, life ebbs out, the green forests wither, the profusion of flowers in the meadows is gone. The great host of small songbirds is also gone. Stillness, that is, lifelessness and darkness, prevails where previously songs in praise of life from thousands of small throats filled the sunlit fields and forests, gardens and parks with their exuberant flood of sounds. Now snow and ice dominate in the far North. These phenomena are the culmination of the coldness and stillness of death; yet they both demonstrate that death does not exist. Snow and ice constitute results of

the vital functions of the universe; they are products of creation. Just as they can be created, so they can also be dissolved and again be recreated, and we see as a matter of fact that winter is created by virtue of coldness and darkness, while summer is created by virtue of warmth and light. Through spiritual science we see that living beings have an eternal life. This eternal life is also formed, from a mental point of view, as alternating mental summers and winters, which means, respectively, mental light in the mind and behaviour or way of being, and mental darkness in the mind and behaviour or way of being. And people are at the present time in such a cosmic epoch of winter.

The "creator" behind the creation has an eternal life

Since we have thus an eternal life, our present earthly life is

not, as is generally believed, the only physical life we have experienced or will come to experience. It is merely a link in a chain of previous physical earthly lives that we have experienced and future earthly lives that we will come to experience.

What we see as the coldness and stillness of death is thus not any real death or stillness. They are both created, so constituting two differently created forms of life; but there exists more than these two forms of life, summer and winter. There exists something that experiences summer and winter. What or who is this "Something"? It cannot be winter or summer, for, as we have mentioned, these are created things. And created things cannot possibly "experience", just as they cannot "create" either. There thus exists something which is beyond creation. This something can be none other than the "creator" himself. How could a logical creation take place without a thinking and knowing creator? A creation that is not promoted by a knowing or conscious creator cannot possibly constitute a logical creation; it must inevitably be chaotic. How could a logical creation take place if there were no intelligence, if there were no planning, if there were not something controlling the creation? How could intelligence or creative abilities exist if they were not attributes of a creator? Who then is this creator? This question is not so difficult to answer, for it can only be that "Something" we call a "living being". There is thus a living being behind Nature's creation of winter and summer, and it is this being that all the people of the world, each in his own way according to his

understanding, have worshipped.

Love is the keynote of the universe

But why does the Godhead create this winter, this restriction of creation, so that it seems almost lifeless? Is it not in order to show people that death does not exist, and that life survives every form of what we call "death"? And is it not precisely here that people have their greatest fear? The great majority of people are very frightened of "death", which is generally believed to constitute a total end to their own experience of life. If this were the case, there would be absolutely no meaning or logic whatsoever in any being having such a single physical life. Everything must be chaotic and unjust. Indeed, the physical existence would be simply a culminating hell in the present physical earthly life of some people, while others would have a correspondingly radiant paradise in their present physical earthly life. How can this be just or be an expression of the absolutely highest love? But who says that life should be an expression of the very highest love? Quite apart from the fact that mankind has been told, through the principle of world redemption and its ensuing world religions, that God is love, and that we will develop into constituting the same image of God's behaviour or way of being, which is the same as becoming "God's image after his likeness", life itself shows in all ways that love is the keynote of the universe. It becomes evident through the fact that absolutely all Nature's processes of creation are ultimately a joy and a blessing for living beings.

The unfinished human beings

When people do not understand this, it is because to a great extent they judge the Godhead's unfinished processes of creation as finished creations. Since these unfinished creations are not perfect they naturally cannot yet fulfil the loving purpose that they are intended to fulfil when their creation is complete. To these unfinished creations belong, for example, the creation of terrestrial human beings. That they are not finished is reflected in their relationship to their neighbours. People who avenge and hate, murder and kill, slander and persecute their neighbours, become envious, jealous and offended and cannot forgive, suffer from professional jealousy and desire to live at the expense of others, are inconsiderate and brutal and want to oppress, rule over and command others - such people are unfinished human beings. That terrestrial human beings live therefore in war, massacre and destruction of each other's physical existence is a matter of course. The strong live to a great extent at the expense of the weak.

To what end the process of evolution if the beings are not eternal?

Mankind's state of Armageddon or hell is thus a question of creation or evolution. Do we not see that such an evolution is taking place? Some people are much closer than others to the great goal of being in "God's image after his likeness". We can see that mankind has developed from as far down as the level of the ape-man up to that of the modern man of culture. To what end is this evolution if it is not the same

beings who go through it? But since it is the same people who go through evolution, then reincarnation or rebirth becomes here a reality. The "death" every human being, indeed every living being, must go through is thus no real or absolute death. The life of a being is, just like winter and summer, the result of a creation in substance or matter. The physical organism of a being is nothing other than a created phenomenon. It absolutely cannot be the creator. It can perish, but the creator lives on. It can thus be born again in a new created organism and, by virtue of this, continue to live on the physical plane until this organism is also worn out and has become useless. It can then be born again in a new organism and so on continuously until he has become perfect, has become identical with the keynote of the universe, love, and has thus become "God's image after his likeness".

