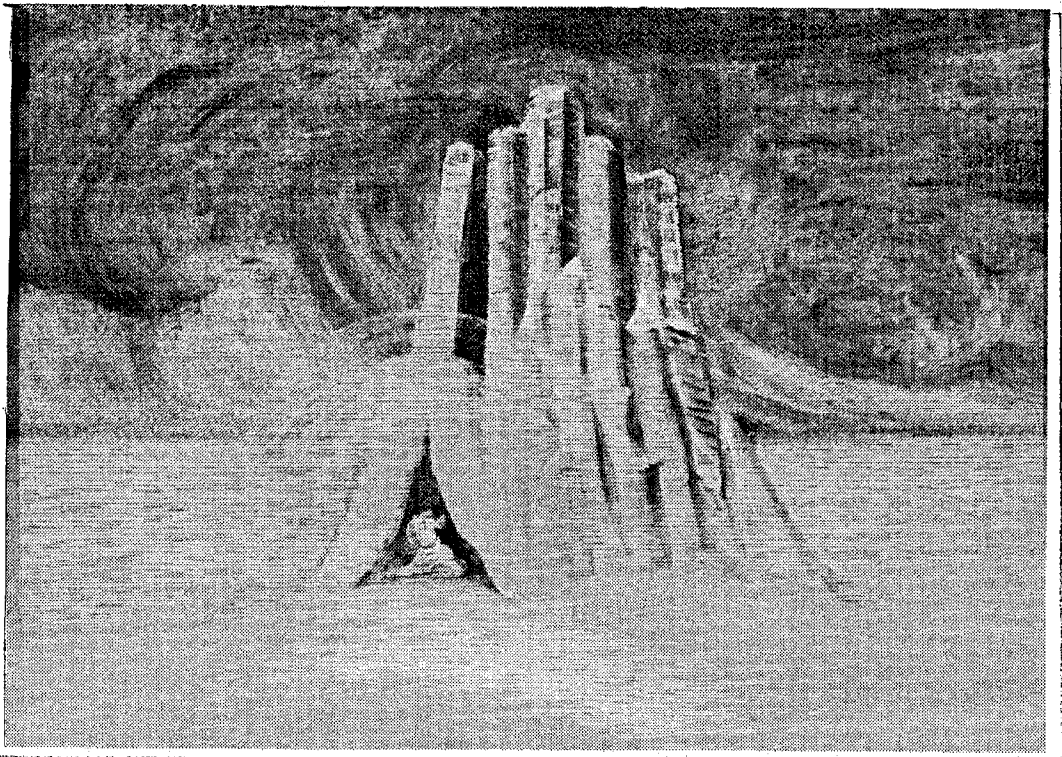


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CHRISTMAS EVE
THE POWER OF THOUGHT
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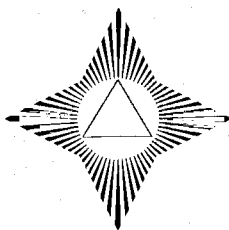
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Christmas Eve

Once more the great hourglass of the year is about to run out. Our beautiful world has once again completed a year cycle in its course through eternal space. We, the passengers on this divine vehicle, begin once again to feel that midwinter is near. Gardens, fields and forests have long since taken off their radiant summer costumes and put on their beautiful autumn costumes and, for a while, have caressed and delighted our minds with colours and splendour. The transition to the epoch of ice and coldness, the season of death, was therefore tempered, so that the presence of God in the epoch of darkness became visible to the sensitive observer. And this feeling of the nearness of God was further reinforced by the light from Bethlehem. The star became a sun, whose heavenly

light and warmth spread all over the world; with intensified radiance at every winter solstice it switches on millions of lights in the city streets and squares, just as it switches on lights in the poor hovel as well as in the palatial hall. Millions of gift packages, loving letters and greetings find their way over the entire earth to relatives and friends from relatives and friends. Large collections are made to help the lonely and the abandoned who live in the shadow of life. Everyone wants to please everyone else. It is as if the voice from the mountainside by the Galilean lake, like a gentle, mental breeze, whispers across the earth "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

(Excerpt from Martinus' Christmas card, 1963)



