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Towards summer in Klint

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New translation

Preparations are underway for the annual summer school at the Martinus Centre in Klint, Denmark. The translation of *The Eternal World Picture, Vol.2* is almost completed and will be ready for the English-speaking study group in the last two weeks of the season (July 22 - Aug 5). The idea is to let the group read the new translation and collect any helpful criticisms, comments and suggestions before printing it in book form in the winter.

The last chapter of the book deals with the future world state and the new social and economic system that will evolve out of universal love. Olav Johansson in his article on future economics (page 16) points to current experiments that may well be interim stages on the way to Martinus' ideal state. Economics will also be the topic for an evening lecture in English during the International Weeks. Richard Boesen will talk about the new social role of money.

Meanwhile, many of us are longing to go on holiday, to have a rest from work and get out into the countryside. In *The Land of Summer* (page 3) you can read Martinus' idea about what summer and

Nature can teach us.

Autumn follows summer

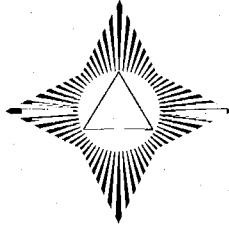
After the two international weeks, it will be possible for foreigners to stay on for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 weeks (Aug 5 - Sept 16). During these six weeks we can offer the possibility for independent study of Martinus' translated books in English, German, French and Esperanto with one or two hours daily tuition.

The tuition fee will be 210 Danish crowns (DKK) per week and accommodation will cost 590 DKK per week in Pavilion A (modern flats with private bathroom) and 440 DKK in Pavilion 2 (older wooden flats with shared bathroom and toilet facilities). The restaurant will not be open so participants will have to cook their own meals. Every flat has its own kitchen.

Further information is available from the Martinus Institute, who will also be happy to receive your booking.

Stop press!

KOSMOS is now available in Russian. It is a translation of the Esperanto edition, which comes out four times a year. Sample copies available.



The Land of Summer

by Martinus

The seasons offer us knowledge and possibilities of development

Gradually, as modern culture has left its stamp on people, they have felt more and more the necessity to come out into the countryside. In the latitudes in which we live we experience a pleasant contrast between the seasons, which causes us to get to know much more. We can develop much more in our latitudes, than we would be able to where there is eternal summer or eternal winter.

It is significant that there are these contrasts between the seasons. Through them arise all the many characteristic nuances and forms of the unfolding of life on which we live. They make up the knowledge that we *have already* acquired, and the knowledge that we *will* acquire. There is no person or being that is in a position to acquire knowledge, that does not have its origin in what we experience in the outer world, in the processes of nature.

In nature we experience two great contrasts. Winter reveals itself by restricting the appearance of life. We have, to a greater extent, to struggle in order to exist, but we have been able to overcome these forces, in such a way that we have been able to experience winter in a fairly

humane way. We have been able to manage because we have thought up the idea of the stove, artificial warmth and artificial light. We can produce ourselves of the light and warmth that we do not have from nature in winter.

This shows that winter constitutes a great restriction. As far as animals are concerned, there are many that cannot survive it. Many freeze to death. Often wild animals cannot get the food they need. These processes do not just mean that there is frost, cold and winter. They have a greater meaning.

Being cosmically illiterate with regards to the meaning of life

It is not meant that people should go on being cosmically illiterate, experiencing so many things without knowing what it is they are experiencing. It is not the intention that they should witness a divine revelation and not have even a vague inkling that it is a divine revelation. As long as people have only obtained their knowledge from other beings, from the principle of world redemption, from the churches, prophets etc., they are only at a childhood stage. Knowledge that we have from other people, and which we are not able to experience and document

ourselves, is no supreme knowledge. But knowledge that we can gather with our own power and through our own senses, renders us sovereign. When we can see for ourselves, we become independent of others and that is what is intended.

Nature is the teacher

Because people to a large extent live according to the views of others, they have still not reached the point where they are able to become sovereign in their own knowledge. But this is what Nature is for. It is precisely Nature that has made us go forward, that has formed our eyes and ears, that has formed our organism, and steadily goes on maintaining its automatic functions enabling us to wake up and experience life every day. As we have got an organism like this, that is nothing more than a sensing tool, with which we can sense and manifest ourselves to our environment, it is surely not the intention, that this great sensing apparatus should not be used to obtain the meaning of life.

Intelligence and cosmic consciousness

Now we have come to the stage where a great many people experience things with their intelligence, and what they cannot experience with their intelligence, they do not give much importance to.

