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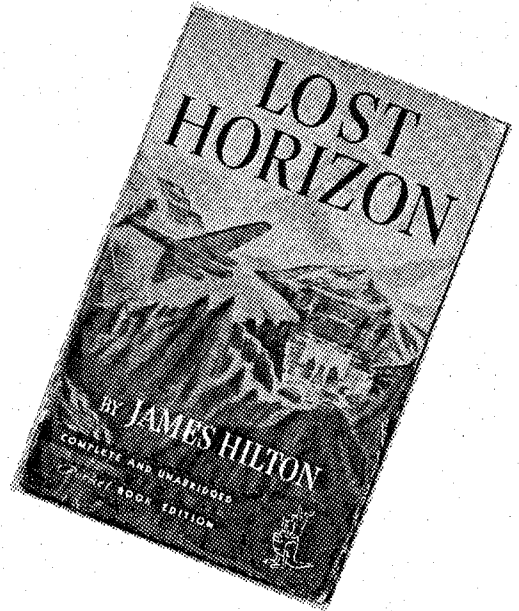
by Mary McGovern

In *Lost Horizon* by James Hilton (1933) the High Lama predicts a great storm. Conway, the main character, asks, "The storm...this storm you talk of..."

The High Lama replied, "It will be such a one, my son, as the world has not seen before. There will be no safety in arms, no help from authority, no answer in science. It will rage till every flower of culture is trampled, and all human things are levelled in a vast chaos..."

"...I see, at a great distance, a new world stirring in the ruins, stirring clumsily but in hopefulness, seeking its lost and legendary treasures. And they will all be here, my son, hidden behind the mountains in the valley of Blue Moon, preserved as by miracle for a new Renaissance..."

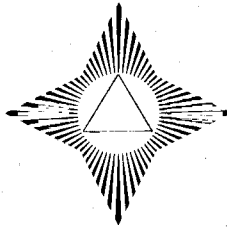
So too does Martinus see a great storm coming. War will continue to rage as long as people believe in it as a solution to conflict. He does, however, also see a new Renaissance and an end to war in the relatively near future. Since man's intelligence has developed since the last Renaissance this new Renaissance will need a logical, theoretical basis. This is where Martinus' analyses comes in. Read *The Road to*



Shangri-La on page 3 for Martinus' thoughts on Shangri-La and the role of spiritual science. Ole Therkelsen, who has edited *The Road to Shangri-La* from a tape recording, provides his own commentary on page 7.

On page 9 Poul Dyrholm takes a look at the computer-made world of *Cyberspace*, a world without the limitations of time and space. In the future we will actually experience life beyond time and space, our perception of reality being quite different to what it is today. This freedom from the limitations of time and space will manifest itself in many ways. We will, for example, not be limited to the present animal form of reproduction. We will be able to materialise and dematerialise our bodies at the flick of a mental switch.

On page 13, in reply to a question from a reader, Martinus continues the theme of childbirth and sexual evolution. Here he provides some of the background for the future method of reproduction mentioned in *Cyberspace*.



The Road to Shangri-La

by Martinus

A word of thanks to all those who have helped the cause

I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful evening you have given me. It will be a great source of inspiration for me as I continue my work. Not only do I thank you for this evening but also for all the help I have received over the years. From the beginning there have been loving people around me as I have been working and creating my analyses and lectures, and without these people the Cause would not have got as far as it now has.

The Cause is not a sect - it is a Shangri-La

What is this Cause? What is it that has made people support me? What is it that we have? Have we anything to offer people? Yes, we do!

It is not a sect. It is a cause and - more than that - it is a Shangri-La!

In the film "Lost Horizon" the people of Shangri-La were said to possess knowledge of old cultures, knowledge that could save the world. Now we can most definitely claim that we possess the knowledge on which rests the whole fu-

ture of the human race. I can claim it with the utmost certainty because I know that mankind has now been given all the information it needs in order to understand and solve the mystery of life intellectually without the aid of intuition. We *are* and we *have* such a Shangri-La here. We possess the highest knowledge. We possess what is to become the cultural foundation of the future.