The power of thought

by Martinus

Thought is the connecting link between the I and life

Earthly human beings usually hold the view that they live and experience life in a physical world, due to the fact that they identify themselves with the physical organism and believe that what they experience is also something physical. This, however, is a great mistake. From a cosmic point of view, it is quite out of the question for us to experience anything on the physical plane. The entire physical world is merely a combination of different kinds of movements, which we experience as what we call "Heaven", "Earth", "a tree", "a star" etc. Our experience consists entirely of "pictures" that the special energy combinations in the outer world project through our physical senses into our consciousness or inner world. Our experience is a world of pictures; thought pictures, it is a spiritual world, and the earthly human being is a spiritual being, even though he perhaps at the moment believes that he is only physical.

We cannot live a single moment without this spiritual reality; we are enveloped in spiritual matter, in thought matter, which is a connecting link between

the I and life. All experience is a manifestation of thought; the six basic energies, which form an essential part of my analyses of the universe and the living being, are six different forms of thought, and they are connected to the being's desire and will. One cannot think a single thing without there being a form of desire behind it. Thought is that part of the living being that, when it has a physical organism, it experiences as an inner world; if this world did not exist it would be quite impossible to experience an "outer" world.

We are a "Godhead" in our own thought world

By virtue of our consciousness and thought world we are all a part of a spiritual world, which is something primary, just as we, by virtue of our physical organism and its sensory tools, are a part of a physical world, which in relation to the spiritual world is something secondary. We decide, in our inner or spiritual world how we are going to react to the physical world. In our thought world we work constantly with everything we see, absolutely everything that we experience; every day we receive a great amount of

impressions, and we make decisions about these impressions; we are, in fact, very busy in our spiritual world. The thoughts function because we have to use them in our reactions to the outer world. Inside our inner world we have a kind of "physical world" made up of the "thought pictures", we have made for ourselves of the world "outside". This is what we call personal experiences and conceptions; all evolution consists of a widening of these personal experiences and conceptions. The interaction of energy, which takes place between the energy combinations of the outer world and the energies of our inner thought world, is that play which is our own I's experience of life. In the inner world we are ourselves a Godhead, ruling in a universe, our own thought world. In this universe there live millions of micro-beings, with which we build up our thought matter, just as we build up our physical organism with physical micro-beings. Those micro-individuals, which our thoughts are made up of, have been attracted by us, because they fit our evolutionary step. There are micro-individuals on all evolutionary steps in underlying spiral cycles and we attract and use those which find themselves on more or less the same step in their evolutionary spiral as we, their macro-being, find ourselves on in our own spiral. So our evolution and the regeneration of our life is naturally tied up with gradually attracting micro-individuals of a higher type, so that they can "live, move and have their being" in the spiritual world for which we are a Godhead.

Thought and action

Everything that we think, is an expression of desire. It can be either selfish or unselfish. We experience this desire as what we call will, and will in turn is an expression of power, for the power we have inside us. For this power to be manifested and find expression, two of the six basic energies play an absolutely es-

sential role: the energy of gravity and the energy of feeling. All power depends on a tension between these two energies, which are contrasts to each other, because they constitute the heat and the coldness of the universe. The energy of gravity is fire or heat, the expanding force, and the energy of feeling is the coldness, the contracting force. It is this state of tension that has to be overcome. In this way it becomes possible to make one's thought accessible to one's surroundings. From being a wish, the thought becomes a releasing of the forces we have around us. We make our thoughts visible only by acting. The action would not be able to occur, without a wish, an act of will, taking place in the person's inner world. We set in motion a force, an overcoming of a state of tension, when we wish, think and act. We cannot open and close our hands, without us having to use a force. It is the same with all our movements. But it is not everything that we wish and desire that we are able to realise in action. Take for example the sentences "He gave the word, and so it came about", "He gave the command, and there it was". This does not apply to the earthly human being; it is not everything that we wish for, that we can also have fulfilled. If we for example want to change the position of the sun or move the universe, this is an expression of abnormality. There are limits to the fulfilment of our wishes. We can, of course, through our faulty desiring and wishing, go against that system of laws which governs Nature, but we will also experience life becoming difficult, and our longings and desires will turn again in the direction of following the laws. So this means that our thought world is also enriched by mistakes. It is a question of getting to know the laws of thinking, and Nature is our greatest teacher.