With their intelligence people can gather experiences by the thousand. We can manage with the intelligence within a certain small area that we have become expert in. But when experiences mount up, when thousands of life experiences are accumulated in our superconsciousness, in our fate-element, and find a release through our talent kernels, intelligence is not enough. But then Providence has also given us another great faculty with which we can experience the whole range of our personal experience. This experiencing faculty is what will become cosmic consciousness.

Cosmic consciousness also uses the physical senses

Cosmic consciousness uses the physical senses. It sees and hears. The cosmic conscious being sees the world in just the same way as the ordinary person does with their physical senses. But the difference is that the ordinary person who has not had this higher faculty developed, can get no further. He must try to get by with his intelligence, but there are many fields that intelligence cannot reach. It is especially adapted to weighing and measuring but is unable to make connections. With the intelligence we will never ever be able to make sense of the world picture. In order to get the proper large overview of the area of our personal experience, a higher faculty is needed, and this is why this sensing faculty now has to be developed.

Spring and Summer

"The land of summer" shows us a quite clear picture of how the whole thing takes place. What actually is summer? One of the differences between summer and winter is that winter restricts life, it seeks to quell life. Frost and cold are realities that bring death, there is no sunshine, or at least there is not so much of it as in summer. We see that everything in the physical world depends on this source of life. Wherever the source of life comes forward enough into a suitable constellation with the physical world, life springs forth. We see how in the spring the "dead" trees fill with beautiful fresh leaves, exuding their scents and feeding us with vitamins for our souls. We see how the fields turn green and the meadows unfold into colossal areas of colour. Life springs forth in a great many subtly different ways.

What is it that springs forth? Yes, understood with the intelligence it is physical forces and substances, chemical processes etc. But the purpose of existence is not just that it should be dead chemical forces. These forces make something, towards which they are con-

veyed by means of a higher divine plan. The whole appearance of spring and summer is a picture of the whole of the world picture.

The four seasons and the great principles in Nature

We can find that the four seasons correspond exactly to the great principle of life. We have been created, our everyday life, our character, our appearance - in fact there is not one single thing about us that has not been brought about - through these alternating processes between the death-bringing, restricting winter, and the life-inducing, joy-provoking summer. We see that this principle, that is so much in evidence in the outer world, has a higher way of manifesting itself, exactly like all other great principles in Nature. They all appear in higher forms, and that is what people have to learn. It is these higher forms that the intelligence cannot completely understand. It can take part in elucidating them when it has the solutions, but it cannot find them for itself. We are a product of winter and summer, and we would have been quite different if we had not lived many lives through this alternating state of winter and summer. We would still have lived, but we would have been quite different beings.

So we are a mighty copy of these outer forces. All people, who are not initiated, who have not reached the goal that all people shall reach, show in their mentality that they are children of the outer world. They have in them a winter region, which is completely life-restricting, that brings death and induces cold. And they have another region, where the sun comes out, where there is summer consciousness, where it brightens up or warms the people on whom they cast their radiance or sympathy.

So the terrestrial human has two natures, and we can, on the basis of these, completely judge and decide where he stands in the cycle. According

to the size of the winter region and the summer region in the being, we can find its place in the year cycle.

The year cycle has its winter and summer solstices, and between them it has its spring and autumn equinoxes. And these indicate to us, what is taking place in the outward manifestations of Nature in this cycle. It is precisely these nuances, these relationships between light and dark or winter and summer that are in evidence in this cycle, that we can point to in the human consciousness.

Personal experience of the meaning of life and the Godhead

It is life's intention that people should find a new way to the source of life. The Bible and believing in what is written and passed down, cannot lead people any further. They have attained this great intelligence and want to have knowledge in these areas. But as they will not accept this knowledge from other people or by believing, there is no other way than through their own sensing and attunement to what is happening in Nature. The principle of world redemption is now tuned into this and not into letting a being have to appear as kings have done for centuries making people go down on their knees before them. Previously this was divine when people were so primitive that they could not think for themselves. But today people should not worship anyone, only the one being: the Godhead. And they shall have a connection with this being through their own attunement with Nature.

Reading the real Book of Life

They will see that winters and summers, springs and autumns pass by as usual, but they will come to experience that they cannot be indifferent towards these things - that it is an open book. Nature is the real Book of Life with the radiant sunshine, the marvellous perfumes of the beautiful countryside, the light nights, the green waves, the friendly gatherings of people.