The long and difficult road to Shangri-La

But it is not very easy to reach this Shangri-La. As we can see in the film there are high pinnacles and rocks to be climbed, and the people who reached Shangri-La only got there after much toil and hardship. The Shangri-La of the cosmic analyses is not very easy to reach either. There are many people who cannot undertake this journey, who are completely unable to see the cosmic analyses. There are people who cannot see beyond the printer's ink and the paper. From a cosmic point of view they are illiterates but one cannot blame them for that. Symbolically speaking two thirds of mankind are spiritual illiterates and one third is well on its way to

Shangri-La. In this single third of mankind we find all the many humanitarian sects and societies. Each of them has its own set of concepts that deviates more or less from the real truth, but there is a fragment of the truth in all of them. They all have numerous rocks and mountainsides to climb in order to reach the real Shangri-La, or the real truth about life, but they are all on their way.

The two thirds of humanity who are, as it were, not yet on their way are being processed by God and by their karma, which effects the world, making everything happen more quickly. Thus they will pass through the dark destiny that they have created for themselves in their primitive condition.

Some people are already close to the gates of Shangri-La

Those belonging to the first third have already passed through their dark karma. They are the ones who no longer wish to fight wars or have anything to do with militarism. They cannot bring themselves to hurt animals, eat meat or do anything evil or bad at all. They have overcome all feelings of envy.

Jealousy, intolerance, envy, hatred and vindictiveness are the mountaintops we have to climb in order to reach the Shangri-La within us. So it is easy to understand why all the people belonging to the latter two thirds still have some difficulties to surmount. They will correct their mistakes, they will outgrow the superstitions and false dogmas that they are still dependent on. But they will all get there, they are all on their way.

Some people have come far enough to hunger and thirst for the cosmic analyses. These analyses fit perfectly into their desire and longing for the divine, and these people are already at the gate of Shangri-La. Being at the gate means having cosmic glimpses. As they evolve further in their capacity to love they will have cosmic glimpses. There is a dawning ability to see immortality, to experi-

ence intuitively and to realise that "*one shall love one's neighbour as oneself*" in order to become "*the completed human being*". Those who have come that far are approaching the goal.

Wars put an end to themselves. Heavy and light karma

It is very encouraging to know that this part of mankind will have no reason to fear the coming wars. Wars will come, the wars are unavoidable, for of course the two thirds of mankind who desire war and who think war is necessary and that war can be abolished through warfare, must try war as much as they wish. But war, with all its suffering and misery, has the divine quality of creating in man an inability to commit more evil. The coming wars will put an end to themselves, and these people will also become seekers of Shangri-La and the cosmic analyses, and this will happen very quickly compared to the rate of evolution up to now. The world, or mankind, is evolving at a tremendously explosive rate. In our day and age mankind evolves almost more in ten years than it used to in a century or more. Evolution is very fast now.

It is very important for those who seek the cosmic analyses never to forget what it is that can help them to get further. Even though they may have got over the heavy karma they are not completely free of karma. The heavy or grave karma is the result of committing murder, manslaughter, torture and the like. This karma will come back in the same form. Those who have passed through this have only a lighter type of karma left. Even though they seek the cosmic analyses and may have reached a theoretical understanding of them they are not completely free of karma. They still have small flaws or imperfections that will give rise to karma. But this karma is of a lighter type.

The pioneers of the new world culture

Many people in the first third and especially those who have reached the cosmic analyses have left sect formation behind and have become liberated. They are not bound by societies. You cannot confine knowledge to any particular society. Knowledge is conferred on people gradually as they evolve towards the ability to understand it. The cosmic analyses are meant for these people; they are the pioneers of the new world culture.