The development of thought

But how does our thought come about?

The first primitive form of thinking - the ability to sense vaguely - arose as early as the first zones of the spiral cycle. This form of thinking is a function of the sub-consciousness. The life of plants consists of thinking in the form of sensing vaguely pleasantness and unpleasantness. The plant begins to use this ability to sense more and more strongly, and it has, in its eternal cosmic structure, talent kernels, which some day will bring it forward to the same stage, that we ourselves are on. Wind, storms, rain, coldness, warmth, everything that plants sense vaguely of Nature's various forms of energy display, develops within them a desire to be totally conscious in these experiences. And as desire and will - if they follow the laws - are the beginning of all evolution and creation, the plant little by little begins to be able to create something on the physical plane totally according to its will. What it creates is a more sensitive and mobile organism, through which is possible a greater wealth of experience and an increased ability to create its own experience. The instinct for self-preservation is the first form of developed thinking, and this force drives the being through the transitional stages between the plant kingdom and animal kingdom. Little by little the plant has grown into an animal. For the animal by now it has become a vital necessity to kill in order to live, the animals' world is a world of killing, and in the animal kingdom, to which the earthly humans still belong, they experience the peak of the unfolding of the killing principle, in the form of war, violence, terror and physical and spiritual crises and sufferings which we call illnesses. The outer world is characterised by the inner world. People cannot manoeuvre correctly in the physical world before they have learnt to direct their inner world, their thought world. It is necessary to learn that one should wish for and so also how one should think. We can wish for many things, but these things can be

for or against the laws of life. Through our wishes we can arrange the forces in various combinations. If the tension is too weak the person cannot manifest himself powerfully enough. If it is too strong one becomes too aggressive, hot-tempered and irascible, governed by the killing principle. Perhaps one commits murder, perhaps one causes explosions that destroy the natural expression of life and joy of life of one's surroundings, making them miserable; this can also be seen as a kind of "murder". Earthly humankind finds itself at a new transition stage in evolution, namely that from animal to human, and this is the reason that it now has to learn to think and have wishes along human lines.

High-intellectual thinking

Modern science and technology, among other things, are expressions of the fact that earthly human beings have to a certain extent learnt to think logically i.e. in harmony with the laws of life. But the whole world situation tells us that the forms of thinking that lie behind the scientific and technological manifestations are still not human or humane enough. World wars and world crises are the result. Because of this the wishes and desires of millions of earthly human beings are now directed towards the opposite of this condition of war and crisis, towards a world of peace and neighbourly love. To this aim they do not have to give up intellectual thinking, on the contrary, they have to learn how to raise it up onto a higher level. With the longing for peace and active neighbourly love, earthly humans are on the point of being on the same wavelength as true human thinking, which is not just intellectual but also ethical and moral, which means that they are on the point of coming into contact with divine thinking itself. It is this form of thinking which fulfils all the laws, this is high-intellectuality. The energy of intuition plays a very large part in this thought combination. Intui-

tion is that force by which the world is carried forward to knowledge. If this were not the case, my cosmic analyses and symbols would never have come into existence. First of all one gets the "solutions" themselves, but one is not able to make an analyses of them; the physical brain of the earthly human is not yet designed for this.

Christ came bringing the great solutions to earthly humankind and for a long time people were content with the dogma that "the ways of the Lord are beyond understanding", but that isn't the case any more. Not because Christ brought untrue solutions, they are true and perfect, experienced as they are through his intuition, but because more and more earthly peoples' intellect is now developed so much, that belief and the ability to sense vaguely has been superseded in so many areas by knowledge and understanding. This is the reason why people now also want to know something about the highest things. I would never have been able to have created a perfectly mathematical world picture, if I hadn't previously had the solutions, but at the same time my cosmic analyses and symbols are an expression of how people with the help of intellectual and ethical thinking can work their way through the calculations to the solution.

Cosmic consciousness

I live in another world than the one which is visible. I see with cosmic sight. This is not a clairvoyant sight, but an open seeing with which I see the whole world. By receiving solutions through the intuition and working on them with the intelligence, one arrives at perfect thinking. One needs to practice to be able to think in contact with the universe.