It is an enormous unfolding of life. It will show people that their mentality will not go on being a life-restricting winter-zone, it will change and reach a state of summer.

In this season that we are in at the moment, everything is pointing towards the land of summer, and everyone is longing to go out into the open countryside instead of sitting indoors all the time. But it is not just to feel the lovely warm sunshine, it is also to slowly gain the ability to understand Nature, in the same way as when you go to the theatre or the cinema and follow what is going on on the stage or on the screen. In just the same way you will gain the ability to begin to follow what is happening in the tiniest plant or in a small animal. You do not just see that it is a little animal that has this or that mode of existence. You will come to see that it is hiding a completely different thing. It is just like the letters of the alphabet that can be put together, some letters with others, to form sentences, and what the sentences relate are the thoughts of God.

Thinking in line with God's thoughts

These thoughts of God enter the consciousness and make people think in line with God's thoughts. Once it becomes habitual to think in line with God's thoughts we begin to be in God's image. People will never ever arrive at this state of consciousness, without this high divine principle also being manifested on the material plane in miniature, so that people can see the whole of it.

It is certainly the case that the great cosmic principles have their small counterparts in smaller sizes. There are no great principles that are not also found in small forms, so that we can see them with our own sensory faculty.

We experience many year cycles, we have the opportunity to see the four seasons many, many times. By now people have experienced them so many thousands of times through their lives

that they begin to realize that they are not just seasons. It is not just spring and autumn, nor just that the plants are springing into life or that winter comes - it is also a story. It is, in a way, a theatrical play, a revelation, a teaching. The Godhead speaks to the living being, speaks about its own nature and shows why people are in trouble and suffering, why people are at war, why they are so unhappy, why people die of hunger and why they become sick and wretched. Over many epochs each lasting millions of years, the Godhead has developed such a perfect organism, that ought to be immune to all possible kinds of sickness, but nevertheless millions and millions of people today are in hospital. Others are hobbling around on crutches in wretchedness. These are things that belong to this evolutionary step. But the Godhead tells - in the form of all the principles in Nature - why things are how they are. When the laws or the principles in Nature are not kept to, the same thing always happens: catastrophe. When we see it on a higher plane, in our mental state, we see the same thing: catastrophe. So catastrophes happen where the human being is unknowing and so also unloving. Under these conditions he cannot fulfil the law of life.

Winter and summer also exists in the human being's consciousness

We live in a world where the sun comes up exactly on time. Every single day it is there where it should be, the seasons are created and God's narrative, God's revelation, shines to meet people, and it has its effect. Because we are allowed to experience the day and year cycles many times, it cannot be avoided that people come to realize, that therein lies the solution.

Why should there not be spring, autumn, winter and summer in peoples' mentality, when there it is out in Great Nature? And why should we not also have two natures: the so-called evil and good, i.e. winter, the death-bringing

principle and summer, the life-giving? As we now for thousands of years, for thousands of lives, have experienced this alternation process, it is inevitable that we are formed in this way. If we take some clay in our hand and roll it, it takes on a round shape. It becomes a ball. People are affected in a similar way. When Nature repeats a process in exactly the same way in principle, it is bound to bring about a specific result. And the result is that we can see the difference between what gives life and what brings death.

We can overcome the cold and darkness of winter

We have a wealth of opportunity to observe winter. From it we can learn how we ourselves can overcome those conditions that bring about death, cold and frost and the darkness of the night. And people have reached the point where they to a great extent are able to overcome these conditions, so that within a certain area they are able to experience the warmth of summer amid the winter cold. Why do we have clothes? Why do we have houses? Why do we have heating? So that we can create a state of summer. We can counteract the destructive and death-bringing forces. We learn about this in Nature, in our everyday existence. It has become a vital necessity that we should overcome the winter here in the outer world. In Nature this overcoming happens by the life-giving forces, the light and warmth of the sun, causing the death-bringing forces, the cold and frost, to disappear. There is certainly a great enlightened teaching in this principle.

In our mentality there is winter

But in our mentality there are also conditions that bring about death. We receive cold and frost from our neighbour who criticize or speaks ill of us. Malice and envy are frost and cold, they are death-bringing forces. The human being is God's son and can create winter, just as God can create winter, and the human

being at the moment is well and truly creating winter. The human being will gradually realize that it lives in a gigantic cosmic cycle, that is a hundred thousand times greater than the year cycle. By eventually becoming clear about our own mental state and the state of our fate, our own state of suffering and happiness, and by placing these states into the year cycle, we can find out where we stand in this gigantic cosmic cycle.