The "kingdom of God" or the "kingdom of heaven"

When the human being has reached this state, this being is no longer a creator of darkness and suffering for other people, but is one hundred per cent a joy and a blessing for living beings. A community of such beings can, of course, create only a divine existence in "God's image after his likeness". And it is this future world kingdom on earth that is expressed as the "kingdom of God" or the "kingdom of heaven". It is to this kingdom Christ was referring when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world". This divine kingdom is today still not of this world, even if in many ways it is growing more and more into the physical world of mankind. It is

true that people in certain fields create the deadly frost and cold, ice and snow of mental winter. Likewise in the physical winter, ice and cold, along with other deadly phenomena, rule, but this cannot prevent spring from bringing forth its sunlit, warming and life-giving being or climate. And this warming and life-giving climate of spring, which normally leads life into an abundance of sun, light and warmth, making it blossom, is a reflection of the all-embracing flood of rays of the Godhead.

Devil-consciousness

Just as the physical winters are only temporary, brief epochs of darkness in terrestrial Man's physical life, so too are the mental winters a temporary epoch of darkness; only here it is different. While people can experience up to seventy or even a hundred physical winters in one earthly life, many earthly lives are necessary for coming through the mental winter zone. It is just such a winter zone mankind is experiencing at the moment, in the form of the Doomsday- or Armageddon-existence, with its world wars, atomic or nuclear weapons and other hellish machines. This mental winter is so hard and deadly that one cannot call it "animal", since the animals' methods of killing, and motives for killing, are almost too microscopic to consider when compared with people's capacity in the area of murder and destruction, and the infliction of pain and suffering. And in the purely "humane" area people's consciousness is still in many areas microscopic compared with their "animal" capacity. And we must therefore express this mental technique of manifestation as

"devil-consciousness". This epoch is thus a cosmic principle of winter that is also temporary, even if it has to be seen in a cosmic light.

Christmas is a cosmic sign of spring in a cosmic winter

That this will not last is evident from the fact that one can already see many signs of spring; indeed, one can begin to feel the winds of spring thawing or melting the ice and snow. One of these cosmic winds of spring is the light and warmth in the hearts that light up in the dark time of physical mid-winter, making people literally gild the world in this short epoch we call Christmas. Millions upon millions of candles are lit and are reflected in gold- and silver-glistening coloured decorations and Christmas trees. And it is also a reflection of this light of spring from a future summer kingdom of light that is reflected in all the many tons of gift parcels, letters and loving greetings that, from all corners of the Christian world, are sent out over the entire earth to relatives and friends. It is also the warming light from Bethlehem that is felt through all the many charitable organizations for those who are in need, in poverty and darkness. The closeness of God has to be felt in the middle of winter's epoch of death. It is as if everyone wants to be good in this epoch, especially on Christmas Eve. No one should starve or freeze on this holy night. Everyone wants to be good towards everyone else. But the spirit of God can be revealed only through the heart and the intellect. As there are so many hearts that light their cosmic candles at Christmas, lighting up the dark-

ness with their incipient capacity for love, they have in union become a kind of shining cosmic illumination. In this cosmic illumination or atmosphere of love, the heavenly beings can come closer to the earth in greater hosts than is otherwise the case in the greyness of daily life.

And it is such a heavenly host the poor shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem experienced. Here were the purity of heart and the feeling of God's spirit that could make the heavenly beings visible for the poor shepherds and give them the divine message of peace on earth and great goodwill to men, the great cosmic summer or kingdom of God that was come to people.

Every human being who has neighbourly love in his heart and intellect is one of the Godhead's Christmas candles in the cosmic winter

So all those people who from their hearts feel love for their neighbour and would like to create a merry Christmas in his heart are Christmas candles lit by God for this neighbour. The principle of the many millions of lit Christmas candles with their reflections in gold- and silver-glistening decorations or trimmings in the darkness of the midwinter night is a gift from heaven. They constitute a divine symbol of God's goal for mankind. Every lit Christmas candle is a symbol of a human being. Just as the lit physical Christmas candles contribute to illuminating and festively decorating people's lives both indoors and outdoors, in the streets and squares, at work and in the home, on Christmas trees and other places around us in the darkness of winter, so is each human being

who has neighbourly love in his heart and intellect a Christmas candle lit by God in the cosmic winter darkness, the Armageddon in which people at the present time live.