It is important not to forget that one has had the opportunity to support and participate in experiencing this divine revelation of the world picture, the divine laws and the solution to the whole mystery of life. One would also do well to remember that one oneself plays a part in enabling others to experience it too. One can do this by using *prayer*.

Praying every day is a good habit

Christ has taught us that one can pray anywhere and that "one should keep on praying and never lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Kneeling is not a prerequisite for prayer. God does not say "Get down on your knees!". He does not make petty demands about folding one's hands, special positions or ceremonies. All one needs to do is to send up a prayer, even the smallest sigh is heard. There is a host of highly evolved initiated beings who are God's tools for promoting world redemption and have been ordained to hear the prayers of all human beings.

It is good to pray every day. One can start the new day with prayer and one can pray before going to bed. Every night before I go to bed I say a prayer in thanks for the day that has passed and I always pray that I may say and do the right things. I also use prayer before talking to unhappy people, before giving a lecture and whenever I work with the material that I am to transmit to people. I pray to God that nothing harmful will creep in and that it may all be beneficial.

It is an excellent habit to acquire!

We have an innate secret place in our own consciousness

One can pray sitting in a car, while talking to other people or at an assembly. One can always say a prayer, always close the door to one's secret place. After all Christ said, "When you pray, go into a room by yourself, shut the door and pray to your Father who is there in the secret place; and your Father who sees what is secret will reward you" (Mat: 6:6)

Yes, one can enter a room and be alone, and there one can pray. But finding such a room whenever one needs it may be difficult. We have, however, an innate room in our own consciousness. We can transmit a prayer to God no matter how many people there are around us, they will not be any the wiser, we can do it safely. Keeping prayer in one's consciousness at all times is therefore what I want to recommend to all the people who have come far enough to take an interest in the cosmic analyses and who participate in promoting the new world culture.

Prayer works even though one does not believe in it

One does not even have to believe in prayer, it works anyway. All that stuff about having to believe is just another form of superstition, it is not necessary. But there are many people who are new to praying. When unhappy people come to me I ask, "Don't you pray to God?" "Pray to God? No, I cannot say the Lord's Prayer, so many thoughts come up." "Well, you don't have to say the Lord's Prayer. You don't have to say a long string of words. All you have to do, if you are in a difficult situation, is to think that you need help in coping with this situation. You can do that by sending a thought to God. Do it, even if you don't believe in it! Do it anyway! You'll see that it will work."

Daily prayer provides a tremendous sense of security

If one prays every day it gets to be a living reality that one cannot do without. One will go through the world with a tremendous sense of security. If God is present in everything one does, one is above fear and anxiety whatever happens. This way one can surmount all those rocks and steep mountainsides that I mentioned earlier and which lie as obstacles in one's way in the form of intolerance, hatred, jealousy and envy. *The power of prayer is a tremendous help in enabling one to overcome these obstacles and get attuned to the cosmic analyses and thus with the infinite love that is the eternal light that we must find in order to become "man in God's image".*

Through prayer one may come to love one's enemies

One should just keep praying to God even though one may not feel one needs it. Still, one can always send up the thought, and one will come to experience that by doing so one develops a talent that creates a living link between divine providence and oneself. One will notice that fear and worry disappear and one will live in a divine sense of security. This will also enable one to be of use and benefit to one's fellow men, which is what one is supposed to be anyway. A special way of using prayer is to increase one's ability to love one's enemies. It is easy to love those who treat us lovingly, but the biggest obstacle to our spiritual development is the fact that *we do not love our enemies, that we do not bless those who curse us.* But through the power of prayer we become enabled to climb these steep mountainsides.

God speaks to us through all people

Once again I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful evening, for all the demonstrations of your great love and all the help and support you continuously give me. It makes

me feel deeply secure, that same sense of security I get from my relation to God. I see God in you, and God speaks to me through you. Naturally, God cannot speak to me in a void, but he can do it through all the people who reflect on my speech. One must learn to understand that every Tom, Dick and Harry is the tool of God. God speaks through every human being. One is always communicating with God no matter whom one is with, and here too prayer is helpful.