The general mentality of humankind is on a level where the killing principle rules. Ingenious minds are using their intelligence to find out how they can increase the winter principle by "freezing" great cities to death in the space of fractions of a second using atom or hydrogen bombs. This is the winter principle.

The year cycle teaches us that to melt ice you need heat

People's mental cold is analogous with the frost that prevents plants from growing. It prevents people from being cheered up. It is not the frost that brings the leaves out in spring or causes the birds to direct their jubilation to the heavens and to sing their songs of praise to the Godhead. It is the warmth and the light. But do you really think that people can go on for millions of years witnessing what is happening, go on seeing the causes of this or that, and yet go on being just as unknowing and naive, go on making mistakes and believing that you can create summer using the principle of winter? For that is in fact what people believe. They believe that with atom and hydrogen bombs and wiping out great cities and their cultures, they can create the principle of summer. With the sort of nature that brings death people believe that they can create the light of summer. This is in glaring opposition to the principle which creates the summer in the year cycle. Is it not the sun that we see coming high into the heavens with its warmth? Don't we see the bright days? Is it not this that cheers us up? Is it not glorious? Just look at the light evenings

with the beautiful evening scents and all the marvellous things, the silhouettes, the magic of it all. Is it frost and cold that has made it? Is it not warmth and light? But what is warmth and light? They are duplicated on all levels just like musical notes are. Notes appear again in octaves, repeating themselves in higher and higher forms or areas, and it is the same with all phenomena. It is the same with winter and summer and it is the same with the killing principle. It is demonstrated in Nature so that we can learn to see that the same thing applies in the mental sphere. The twenty-four hour period, or day, exists within the year cycle, so that through it we can learn to see how the whole is organized, what the basic principle is like.

Where light and warmth do not reach, you have an ice-cap. We have a great many examples. Why? Because people have to learn to see that the same thing applies in the mental area. Why is Greenland covered with a massive layer of ice? Is it just chance that there is ice there? No, it is in order to bring home the truth to all the people of the Earth about what is needed to melt ice. I also have in mind the many millions of people on the other side of the globe. And we have to remember that there are more people than there are here in their physical organism. All these people are connected to the Earth. And they have to be taught and examples have to be given. And so not only the polar regions and the scorching deserts of the equator but also our own latitudes are all a demonstration, a revealing of the principles, so that those that can hear and those that can see can learn from it. That was what Christ used to say. "He who has ears, let him hear". He didn't just mean who can hear a factory hooter, but who can begin to understand, who can begin to hear a higher sound, who can see in a higher sphere, these people can begin to experience that things repeat themselves from smaller to greater forms. When they oc-

cur in small forms such as the twenty-four hour cycle or the year cycle we can take in the whole. But in larger forms we can't get an overview of the whole. But we do not need to either when we have forms that we can take in the whole of. And we can take in the four seasons of the year and see the way they relate to each other. How it is light and warmth that create the summer and how it is frost and cold that create the winter. That has to be enough.

What frost and warmth are from a mental point of view

What are frost and warmth in a person from a mental point of view? It is a question of finding out what is life-giving and what brings about death. And so when we see what brings about death, we do not need to be in any doubt that it goes together with frost and cold. And when we see what warms and what gives life, joy and zest for living, this is just the same as what the sun does. The sun causes joy and zest for living to spring up, it causes life to burst forth. And so of course it is not so difficult to see that we have the same within ourselves. And therefore it should not take much for us to understand that it is better to be life-giving, to be a sun, to give light and warmth and cause life to blossom, to bring about a glorious summer when we are dealing with other peoples' mentality, that it is to cause other people to die, to become unhappy or depressed or to cause them to commit suicide.

How would we be able to understand these things if we couldn't learn to interpret what we see? We get all of this illumination from Nature. Whereas material science is based on weights and measures, wavelengths and oscillations etc., spiritual science is based on things that point out the existence of life, or the thought that lies behind what happens, because there is a thought behind all logical creation.