In modern technical establishments and

large factories, there is an instrument panel, from which more or less the whole establishment is controlled. The human brain can be likened to such an instrument panel, through which the I can regulate its consciousness. In order for a large establishment to run without difficulties, short circuits, mishaps etc., one has to think about what will benefit the whole, which means, what will benefit every single one of the factors, which go to make up the whole. That it perhaps isn't already like this in our factories, is because of the fact that people have still not learnt how to think correctly, i.e. with a moral orientation, without thought of making profit at other peoples' expense. Earthly human beings have to learn to use their own instrument panel, the brain, like this, because only through humaneness and love can the real, the high intellectual, thinking come about. Love is the way that the open cosmic consciousness manifests itself.

When I say that I developed my ability to think so that it has come into contact with the laws of life, perhaps it might seem as if I want to boast about this ability. But it isn't boasting. I do know that it does not constitute a special favour or favouritism on the part of the Godhead, it is what everyone who has lived before me has experienced, and what everyone after me will experience. Every single earthly human being will at some point experience it. It is a natural development. Through the development of this form of thinking and morality people come to be able to see just as vividly into the spiritual world as into the physical world. With me it has become C-knowledge(1) to be in contact with the laws of life, and I have the ability to be so. After intuition has streamed through my consciousness, it takes me a long time to symbolise and work out into text,

1: See Martinus' book "Logic" Chapter 94 for an explanation of A-, B- and C-knowledge.

what I have experienced in a single fraction of a second. The intuitive experience does not offer calculations but solutions; I have to use my intelligence to elucidate them in detail. To get the intuition under the control of their will is the goal, earthly humans must reach, in order to become one with the Godhead. It is still an energy which most people are seldom in contact with, merely in glimpses, when they are in an especially happy state, but a time will come when it will be permanent and will help people raise themselves up out of a primitive existence.

The reason why we find ourselves in the earth's organism

There is absolutely nothing at all in Nature and the world around us, which is not in one way or another an expression of thought. When one looks cosmically and lives with one's awake day-consciousness in the spiritual world, it becomes clear that everything that surrounds us constitutes the various thought-formations of a great being. What we experience is the will and thought-formations of the planet earth being. The force of gravity, which prevents things and bodies from falling out into the universe and pulls them in towards the earth, is an expression of the earth's will power, which holds everything together. The same principle applies to ourselves. If we did not have will power, our micro-individuals would be able to jump out of our body. They cannot do this because our concentrated will power holds together the universe, which, from a cosmic point of view, our organism is. That this will to hold our organism together is an automatic function, so that we don't have to consciously concentrate on it all the time, is another matter. It is also a wish and a desire in us, that our body should be healthy, normal and natural, but usually we don't go round wishing for this, it also has become C-knowledge or an automatic function in us. We don't

wish for it consciously every day, but when we become ill, we do wish for it strongly.

The universe is permeated by forms of will and thinking, and it is these forms of will and thought that determine that the universe is held together in milky way systems, solar systems, planets, human, animal and plant organisms; and in the microcosmos in organs, cells and molecular and atomic systems etc., which means that all together it is living beings that form or make up universes and matter for each other, which also means that they live within each other's thought world or spiritual worlds. All living beings live, move and have their being in the eternal Godhead's thought world, where they experience the contrast principle in eternal spiral cycles and thereby have renewed their own consciousness and thought world. Earthly human beings find themselves at a stage in one of these spiral cycles, where they have had enough of reaping the effects of selfishness and egoism, which they have sown over the centuries and thereby set in motion as causes. This is the reason that they have "ended up as", that is to say been attracted as, micro-individuals in the earth's organism, because the planet earth being is a macro-being whose thought activity and will are tuned into the same wavelength as a longing for peace, harmony and love.