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Apropos the road to Shangri-La

by Ole Therkelsen

Martinus's birthday speech at Restaurant Josty, Frederiksberg was recorded on tape and later edited to form the article beginning on page 3. I edited the text and added the title and the subtitles.

In his speech Martinus refers to the film "Lost Horizon", which he had seen. The film was based on James Hilton's novel of the same title, which was first published in 1933 (incidentally at roughly the same time as the publication of

Livets Bog Vol.1 and Kosmos).

The main character is the British consul Hugh Conway who, due to civil war, is evacuated by air in the company of other civilians. The plane crash-lands on the Tibetan plateau, where the passengers are saved by a group of men from the lamasery of Shangri-La. Conway is 37 years old, single, well educated, clear-headed and personally unambitious. He is tired of war and has



had enough of the fight for money, power, glory and the favours of the opposite sex, and of political and religious bickering.

Conway, whom the High Lama later names as his successor, can perhaps be described as a humane seeker after truth with his sexual poles reasonably well balanced.

The writer James Hilton has the High Lama envision a complete breakdown of the world:

"He foresaw a time when men, exultant in the technique of homicide, would rage so hotly over the world that every precious thing would be in danger, every book and picture and harmony, every treasure garnered through two millenniums, the small, the delicate, the defenceless - all would be lost. The storm will rage till every flower of culture is trampled." This is the reason why Shangri-La has been created. "Here we shall stay with our books and our meditations, conserving the frail elegancies of a dying age and seeking such wisdom as

men will need when their passions are all spent ... When the strong have devoured each other, the Christian ethic may at last be fulfilled, and the meek shall inherit the earth."

It is interesting that Martinus should say that we are and have this Shangri-La. This means that spiritual science will be the basis for and the nucleus of the new culture that will emerge in the world after the apocalyptic destruction caused by the third world war, and that the Third Testament, by providing a scientific basis for the teachings of Christ and the other humane world redeemers, will bring about the final victory of humanness, forgiveness and neighbourly love.

Like all other human beings, Conway is a wounded refugee caught between the two realms of "the animal kingdom" and "the real human kingdom". The lamasery of Shangri-La in the book can be said to represent the real human kingdom. Since Conway is not yet a fully evolved human being he has a relapse (see *Livets Bog* Vol.1 section 125) and succumbs to the temptation to leave the monastery for the ordinary world. He learns from the experience, realizes his "mistake" and fights his way, as Martinus puts it, over high mountain tops and steep rocks in an attempt to *find his lost paradise again*.

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Man's consciousness as Cyberspace

by Poul Dyrholm

Daily life and computer technology

We all know a lot about how advanced computer techniques are used in today's information society. They are securing a foothold in more and more areas of society. If we ourselves are not sitting and writing directly on a computer, with knowledge of the computer world's codes and languages through which we can affect the computers microprocessors and thereby gain access to an entirely new world of information, then we do so indirectly through the use of radio, television, telephone and so on. Personal data, civil registration numbers, case records and so on can be keyed in and out of the computer-made reality, can be stored in the invisible "other reality" and made visible again on a screen and on print-outs.