People think that they can banish ice with ice

We see that winter and summer, spring and autumn are logical. It is a demonstration of the interplay of forces, of what happens when this interplay is correct or not correct. So winter is the beginning of an illumination of the fact that light and warmth are needed. These give life. If you want winter to disappear you have to use warmth. No winter can be frozen away. But the fact is that people today have come no further than believing that they can banish ice with ice. They think they can melt snow with snow. They think that by using deadly means they can abolish deadly means, by using war they can abolish war. War is winter's frost principle. And people use it because they want to do away with the ice in this or that people or this or that country. And so they come along with their own cold and winter and it all becomes much worse. It turns into a permanent covering of ice, something that will never melt in the spring, something much worse than what otherwise happens to ice and snow. It turns into something like the ice-cap in Greenland or the glaciers in Iceland.

The eternal barrier of deadly forces is what people achieve with their own winter principle when they decide on militarism, weapons and bombs; they freeze other people's winter, thinking they are going to bring about summer. But it turns into an ocean of winter and ice-caps. People nowadays live in an area covered with an enormous amount of ice, because they do not know any better. But they have now come to the point where they can no longer refrain from seeking, they must have knowledge. They are beginning to understand that it is not right that we cannot finish with war.

People should guard against their winter principle

Through Nature's processes we learn about the death-bringing forces just as

much as the forces that bring life. We have come into existence as a result of this alternation between winter and summer and therefore have also something of winter in us. We send out winter and cold towards other people, when we think they are cold, unpleasant or bitter, and so they become even more bitter. Everything is best for us when things can be melted and summer can come forth. When people destroy, wage war and stir up the forces that bring about death, summer will never come. Not even spring will come. It brings about a desert or an ice-cap. But people live this very day under a mental ice-cap namely the world's modern civilisation. This ice-cap is maintained by military means, and causes people to be ill and renders them unable to overcome these illnesses. The only thing that can change winter into summer is light and warmth. Warmth is needed and then the ice will melt.

As people are a representation of winter and summer, it is not so difficult, with the help of Nature, to see that it is a question of paying attention to one's own winter principle. People have to move away from "freezing", hating and being bitter towards their neighbours.

We should try to bring summer about

We have a shining example in Nature where we can see what it is that creates spring and summer. It all comes down to the warmth, the light and the atmosphere of the sun. The human being has to grow to the stage where it can overcome its own inner frost and cold and thereby create the final result, summer in all its glory. Is it not this that is so beautiful about the winter we have just left behind? We now have radiant summer sunlight, the beautiful trees and the masses of flowers, the birds are singing and people as well are more lively and joyful. Is this not what we are all longing for? We want it so much out in Nature but we want it even more in our mentality. Would it not be wonderful if all

people were joyful and loving? Would it not be a delight if one were friends with all other people, if all people met up, and if one was occupied in sending sunlight and warmth and giving life, instead of withdrawing in a mistrustful way?

In Nature, winter and summer alternate automatically, it is made that way in order to teach us, but in the human being it is something that we bring about voluntarily. As human beings we can train ourselves to make either winter or summer, but it will become clear to us that it is best to bring about summer, because summer is the ripe or perfect stage. The summer principle does not just create a flower, not just life and health, joy and happiness for our fellow human beings, it creates glowing health and clarity in ourselves. It is not so much the physical body as our sensory faculties that have to be raised up, so that we can have an overview of the universe, we can live in the world picture, we can live close to God, we can be one with God. That is what is needed. While it is the sunlight that is the power that gives life in the material world, it is an intellectualizing of the whole of what one radiates. When something is intellectualized it means that it is logical and exactly in contact with life's intention, it means it is a joy and a blessing for all living beings, for everything that one comes into contact with. And this is also what Christ says: "One should love thy neighbour as thyself. This is the fulfilment of all the laws."

Creating light in the darkness

None of us like being ill, none of us like wars or that there should be so many institutions that bring about death. We do not like what we read in the papers, we do not like that this or that person becomes depressed or commits suicide. But we can develop the ability to banish it. We can train ourselves to brighten up the suicide's consciousness, by training ourselves to see why things are as they are, by learning from Nature what creates

summer and what creates winter. This can be transferred into our own way of being and our behaviour to become a habit, a faculty or a talent. One can become a genius in creating light and in sending power that brightens up and warms, into the dark mentalities of suicidal people or beings who can see no end to things, beings who are being frozen into a lump of ice, who are being suffocated by this death-inducing nature. Just imagine working yourself up to sending a person your radiant warmth, to understanding them and warming up their dark regions. You can do this by "melting", by not criticizing and saying: "You are an idiot", "You're stupid behaving like that", "That's all you're good for" and "You deserve it". One should not say such things. It makes things freeze up all the more. But by learning to understand that you couldn't help it, you didn't know any better, there is no sin in it, there is no harm done, God is not angry with you and there is no hell waiting for you, in this way one sends the power of summer, the power that warms and gives life. So what is needed is that you should set about learning from what you have done. You have made some mistakes. You have been freezing other people out. You have been helping to make other people depressed. And so now it is affecting you. So instead help to enliven and bring light and warmth. Never ever start to criticize, unless you are asking yourself, *what is it in me that is wrong?* Yes if one has the ability to do that, one certainly can help that person. But one has no right to accuse, blame or criticize, as we have been used to doing up to now, just because people are not wiser. But what it is all about is the coldness of winter, and coldness cannot create anything other than, in the mildest case, coughs and colds, mental coughs and colds.