Cooperation with the will of the planet earth and the will of the Godhead

The planet earth being will in its present incarnation experience cosmic consciousness, which means that this being harbours in its consciousness and organism, a concentrated longing for harmony. It has put all of its conscious will power into this. For the "brain cells" of the planet earth, which are the earthly human beings, this will mean that "peace on earth and goodwill to all men" will really come about, as promised in the

Christmas gospel. This is the same thing as the development of the true human kingdom on earth. But the development will take place organically, which, even though it only takes a short time seen from the time-perspective of the planet earth being, will, from the earthly humans time-perspective, takes about 3000 years. In this period of time peoples' thought world will be changed from egoism, destructive and negative ways of thinking, to positive, loving and logical thoughts, which will unite earthly humankind in a cooperation between the states, so that they form into one kingdom or the united states of the world, which already does exist as a wish and a longing in the thought world of thousands of people. So every single one of us is in cooperation with the will of the earth and the will of the Godhead, which of course is behind it, when we focus our own will power and thought world on neighbourly love, humanity and logical thinking.

Something that is not logical cannot be loving or useful, and to the degree that it is not logical it will cause a breaking down or destruction. Whatever is built up in accordance with that way of building that rules in the universe is logical. Humanity is an expression of the highest logic because it is an expression of high-intellectuality, which is the same as the Godhead's way of thinking. The Godhead thinks in contact with the same energies as we do, the six basic energies, but we have to learn to mix them in a divine way; that is what I call becoming a "cosmic chemist". At the moment most earthly humans mix these energies in such a way that the result is what I call "devil consciousness", which is the same thing as the transition stage between the animal and the true human. In the jungle it is useless to command lions and tigers not to break the fifth commandment, as it is an absolute necessity for them to kill in order to live. But for the earthly human it is no longer necessary, and not

only is it not necessary, but gradually, as earthly humans' longing and wishing begins to focus itself on a more human world, it is directly destructive for its organism and its consciousness to contain and work with negative and killing kinds of thought, which can contribute to causing both psychological and physical illnesses.

Cosmic chemistry

It is my task to instruct people about the laws of cosmic chemistry, and to show that logic and love are one and the same thing. Christ gave the great solutions and through his conduct, was a model of what it means to be a human being in God's image after his likeness. And he is still to this day an example for people. My task is to show the calculations that lead to the solutions that Christ has given, among others to show that the principle of reincarnation and the law of karma are natural consequences of the cosmic principle of cycles and have to form a natural link in Christianity. However, Christianity should of course be an everyday way of thinking and acting, not a dogmatic religion. The power of thought, and the action that follows from it, fills up our daily life, and through it we can contribute to changing the whole course of the world, by thinking and acting along more humane and loving lines. Has not Christ said that one should forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times a day, which means always? To say "Father forgive them for they know not what they do", means that one should no longer choose the way of revenge, hatred and anger, but the way of love.

I know that there are beings who wish to live in a better and better world, and who are miserable because they do not do what is good and everything seems hopeless to them. But everyone can gradually learn to do what is good, if they really want to. It is my task to describe how one can be saved. As long as there

is something that you don't like, as long as you are not saved in that particular field, you will be unable to get your "instrument panel" to function correctly. When you get to the point when you can understand that no person at this moment can be otherwise than they are, then you will have peace in your mind and be able to forgive. And when you, as well as that, can learn to understand that the person who is unpleasant towards you is releasing that karma, of which yourself are the cause, it is easier to forgive; he really does not know what he is doing. Peace has to be created from within in each individual person's thought world, and sown as action, so that it will also be reaped as peace and harmony at some time in the future. One should get used to looking on people as one looks on plants, here we have a rose, here we have a thistle, and none of them can be different than they are. Each one stands at the peak of its development and its ability to create its own experience, and each one will be quite different in the future. One should get used to being in

contact with the moment, with the present, because any experience whatsoever is at its most perfect at this moment, seen in relation to the past and with a view to the future. One can only abolish war by abolishing it in the way that one wills things and in one's thought world, creating peace there. Therefore it cannot be stressed enough that it is love, humanity, intellectuality, logic and harmony that is needed from now on and into the future. With the help of my analyses and symbols, I will show that it is logical to be loving. In order to make your way forward to the divine world, you have to learn to follow the laws of love and logic in everything that you do, so that you cannot help but gain inner peace and so that your inner world becomes lit up.