The entire nervous system in our society is made up of the computer-made reality. Money goes in and out of this reality. Our salaries and other payments are transferred via the "other reality" making coins and bank notes increasingly superfluous. When we talk on the tele-

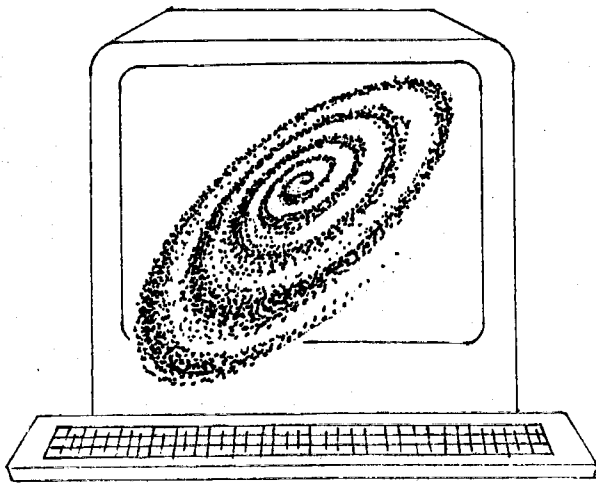
phone we communicate via the "other reality". Our voice is transmitted and digitalised via the "other reality" and again transformed to a voice for the listener "at the other end of the line".

When we watch television the pictures are transmitted via the "other reality". But, as if that were not enough, technology has already other more advanced things to offer the modern "cyberpunks", that is lovers of technology.

Virtual reality with access to cyberspace(1)

Now we are all invited into the computer-made reality. The American computer industry and "Virtual Reality" opens the doors to "cyberspace" with "Virtual Reality equipment", consisting of a head-set (a kind of visor, which, via two small coloured monitors - one for each eye - guarantees a three-dimensional experience), a "power glove" (a glove that makes movement possible in cyberspace) or, even better, a whole "power suit" (a body suit that leads the

1: Cybernetics: the science of machines (electronic calculators in particular) that can replace human functions. The word "cyber" comes from the word "cipher" or "cypher", which originally meant *zero* (0), the sign of infinity.



entire body into the computer-made reality). In addition a sensory system that gives the user the possibility to feel in a differentiated way. With this equipment we gain access to "cyberspace" (unlimited space), to "Virtual Reality".

The potential of the computer-made reality

In this world an architect, for example, can wander around a house that is not yet built and check that everything is working. The same is true of aircraft and car manufacturers or other product developers and creators. In the future one will be able to meet in "cyberspace" by for example several people around the world connecting themselves up to the same computer. One will not only be able to see and hear one another but also touch and feel one another, as well as being able to create the setting best suited for the meeting, for example a lovely summer's day on the beach with sunshine and blue skies, or a snow-covered mountain landscape with a wonderful view. One will, in other words, have gone beyond the limits of time and space.

Going beyond the limits of time and space in the future

This going beyond the limits of time and space through technological means is

merely a little glimpse of what the future will bring, namely the fact that man, not by technical means but by means of his own consciousness, will come to experience going beyond the limits of time and space. We will experience our own consciousness as the primary "virtual reality" with access to unlimited space or "cyberspace". But more about this later.

Electricity

Just as electricity is the basis for the computer-made reality and all other electro-technical appliances, so too is electricity the basis for all the created things of Nature; tools and organisms, minerals, plants, animals, human beings, planets and so on.

Electricity, consciousness and spirit and the three cosmoses

Electricity is the invisible force that moves the atoms and electrons in the microcosmos in appropriate orbits or paths; it is the basis for the fact that our body, with its many organs, works to our advantage.

It is electricity that is the invisible force that moves the molecules of air and thereby the wind and the clouds in the sky. It is the same force that moves the earth and the other planets around their axes and around each other at an appropriate distance. The same is true of the Milky Way and the galaxies in the macrocosmos. The same force creates appropriate movement in our mesocosmos in the form of plant, animal and human organisms. The same electrical force constitutes our thought world in which all human creation has its origin in the form of ideas and images. All three cosmoses manifest purposeful movement. Purpose implies an idea and a plan. Ideas and plans imply consciousness. Consciousness and spirit are identical concepts in Martinus' cosmology. But consciousness and spirit can be connected only to a living source. A living being.