We can create winter and coldness for ourselves

And so there are all the steps of the scale

ranging right up to death, to gangrene caused by frostbite. Just think how many people there are today creating gangrene in other people's consciousness. Gangrene on the physical plane is nothing more than a teaching from God on the higher plane. So people create a great deal of gangrene in those regions where they should be working in favour of the universe. All of us are, with our abilities and natural capacities, taking part in helping God to maintain the universe. Each one of us ends up being active in those areas in which we manifest ourselves. But to manifest the winter zone and the sort of nature that brings death will cause us to freeze, will cause us to not come into contact with a spring or a summer. There will be nothing brightening or warming which will be able to melt our ice.

Understanding and tolerance will melt the ice-cap

We are not responsible for what our neighbour has done, only for what we ourselves think, say and do. So if someone has committed a crime, that is to say released the winter principle without realizing it, and we do not understand this and so send our coldness, we in fact transform those regions, which we otherwise should be healing, into an ice-cap. This is what we do in the case of so many people when we do not understand them. That is why it is so important for the person that wants to leave illness, depression or their unhappy fate behind, to understand that there is no other way than to come to understand that they must be just like the sun. The sun creates summer and light and warmth, it brings things to life and creates joy. We all have an enormous region over which we can radiate warmth.

The sun creates a desert if the warmth is not regulated

Often people do not understand that the warmth has to be regulated. The sun can also burn everything up into a desert,

and that is demonstrated precisely in order that we can see it. An expression of love or warmth has to be intellectualized, otherwise it creates a desert. People can be so foolish or feelings-orientated that they haven't got the heart to do what ought to be done. We see this for example in the field of child-rearing, where the parents haven't got the heart to discipline their children. The children then grow up to be wild and tyrannical towards their parents. What results is a kind of spiritual desert or death-inducing region.

There is nothing that justifies holy wrath or righteous indignation

But on the other hand no death-inducing region is ever brought about when the human being makes himself acquainted with the structure of the world picture and gathers information and wisdom, so that he understands that there is never ever an occasion when he has a right to become bitter or angry. When people talk about holy wrath or righteous indignation it is just a contrived camouflaging of their imperfect nature.

To God, there is no such thing as holy wrath or righteous indignation. There is nothing that justifies us in feeling antipathy. We can do it, we are free to, but then we have to put up with the fact that we are making winter, and that we cannot ourselves come into a real spring or a joyful state of mental happiness.

At the moment people are becoming more and more taken up with the land of summer. All over the world there are bathing beaches, and it has become the custom for people to go out into the country, to enjoy the sun, the light and the warmth. This is the beginning of people becoming tuned into the wonders of Nature. People are observing more and more the teaching that it is bringing them. Together they will come to realize that the way forwards towards a real human civilisation i.e. a real human mental land of summer, cannot be created with frost and coldness but only

through love. And love can only be genuine when it is also wisdom, intellectualized feeling or is at the same time permeated with the highest knowledge. Where there is ignorance, catastrophes go on happening. No religious movement or political party can save the world. The only thing that can save the world is God himself through his teaching, and through people's own urge to seek knowledge. And in that way spiritual science will blossom, spread out to all countries and drive people on to become a united community, so that they will become one race, one kingdom, one country or "one shepherd and one flock". When this point has been reached all the conditions are present for people to be able to live in a world civilisation that is a real summer land, in which they can see life swarming forth, blossoming in abundance in the mental sphere in the form of artistic talent and creation, in the form of a divine existence where there is no poverty, illness or famine. You will see the blossoming of land of summer that is perfectly symbolized in that summer landscape that you are about to go out to observe and live in.