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Martinus Cosmology in Sweden

by Harald Berglund

One of the first countries outside Denmark where people began to discover and take an interest in Martinus Cosmology was Sweden. In this issue of Kosmos we take a look at the situation of Martinus Cosmology in Sweden today - and at a few glimpses from the past. In coming issues of Kosmos we hope to bring articles about activities in other countries.

In September this year, at the age of 89, one of the first pioneers of Martinus Cosmology in Sweden left this world. His name was Agne Windmark. He had come into contact with Martinus Cosmology and begun telling people about Martinus and his work as early as the 1940's. He inspired others to read Martinus' books, which, of course, at that time existed only in the original Danish. Interest grew and soon there was a need for Swedish translations. Agne Windmark began translating, and has since then translated the first volume of *Livets Bog* (The Book of Life), some shorter books and a number of articles by Martinus. The articles were published in the Swedish edition of *Kosmos*, which was first published in the 1960's. The Swedish *Kosmos*, which is a translation of the Danish edition, is published twelve times a year.

***Livets Bog* in Swedish**

In 1953 a small publishing company was founded in Linköping in Sweden in order

to publish a book about health by Niels Kalén, the founder of the company. He wanted to publish and to sell other books about health; one such book that appeared on his book-list was *The Ideal Food* by Martinus. It was translated by Agne Windmark and published in 1950, and was the first book by Martinus to be published in Swedish. Later Nils Kalén himself began translating, and has since then translated most of Martinus' books into Swedish. In 1982 he completed his translation of *Livets Bog*.

A Martinus Publishing Company

Today more than 30 Martinus titles have been published by the publishing company, which was handed over to the Martinus Institute in Stockholm (a non-profit-making foundation) in 1972. The publishing of the books have been made possible thanks to gifts and support from people interested in the cosmology. Information about the books and about Martinus Cosmology in general has been published in special book-lists and sent



Students and co-workers at Varnhem, summer 1994

out twice a year as a supplement to appropriate magazines. In all, more than a million such lists have been sent out, and about 2,500 books by Martinus are sold per year. Thanks to this private initiative, almost all of Martinus' books are available in Swedish. (Anyone interested in receiving a book-list or other information can contact the publishers at Världsbild Förlag, Vasavägen 9, S-181 42 Lidingö, Sweden).