The voice of God for mankind today

It is this heavenly light in the heart that fulfils the angels' prophecy of peace on earth and the ensuing goodwill to men. And just as the physical candles lit by people occur in profusion, illuminating and enlivening their physical lives in the darkness of winter, so will every single human being on earth have his fire of love lit, and, sparkle like a living Christmas candle of the Godhead, radiating the light and warmth of his heart out to everything and everyone. This divine flood of the light of love, this heavenly illumination, which the collective terrestrial mankind will then radiate, is the birth of the kingdom of God on Earth. And therefore sounds the voice of God for mankind today:

"Not through violence and not by force but with the flood of rays of my countenance in the warmth of your hearts for everything and everyone you will see war fall into ruins and the sunshine of peace give light and warmth before your feet. For him who has the flood of rays of my countenance in his heart and intellect, in his mind and behaviour or way of being, darkness does not exist. Everything is light, everything is love, everything is joy".

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Translated by Mary McGovern, 1989

Being Practical

by Lars Göransson

Love

Being loving is being practical. To provide help and the best atmosphere for all the people one meets will result in happier people who will get a more true experience of life. A true or absolute experience of life is one in which one sees one's own problems in such a large perspective that their loving and beneficial purpose becomes apparent. If we are egoistic we limit others' experience of life and make it false, while if we are altruistic we make other people's lives freer and truer. If everybody is to have as free an experience of life as possible love is the only practical solution.

Perspectives

A person who is good at working with the hands is called a prac-

tical person. There is also another, more encompassing meaning of the word. Someone who is practical in this sense of the word is *capable of making sensible decisions and of dealing effectively with problems*. The latter meaning could be a guiding rule for life in its totality. What attitude to life results in the most sensible decisions and deals most efficiently with problems?

It is practical to steal a car if we only think of the situation as a transport problem; theft would be the fastest solution. However, if we think about the owner of the car and the problems the theft would inflict, the theft would, for most people, be no longer a practical solution. It can be very practical for a nation to "win" in the economic competition between nations. But to the degree that this wealth means that people in

other nations are poor, it is not practical for them. Neither is it practical for mankind to have an advanced technology as long as it pollutes the surroundings.

The most sensible solution varies according to the perspective from which a specific human activity is looked at. The wider the perspective, the better the overview, the more sensible the decision and the more effectively the situation can be dealt with. This ultimately calls for a cosmic perspective or a perspective from which phenomena are, were and will be true. Mankind's need for an eternal perspective, for solid ground to stand on in order to avoid the chaos so strongly apparent in the 20th century, will increase dramatically in the coming decades.

A higher culture

Attempts have been made to improve human culture. Communism is one "practical" attempt but it doesn't take into account the degree of egoism in mankind. Most of us don't share the same impetus to work for the well-being of others. This implies that communist ideology in this area is not in contact with reality and therefore can't be a basis for making sensible decisions, which would be required if the approach were to be called practical in the more encompassing sense of the word. On the other hand, ideals rooted in communism, like the ideal of brotherhood, will grow stronger in mankind as we evolve towards becoming more aware of our fellow beings. Our evolutionary standard or level of humaneness limit our possibilities for manifesting

higher ideals in society. To force a practical solution is to be unpractical.

Practical wisdom

It would not benefit anyone to start a political organisation based on esoteric principles. The people who are in charge of the political world are in general on the same wavelength as the majority of people and can consequently make decisions that are the most sensible for humanity at the time in question. They fit into a plan that is controlled by morally perfect beings on the spiritual plane.

The world needs cosmic knowledge. One could maybe get the idea that the most urgent action needed would be to inform about cosmic knowledge all over the world. This must be done, but it does not have first priority. The first priority must be to try to change oneself so as to become more helpful to others. The greater effect doesn't come from talking to lots of people about the eternal laws of life and a higher morality but by putting these ideas into practice. Humaneness in practice is powerful! If someone feels that, despite his shortcomings, he is genuinely liked by someone else he will trust and like the other person and be inspired, either consciously or unconsciously, to copy his good qualities. In this way practical wisdom has an enormous power and, rooted in cosmic knowledge, is the power that will change the world and make this planet a paradise to live on in the not too distant future.

Martinus Answers Readers' Questions

Question: Of what significance is it for the organism or body if it is buried or cremated after death?