We ourselves can create a land of summer around us

Remember, when you come out into the sun and the light, that every single little flower that you see, every little buzzing of an insect that you hear, that is God showing you that world of life, that you have to take part in creating, and that you already can begin to create. You do not have to wait until all the people of the world are at that stage. Every single person has to begin with himself. You have to create the summer for yourself: where you preciously were critical, where you before were bitter towards someone you didn't like, that is where you have to begin to concentrate, to bring in through meditating the most glorious and beautiful thoughts and to understand that the person in question was not at fault. "I believe I have done

wrong. I have been unjust towards someone when I have wanted to accuse them of this or that". That is where you have to concentrate your efforts. Then you can begin to melt the ice. Because where you feel bitterness towards others there is frost and coldness, but where you begin to send in good and loving thoughts, you are like the sun and there you melt the ice.

You can't use war to get rid of war, not anger to get rid of anger: Hostility cannot be banished through hostility. None of this can be dissolved other than by means of its opposite. Evil things and evil thoughts i.e. ice-conditions in people, can only be melted through people beginning to try to find justifications for those people, through people beginning to take part in protecting them, to take part in helping them. This is what is life-giving.

The land of summer and the salvation of the world

One can achieve the whole of this enlightenment through Nature's processes and the seasons. I am showing you how Nature demonstrates it. For myself in this life I have not needed this teaching, I obtained the final results. But it has been entrusted to me to find the way in which to explain it so that people can understand it with their intelligence. And it has been the purpose of my life to show what it is you are witnessing, and how things are on the higher plane.

You see that the most important thing in the future, the salvation of the world, consists of you beginning to seek your knowledge in Nature, it consists of you beginning to understand that all the situations where you would normally be bitter, angry or critical, in precisely these situations lies the cause of your unhappy lot. But that is where you have to begin to melt the ice. It won't be long before you begin to realize how people are fond of you. Because their summer landscape is where you are, and that is where people prefer to be. People are hungry

and thirsty for love. They will also be fond of people who are friendly and loving and who understand them and who do not criticize them. And that is what you can strive towards being yourself. Why not become like that yourself as soon as possible? That is the way to the land of summer. Just like the abundant blossoming of life that there is out in the natural world. you can cause something

similar to burst into bloom in yourself, when you begin to melt the ice in your mentality where there still is ice.

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An experiment in future economics

by Olav Johansson

An American professor's ideas about a new economic system that can stimulate brotherly love and consideration are the inspiration behind present practical experiments in USA and Sweden. These ideas involve a practical adaptation of the cosmic principles for the social economy of the future described by Martinus in Livets Bog (The Book of Life).

everything is really a matter of love and consideration", said Edgar Cahn in an interview in *Svenska Dagbladet* (a Swedish newspaper) on 18th September 1990. Edgar Cahn, professor at Florida International University in USA, is the originator of an idea that has aroused great interest in various circles in USA, ideas that will now in all probability be tried in Sweden. In USA the idea is called "Service Credit Volunteer System". It is a system of care, paying for services with time instead of money. The idea of the system is that the time one uses helping someone else is registered in a data bank. One hour equals one point and every month one gets a statement of account. When one later needs help oneself one gets a corresponding time back from another

member of the "time bank". Or one can give one's "points" or the time one has saved up as a present to someone who is in need of help.

Example of an experiment

Professor Cahn himself says that he sees the system as "a new kind of money". A currency based on time instead of money. In USA the Service Credit Project is in progress in several states; the intention is now that Sweden too should experiment with the ideas. According to the plans the project will be tested in one of Greater Stockholm's municipalities and, if it goes well, it can be extended to the whole country. Japan, Israel and several Eastern European countries are said to be interested in Edgar Cahn's ideas.

In USA the system varies in the various states. In certain states the whole project is built on a voluntary basis; in others the church, hospital, politicians and state governments are involved.

As an example of how it can work one can mention the experiment at a large Senior Centre in San Francisco. In order to be a member of the "time bank" there, one must be over 60 years of age and able to give at least 8 hours of one's time per month. One can also be exclusively a giver of one's saved up time or exclusively a receiver. Great emphasis is placed on the coordination of "givers" and "receivers". Every "credit hour" is entered into the account as an hour regardless of what kind of service is carried out. The services are divided into the following categories: "home services" (companionship, cleaning, cooking etc.) and "outdoor services" (transport, escort, shopping, interpretation etc.).

With his idea Edgar Cahn wants to strengthen the idea of a "non-market economy" where it pays to help each other and where one says yes to the good in man.