Electricity, consciousness and spirit are thus identical concepts and are always, like the I of the living being, connected to visible created things, movements and organisms, whether they be atoms, minerals, plants, animals, human beings, planets, solar systems, galactic systems and so on. The universe is an all-embracing living being consisting of living beings within living beings, in principle like the computer-made fractal reality.

"Cyberspace" - our thought-world and the spiritual world

"Cyberspace", the computers "other reality" (electricity) is thus an extension of man's thought-world (electricity), which in turn is a part of the unlimited spiritual world's consciousness (electricity) beyond the physical world. Electricity is therefore not a dead material force but a living force of consciousness, which makes its first visible impression when we turn on the computer, the telephone, the television, the light or when we "turn on" our own experience of life every morning when we get up to the day's work or when we act or manifest ourselves.

Morality, ethics and spiritual science

Since the human being's cosmic structure is identical to the triune principle (an I, a creative ability, and a result of this creative ability and with that an eternal ability to experience), the human being itself constitutes an unlimited mental space or "cyberspace" with access to unlimited manifestation and experience of life. *Morality and ethics* are the key to becoming conscious of these truths.

In the computer-made reality everything is apparently possible regardless of moral qualifications; the individual can create his own reality, his own world; he can be a writer, a film director and an actor; he can be a God in his own universe. But what is created is dependent

on the ability to create, and the above-mentioned is the reflection of a very limited ability to create in relation to the future human being's cosmic ability to create. I would like to refer to Martinus' literature regarding the faculty of cognition and high psychic abilities, but it will suffice to mention that this consciousness has power over the principle of materialisation and dematerialisation, and thereby over the limits of time and space. It is just as easy to switch on and off the computer-made reality as it is for this human being to materialise and dematerialise itself in time and space in any appropriate form or expression whatsoever. It is not limited by time and place here on the planet, and it "does not cross the stream to find water" in the form of a computer-made reality or space, but has in principle the spiritual world's entire mental space or world at its disposal and can travel in and out of any condition or state at the command of thought and manifest itself anywhere at will.

Some people fear that technological development will create amoral, anti-social people with no standards. To a certain extent this is true and has already happened in the form of computer fraud and hackers. But man's lacking moral and ethical development is not due to technology but is primarily a question of evolution. But the effects of an imperfect way of being can be amplified and enlarged with the aid of technology, for example with weapons. Life's own speech and the law of karma work, however, in the computer-made reality too and will create justice and balance between the experiences of suffering and intellectual development in us and thereby humility and neighbourly love, which are the way to a higher consciousness. In order to learn the code language that will open up a higher intuitive faculty for sensing outside time and space and allow us to recognise the "cyberspace" and superconsciousness of our own consciousness, morality and ethics are de-

manded. But in order to reach a sufficiently high moral step in evolution we must have guidance and help. *And the code language is spiritual science in theory and practice.* A slow, gradual process in which life's own engrafting of humaneness constitutes the primary teaching, and the appropriation of theoretical spiritual science the secondary, but nonetheless vital, aid for the conscious or unconscious mature seeker.

Consciousness, technology and organisms

On the basis of the triune principle and the other eternal principles and the basic energies we are all immortal beings with an eternal past and an eternal future. In order to make the reader want to read about this in Martinus' cosmology and thereby about the evolution, the potential and capacity of consciousness, of technology and of the organisms in the society of the future, I would like to finish by quoting Chapter 37 from "Funeral (*Bisættelse*)". At the same time I would like to express in advance my understanding for the reader who, after reading this passage, might pinch himself in the arm in wonder and surprise at the reality in which he finds himself, and my understanding of the fact that he may once more ask himself "Who am I?"