Answer: Both these forms of disposing of dead animal organisms are highly imperfect phenomena, since they both constitute an assault on the cycle of life itself. They are only provisional arrangements existing exclusively by virtue of the imperfection or, seen from a cosmic point of view, still low stage of modern culture. The only thing that can be burned without creating conflict in or interruption of the cycle of life is mineral substance, which here means substance that has dried out naturally and is therefore totally free of moisture. To burn animal substance is to burn life or living beings, even though they are, in relation to us, only micro-life or micro-beings. The ultimate consequence of this is that cremation is a breach of the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill", and to a corresponding extent is a contributory cause of the removal of any protection against a similar fate for its originator.

In a higher culture of the future, by virtue of the far higher respect for everything living one will have there, one

will treat all corpses in such a way that they will undergo a process through which the life of the substance is allowed to die out in a natural way. By hermetically sealed isolation from everything that can produce rotting, and likewise from unsuitable temperatures and fire, indeed from everything that can produce unnatural decomposition, one will create conditions so that the substance or corpse will pass from its animal state to the mineral state, and only here be helped to decompose by unnatural means.

Question: When one has only the possibility of either ordinary burial or cremation, which of the the two forms of decomposition should one choose?

Answer: Of the two forms of decomposition mentioned, the ordinary burial would be the least evil, and is therefore to be preferred.

Translated by Mary McGovern, 1989

Martinus has dealt with the question of cremation, ordinary burial and the ideal treatment of corpses in depth in his book "Bisættelse (Funeral)", unfortunately not yet available in English. MMcG

Calendar 1990

April 12th - 16th "The Eternal World Picture" - an introductory course to Martinus Cosmology in Devon, England. Programme enclosed with this issue.

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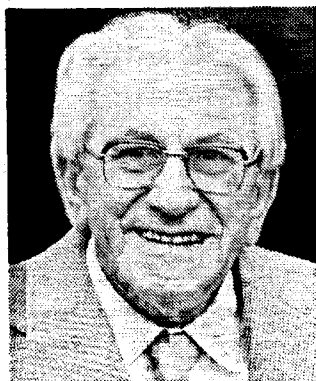


July 28th - August 11th International Courses at the Martinus Centre, Klint, Denmark. Programme enclosed with this issue.

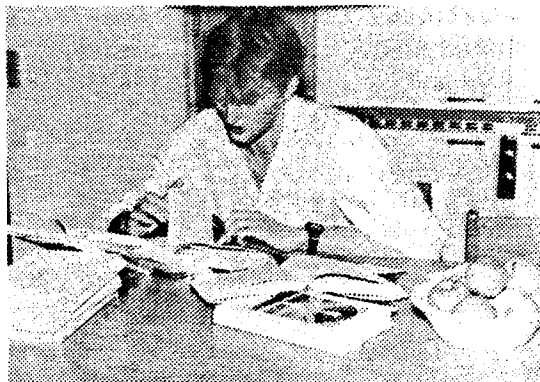
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August 11th 100th anniversary of Martinus' birth. Celebration in Sindal, North Jutland, Denmark. See details page 12.



September 1st - October 13th Course based on the new English translation of "Livets Bog (The Book of Life)", vol.1, at the Martinus Center, Klint, Denmark. See details page 13. Enquiries: Martinus Institute.



Martinus' 100th anniversary

by Sam Zinglersen

August 11th 1990 is the 100th anniversary of Martinus' birth. To mark the occasion Martinus' childhood home has been restored to its original form and will be opened as a museum. Visitors attending the International Courses at Klint ending on Friday 10th August will be able to travel directly to Sindal on the Saturday morning.

The day will be celebrated in the town where Martinus was born - Sindal in the north of Jutland. Details of bus transport from Copenhagen and Klint to Sindal will be published in a later issue of KOSMOS.

The day after the celebration being a Sunday most visitors will probably prefer to spend Saturday night in Sindal or the surrounding area. Details of the easiest and cheapest ways of doing this will also be published later.

Martinus' childhood home, "Moskildvad", which lies a little outside Sindal, has now been restored to the state it was in when Martinus was a boy. Martinus has explained in detail how both the interior and exterior of the house looked. It will stand as a testimony for times to come showing under which conditions Martinus spent his childhood with his fos-

ter parents. To the house belongs a large field with grazing cattle. The address is Ulstedbovej 15.

Visitors will have the opportunity to take a bus tour of the surrounding area. One will be able to see the forest where Martins' stepfather was a forester, the village school Martinus attended and the manor where he was an apprentice blacksmith from the age of 14 to 15. The tour will also take visitors passed "Kristiansminde", where Martinus' real mother was housekeeper.

The actual celebration will take place from 4 - 7pm in Sindal Hall. Food will be served and films will be shown, including the only existing film of Martinus giving a lecture. In addition an entirely new series of slides will be shown with a soundtrack on which Martinus tells about his childhood.