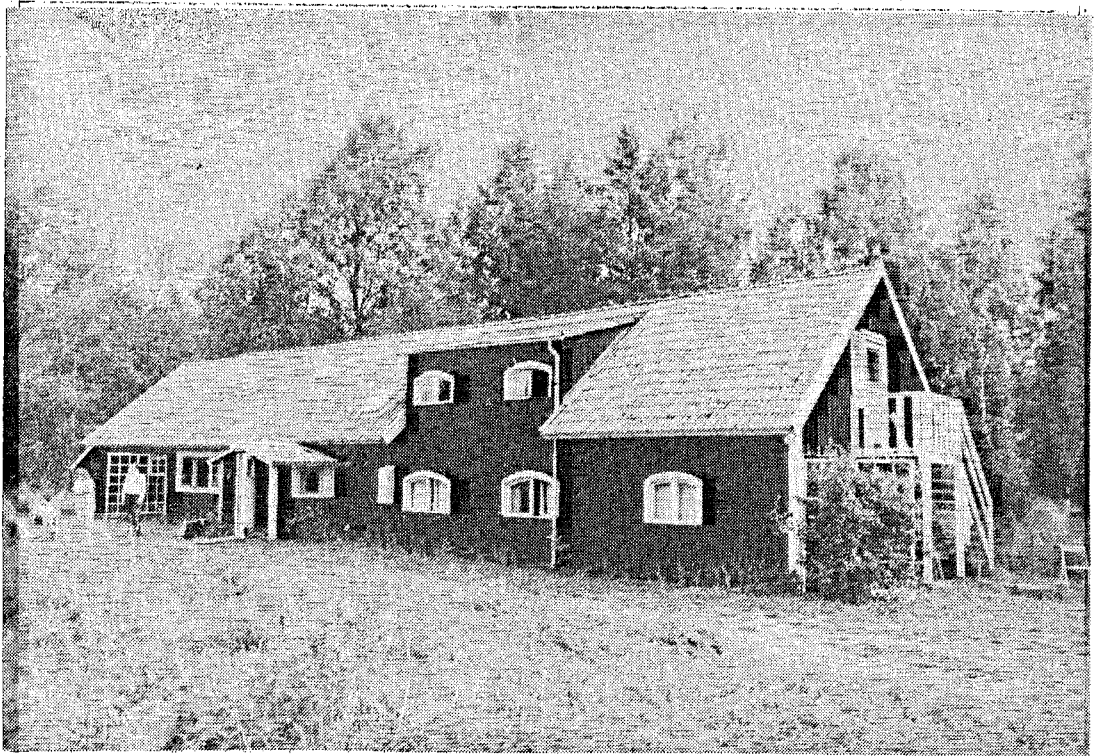
The first Martinus Centre

Another pioneer of spiritual science in Sweden is Sigbritt Therner. She first heard about Martinus in the late 1940's, and became very inspired by his cosmic analyses. Here she found what she had been looking for for many years. Now she wanted to establish a place where people who shared her interest, or who wanted to find out about Martinus

Cosmology, could come together and study and discuss the analyses, hear lectures etc. So in August 1951 she bought a place that could be turned into the kind of study centre she wanted to create, and in the summer of 1952 the Kosmos Holiday Centre at Varnhem had its first season with courses in Martinus Cosmology. From then until 1970 there were courses and lectures in cosmology every summer, and also at other times of the year. Martinus himself was there many times and so were many of his friends and collaborators. In the 1970's and 80's the activities at the centre were kept to a minimum due to the failing health of its founder and leader. In the 1990's though, things began to change.

Lecture tours

During all those years lectures were given continuously throughout Sweden. For almost 30 years Mogens Møller



The Kosmos Holiday Centre (the barn), Varnhem

from the Martinus Institute in Copenhagen travelled around in Scandinavia and other countries giving lectures on Martinus Cosmology. Mogens Møller's work inspired people to study the cosmology and to start study groups and to organise their own lectures and lecture tours. And in this way the interest in spiritual science grew. Today there are a number of Martinus centres and groups around the country - centres that arrange lectures, study groups and other activities.

Information Centre for Martinus Cosmology

One such centre, with which I am associated, is the Information Centre for Martinus Cosmology in Gothenburg. Here a group of people - all of whom are very interested in the cosmic analyses and feel inspired to make it accessible to others - have come together to work on

various projects.

Ny Kultur - New Culture

In his works Martinus writes a lot about the new world culture that will eventually rise more or less on the ruins of the culture of today. All the time one can see signs of this "new culture" being born out of the old one. So when the group in Gothenburg decided to start publishing a news-letter about their activities it bore the title "Ny Kultur". This newsletter quickly developed into a magazine with four issues of 52 pages per year, and today has about 800 subscribers. The magazine contains articles on various subjects related to Martinus Cosmology. (A free sample copy can be obtained from Ny Kultur, Kungshöjdgatan 2, S-411 22 Göteborg, Sweden). Incidentally, there is another magazine in Sweden which is published free twice a year called Kosmologiskt

Forum, containing information about lectures and other activities throughout Sweden (for information write to c/o H Sundström, Bågvägen 26, S-132 37 Saltsjö-Boo, Sweden).

Summer courses in Varnhem

Having started publishing the magazine, through which we could reach people all over Scandinavia, the next step was to arrange summer courses in Martinus Cosmology somewhere in Sweden. We began looking for appropriate places to rent for a few weeks during the summer, but everything we found was far too expensive. Somebody mentioned the old place in Varnhem, but we thought this place was probably too old and run down by now to be of any use. We decided, however, to go there and have a look. (Varnhem, by the way, is a small village in the south-west of Sweden. You might find it on a map if you look between the two great lakes, right between the towns of Skara and

Skövde. The actual centre is up on a mountain, surrounded by fields and forest.) We found the place to be in good shape. It is really nothing more than an old stable and barn that have been changed into a kind of boarding-house with a lecture room. About 15 people can stay there, which was a bit too few for our needs; the kitchen facilities too were quite inadequate. But luckily there was a scouting centre nearby, which was for rent in the summer. So everything turned out fine. In the summer of 1991 there were once again summer courses in Martinus Cosmology at the old centre in Varnhem.