"Funeral" Chapter 37 by Martinus

All bodily organs have their primordial origin in the material, technical and chemical workshops on other planets of a time long since gone

*The analysis of "the living something" lies outside the scope of the present book; I must therefore refer the reader to Livets Bog (*The Book of Life*), where these analyses are presented in detail making the "creator" behind "Nature" a matter of fact. Likewise one will, through these same analyses, see how everything in Nature, every little detail in the very smallest known living beings' organisms*

as well as in the very largest, such as the organs: heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, arterial and nervous system, teeth, skeleton and so on, are the result of prior inventions, thinking and planning. Indeed, in the same book we will furthermore see how the above-mentioned details can all, without exception, trace their first origin back to material, technical workshops and chemical laboratories on long lost worlds and how, through a tremendous evolution, they now appear for us today as organic realities, each of which makes the identity of its distant inventor just as irrefutable a fact for the cosmic clear-sightedness as the identity of the present modern inventors, which today becomes a matter of fact for the ordinary terrestrial human being through the steam engine, the motor, the aeroplane, the telegraph, radio and so on. In addition it can be added that for this clear-sightedness it will likewise be a matter of fact that the modern inventions of the present day are in reality identical to the first feeble beginnings of the manifestation of ideas for organisms on distant future worlds far ahead in time.

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Note: *Funeral* is not yet available in English.

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answers a reader's question

Question: Will women's need to give birth to and to have children gradually be diminished?

Answer: In order to answer this question one must first and foremost realise that the number of offspring living beings have is not determined entirely by the parents' will. Even though human parents possess a certain ability to prevent pregnancy this ability is, however, not the primary one behind the principle determining reproduction. There is quite another principle in relation to which the above-mentioned ability can only be something secondary, something quite local. This other principle is of course the pole principle. Every living being's entire physical and spiritual structure is formed, controlled and maintained by virtue of two principles, the masculine and the feminine. These two principles or poles trigger within themselves a particular measured process of transformation. So each of the two principles transform themselves from a latent to a culminating state and back again, this process being repeated continuously. They thus create a round of movement that we call a cycle. Each of the poles in the living being are thus subject to their respective cycles. These two cycles are matched in such a way that while one pole is at its culmination or maximum the other pole is at its corresponding minimum. When

the masculine pole in its cycle culminates in the being, the feminine pole is in a latent state. The being then appears as a masculine being, which means as a male being. The opposite is of course the case where the feminine pole is culminating and the masculine pole is latent. Here the being appears as a female being. And we then get the two kinds of beings that within the human race are called "man" and "woman".

But when the two poles are always bound to their respective cycles the culminating pole will transform itself away from its culmination while the other pole will grow larger and transform itself towards its culmination. And hereby the mutual relationship of the two poles in the being, which determined the being's state as a one-hundred-per-cent male or female being, is changed. At a given place in the mutual cycle of the poles they will be at the same level so that the being is now no longer a male or a female being. On the contrary it appears as a being who is equally conscious in both its poles. It then becomes "cosmically conscious" of its existence. Such a being is the perfect human being, the human being in God's image. As it is now no longer a male or female being it can no longer feel the desire to possess and cannot therefore be jealous or envious either. As jealousy, envy and the desire to possess are the root of all mental dark-

ness in the world the two-poled beings will be above the kinds of thoughts that create war, sorrow and illness in daily life. The peace and happiness that this constellation of the poles gives is the same as "the Kingdom of Heaven" or the peace on Earth and goodwill to men of the Christmas gospel. It is the "peace" mankind of today wants but believes can be won with atomic weapons or other terrible machines of destruction. The terrestrial human being of today is thus by virtue of the constellation of its sexual poles not a male or female being in its purest form. It is in the process of distancing itself from this state more and more. And to the same extent as it distances itself from this state it becomes unsuited to marriage. The tendency to fall in love or the desire to possess the other sexual partner has to a greater or lesser extent disappeared. And we have a mental zone where marriage degenerates. It is this zone that is called "the zone of unhappy marriages" in *Livets Bog* (The Book of Life). The beings are thus on their way to quite another state of being in which the principle of reproduction will take place in another way.