An experiment for the future

It is inspiring to see how the new world impulse's ideas are blazing a trail through all areas of human life where "market economy" or "profit-seeking" otherwise seem to be at a higher premium than ever before.

For those who know Martinus's work Edgar Cahn's ideas are not new but they are, as far as I know, the first time these ideas have been tried in practice in our world. Professor Cahn's initiative can therefore be seen as an exciting experiment that will give valuable experience for the creation of an entirely new economic system in the future.

Martinus has described the principles for this system in Chapter 4 of *Livets Bog*, his main work. He shows there how in a future world state the money

system will be done away with and replaced by what he calls "man's natural innate ability to pay". This "innate ability to pay" is quite simply the person's ability to work and to create. "Money" as a means of payment can be measured in kroner and ører, dollars and cents, pounds and pence and so on. But how can "work" as a means of payment be measured?

The only universal unit of measure that can be used here is "time", that is working time. Instead of paying with dollars and cents we will all in the future pay with hours and minutes as in Edgar Cahn's "Service Credit System".

The same value for the same value

Every individual, Martinus explains, will receive as payment for his work a personal work receipt stating precisely the working time he or she has put in for society or the world state. This receipt will be the individual's only means of payment giving access to the goods and services to an extent corresponding to the receipt's work value (= working time).

How will it then be possible to work out how much, for example, one working hour gives access to?

Here the principle, as in the "Service Credit System", must be "the same value for the same value", that is "the same time for the same time". One hour's service of one sort gives access to one hour's service of another sort. This principle is simple when it is a matter of services since these cannot be measured or compared in any other way than in working time. How could one otherwise compare, for example, the work of a doctor and of a teacher?

But when it is a matter of goods it can appear to be more complicated. How many working hours should, for example, a TV cost?

It must depend on the time taken to produce it. If we assume that the production time is an hour (which is already the case today) then the TV will cost one working hour.

In the world state all values will thus be calculated and decided in a scientific way. It will not be as it is today where the desire for profit and "the law of supply and demand" decide the value or price of the goods. This will lead among other things to goods and services in the world state being incredibly "cheap" compared with today's prices. One can perhaps get some idea of the difference from the above-mentioned example of the TV. One can ask oneself the question - how many working hours must an individual with an average wage put in in order to pay for a TV at today's "market price"?

If we, to make it easy, assume that the average wage is 100 kroner per hour (which is considerably higher than the true average wage in society today), and that the average "market" price for a new TV set is 5000 kroner, then the TV today costs 50 working hours!

But its true value is, as previously mentioned, only one working hour, since this is its production time!

One can then, if one finds it amusing, continue investigating one article after another comparing their "market price" in our present monetary economy with their cosmic value or production time, and finding out what this market price involves converted into working hours. In this way one can gradually begin to sense the difference between what Martinus calls "the false business principle" (the greatest possible value for the least possible value) and the true or divine business principle (the same value for the same value).

The "false business principle" means that most people are fantastically overcharged for their existence. This "overcharging" can normally be paid only by a life of work in slavery. Being forced to put in many more working hours in order to gain access to essential goods than they are worth is, from a cosmic point of view, an aspect of what the principle "greatest possible value for least possible value" means in our daily

life.

When the principle "the same value for the same value" becomes the leading star for our social economy it will mean, among other things, that mankind - for the sake of its survival - will be liberated from being forced to sacrifice almost all its time and energy in the struggle for "the daily bread". We can then begin living instead of merely surviving.

On the road towards this alluring goal the Godhead is guiding us carefully with many small steps and impulses. Impulses that among other things manifest themselves in meaningful and inspiring examples of and experiments in new ways of living and organising human relations. The "Service Credit" experiment seems to have all the prerequisites for being such an example.

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Martinus Cosmology and Esperanto in Russia

From January 14-26 1995 Ole Therkelsen visited Moscow and St. Petersburg for the fourth time to give lectures. His fifth trip (Feb 21 - May 5) took him to eight Russian towns: Moscow, Volgograd, Chelyabinsk, Ozeršk, Novokusnetsk, Crasnoyarsk, Viborg and St. Petersburg. A few of the lectures were interpreted from English into Russian, but most were interpreted from Esperanto. The majority of his hosts were Esperantists, and Ole Therkelsen had many meetings with local Esperantists. His next lecture trip will be from September 11 - 28, 1995.

Sören Grind from Sweden will lecture in St. Petersburg at the end of August, and his wife Solveig Langkilde is planning a similar lecture trip in October or November.

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
Martinus Cosmology - An Introduction

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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