Plans for the future

So now we have had four summer seasons with three one-week courses each summer with an attendance ranging from 15 to 30 participants a week. And we plan to continue these courses. Eventually we hope to establish an all-year school at Varnhem. We have



The book exhibition, Gothenburg 1993

repaired on the old building and we are planning to increase the facilities as soon as there are sufficient funds available. We have met with a lot of goodwill and support from many people who share our vision, so we have high hopes for the future.

But why do we do this, one may ask. There are many answers to that question. We believe it is important that there is a place where one can go and study cosmology together with other people. Here you can discuss, ask questions and meet people who share your own views of life. You can find inspiration to do something yourself or you can just come to "recharge your mental batteries" in a friendly and peaceful atmosphere and beautiful surroundings.

Other activities

In co-operation with the publishers Världsbild Förlag the group in Gothenburg has also participated in the annual book exhibition in Gothenburg. This exhibition, which takes place every autumn for four days, is visited by nearly 100,000 people. We have had a small stand there for the last four years presenting Martinus' books and other books on his cosmology, and the magazine *Ny Kultur*. The book sales have been small compared with the big publishers, but still we feel it is important that Martinus books are shown to people in a cultural event of this kind. We have given away a great number of brochures though, as well as sample copies of *Ny Kultur*.

Martinus Cosmology is free

Martinus Cosmology is free, in every sense of the word. That means that it is available to all human beings at no other cost than the price of a book, or not even that if you can find the book in a library. Anybody who is interested can study the cosmic analyses. The cosmic analyses, like the earth itself, is a gift to mankind to be used to be a joy and a blessing for

people and other living beings. They cannot be bound to any kind of organisation, nor can their availability be restricted by membership cards or any similar limitations. Anyone who has the interest and inspiration can, therefore, start their own activities like the ones mentioned above, provided of course that they do not themselves create restrictions and limitations for others. (It should be mentioned, though, that one cannot publish any material, books, articles or symbolic drawings by Martinus without the prior permission of the Martinus Institute in Copenhagen, which has the copyright.)

The new world culture in practice

The above is a short orientation about some of the things that have been and are going on regarding Martinus Cosmology in Sweden. All these activities are important, but even more important is what is going on in our own lives, in our everyday activities, when it comes to putting the cosmic analyses into practice, i.e. learning to love our neighbours. Here we are all beginners, and we need to be tolerant and patient, and keep in mind that cosmic analyses or theoretical knowledge about life and about loving one's fellow-beings are of little use if we do not try to put them into practice in our daily life. As we gradually learn to do this, the new world culture will gradually become a reality upon the continents of our planet.

(Gothenburg, November 1994)

NEWS *from the Martinus Institute*

Around the world in four months

Ole Therkelsen, a lecturer from the Martinus Institute, Denmark, is planning an extensive lecture tour to Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and USA between October 1 and December 20, 1995. He will give lectures in English and Esperanto.

Invitation from Japan

He has been invited to present Martinus Cosmology at the annual autumn gathering (November 6, 1995) of the Oomoto movement in Japan, to which 2000 participants are expected. The cosmology is not entirely unknown in Japan, since some still remember Ib Schleicher's lectures in Esperanto there in 1965. Martinus too lectured in Japan in 1954 at

the invitation of Ananai-Kyo, a non-sectarian religious movement.

Travel plan

Oct 1 - 20	Russia
Oct 20 - Nov 10	Japan
Nov 10 - 24	Australia
Nov 24 - Dec 4	New Zealand
Dec 4 - 20	USA

If any KOSMOS reader would like to help in some way or arrange lectures about Martinus Cosmology in English or in Esperanto they are welcome to contact Ole Therkelsen, Martinus Institute, Mariendalsvej 94-96, DK-2000 Frederiksberg. Telefax +45 - 38 34 61 80.

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The too late news

As a new departure the Martinus Centre, Klint will be open this year for Christmas. Participants can spend a few days holiday with some cosmological content in the form of discussions, group study and lectures. Maybe it will be repeated next year. In which case KOSMOS will inform you in better time.

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".

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

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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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