Gradually as the transformation of the poles takes place the woman's organism is also transformed somewhat to the advantage of the masculine principle growing in her now and the corresponding growth of the feminine principle in the man. With this transformation the woman gets an increasingly boy-like slim organism, just as the man's rough, robust, muscular masculine organism also works itself towards the same boy-like slim bodily form, which in itself is something between the strongly masculine body and the strongly feminine female body. With this transformation of the woman's body her organism will be increasingly unsuited to giving birth to children. Indeed, it can even be fatal for such a woman to give birth. Ultimately this ability will totally cease in favour of an entirely different process of reproduc-

tion belonging to mankind's coming new epoch of life, the kingdom in which one does not marry. It is thus this constellation of the poles that determines the process of reproduction. It is that which directs the human being's will and is thus the determining factor in marriages and relationships where one is reluctant to give birth to or to have children.

From letter no.30, 1951.

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Lectures in Germany

In addition to Ingemar Fridell and Ole Therkelsen who travel regularly to Bonn to give lectures, Sophie Hansen will now begin travelling to Bonn to lecture at Albert Schweitzer Haus, Beethoven Allee 16, D-53 173 Bonn, tel: (+49) 228 36 47 37. Sophie, who has for a number of years simultaneously interpreted from Danish into German during the International Weeks at the Martinus Centre in Klint, will give her first lectures in Bonn on March 28 and 29. Mogens Møller began lecturing in Bonn in 1972. Since then - apart for a brief pause - lectures on Martinus Cosmology have been given in Bonn.

Second lecture tour to Russia

On Sunday March 6 Ole Therkelsen will set off on his second lecture tour to Russia. He will lecture in English and Esperanto. This time he will stay there for over three months, about two months in St. Petersburg and one in Moscow, and is expected back in Denmark on June 12. At the Esperanto Society in St. Petersburg there will be study groups on some of the nine books that are translated into Esperanto. The addresses of first two Martinus Centres in Russia are: Ab.jas. 130, RUS-197 022 St. Petersburg, Telefax (+7) 812 311 74 60, and Presnenski Val 8, Kor. 2, Kv 154, RUS-123 022 Moscow.

Trends

by Mary McGovern

Less cruelty to hens

The Danish supermarket chain *Irma* has, according to the Copenhagen newspaper *Politiken*, decided to stop selling eggs from battery hens. In the future it will sell only "organic" or free-range eggs.

"We don't like the way battery eggs are produced, and I think that our customers will accept our attitude", said *Irma's* chief buyer and advertising manager to *Politiken*. He added that *Irma's* "no" to battery eggs is also a link in efforts to make the chain more "ecological" or "organic".

"We have with great success stopped selling traditionally cultivated carrots and now sell only organically cultivated (ie, without artificial fertilisers) carrots."

During 1993 the sale of battery eggs

in Denmark fell in favour of an explosive increase in the sale of eggs from hens living in significantly freer conditions.

Vatican forgives Jews

On December 30 the Vatican and Israel signed an historic document normalising relationships between the Catholic church and Israel.

The Israelis have waited 45 years for recognition. The notion that the Jews were collectively responsible for the crucifixion of Christ was dropped only a few years ago.

The agreement commits the Vatican to fight anti-Semitism and any kind of religious intolerance. The Israeli government promises to continue to protect Vatican possessions in Israel.

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".

THE MARTINUS INSTITUTE in Copenhagen was established in 1932 in order to make Martinus' literature available.

THE MARTINUS CENTRE in Klint, Denmark is a school for the study of Martinus Cosmology. Courses are available in English.

Martinus Cosmology is not the basis for any kind of sect or association.

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. At present the following publications are available in English:

Livets Bog (The Book of Life) Vol. 1

The Eternal World Picture Vol. 1

Logic

Easter

Marriage and Universal Love

Meditation

The Fate of Mankind

The Ideal Food

The Mystery of Prayer

The Road to Initiation

The Road of Life

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COVER 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 into 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."

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