AUTUMN COURSE

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Martinus Center, Klint, Denmark

A six-week course based on "Livets Bog (The Book of Life)", Vol. 1

STUDY PLAN

Study group

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In Livets Bog, vol.1 the following subjects are dealt with: The world situation; the new world impulse; an international world kingdom in the making; terrestrial mankind's receptivity to the new world impulse; from animal to real human being; physical and spiritual planes of existence; physical and moral evolution.

Symbols

"The Eternal World Picture", vols. 1-3 comprises 33 symbols with detailed explanations designed as pedagogical tools to make it easy for the student to acquire an overview of the spiritual structure of the universe or life. All of these symbols will be presented and discussed during the course.

Lectures

The lectures will cover the main elements of Martinus' world picture such as: The living universe; the next step in Man's evolution; cosmic spiral cycles; the law of fate; sexual and moral growth; death - the second birth; forgiveness - the basis for a new morality; the structure of enlightenment - intuition, cosmic glimpses and cosmic consciousness.

Reflections

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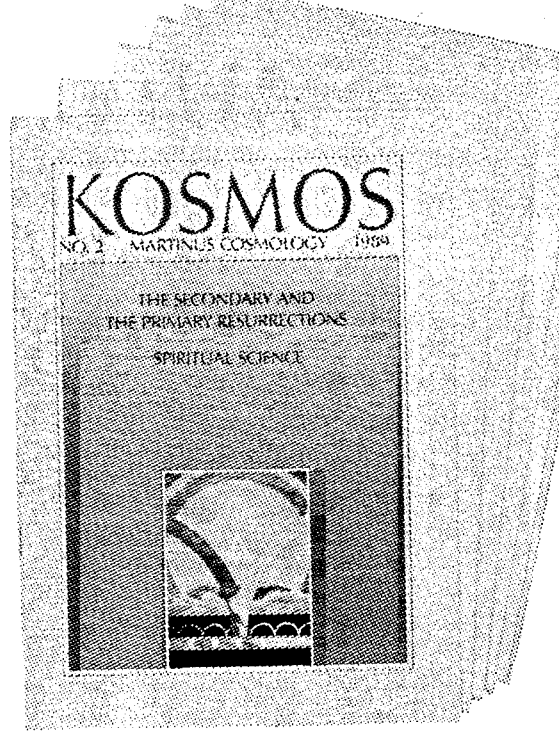
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MARTINUS COSMOLOGY

Martinus Cosmology provides an all-embracing world-picture logically describing and analysing the spiritual laws of life. In his works Martinus describes a concept of life which can be summarized as follows:

All living beings have eternal life. Man has reached his present stage through evolution through the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms, and is at present a sphinx being, part animal and part real human being.

The temporary goal for our evolution is the establishment of a real human kingdom, a union

of all nations in one global state capable of guaranteeing every living being on earth peace, justice and a completely happy life.

Through reincarnation and evolution Man gradually develops new faculties which change his way of thinking and acting. The law of karma, »what you sow you must also reap«, guarantees that he gradually becomes perfect, a moral genius capable of differing between good and evil. The human being of today will thus finally appear as a real human being - »Man in God's image after His likeness«.

LITERATURE

Martinus (1890-1981) was a Danish writer. His entire output is known collectively as »The Third Testament«, and comprises »Livets Bog« (The Book of Life) in 7 volumes, »The Eternal World-Picture« in 3 volumes (symbols with explanations) and about 30 shorter books.

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THE SYMBOL

The symbol on the front cover which is called "The perfect man in God's image after His likeness" shows the perfect way of behaving or what it means "to turn the left cheek when one is smitten on the right".

At the bottom of the symbol we see the course of evolution through many lives from animal (orange) to the perfect man (yellow). The rectangular areas symbolize our physical earthly lives from birth to death. The smaller pale yellow areas between these show that we find ourselves in spiritual worlds between our physical earthly lives. After each stay in these worlds a new earthly life begins based upon the qualities and talents we have developed through previous physical lives. The orange and yellow arcs show that our fate is a result of our own actions from previous lives as well as our present life. The large orange arc which stretches from the left side to the middle symbolizes an unpleasant or so-called "evil" action which is sent out towards someone. This is answered by friendliness and understanding symbolized by the heart and the yellow arc. The symbol therefore shows the perfect man's total initiation in fate and the mystery of life, his understanding of eternal life, evolution and the law of fate: "as thou sowest, so shalt thou reap". Through this eternal law we will all learn to differentiate between what is evil and what is good. We will become perfect; we will become "the perfect man in God's image after His likeness".