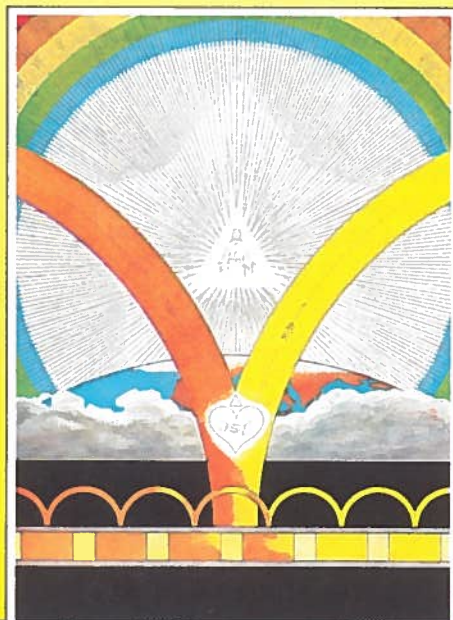


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About Myself, My Mission and Its Significance

by **Martinus**

“Tonight I Want to Talk about Myself”

It isn't always nice to have to talk about oneself, but in accordance with the mission I have, with what I have written and the knowledge I have manifested, I have felt it right. There are many people who have said to me that I must have read and studied, but I have not. I am a living proof that you can obtain the highest knowledge through your own consciousness, and this is a state, which all people will eventually reach. I have not been particularly favored by Providence. All those who come after me will have the consciousness that I have, just as all those who are in front of me have. Therefore I think that it could be of interest to you to hear how I have experienced this state.

The Teachings of my Childhood

I was born in the country, outside marriage, as a so-called illegitimate child and

I was brought up by my uncle and aunt. They were then old people and only had very limited means, so there was no question about my studying or achieving a knowledge apart from what you could get in an ordinary country school which only had two classes, one for bigger children who were from ten to fourteen years old, and one for those who were under ten. There I was taught Danish, biblical knowledge, psalms, Danish history, geography and a bit of arithmetic. I was very fond of biblical knowledge. This is all the teaching that I have had from without.

I had a very intense relationship to God. I cannot remember living a single day without praying to God. I prayed to God every day. I prayed that I might be able to know my homework and many other things. Another peculiarity was that when I was in doubt about something, I asked myself if Jesus would do this or not.

If he would not carry out an act, then I didn't do it, but if I felt that he would do it, then I did it. It became a kind of guidance for me through life.

The Preparation for Confirmation

Once, when we were taught by the vicar, we were sitting in a lovely room opening on to a garden at the vicarage on a summer's day. The vicar was telling different things and then suddenly he said how terrible it was, if a small child died before its parents had had it baptized, then it would go straight to hell. I thought: "This cannot be true. God cannot let a small child burn forever because of the whims of two parents". During the same lesson he also said that illegitimate children were doomed. I felt: "This cannot be true". I could not believe that God would be angry with me, just because I was born outside marriage. In this way I felt that there was something wrong with what the church taught. I then had my own belief, which was very loving, because I could not accept that anybody should burn in hell or that God could be so brutal.

Work at the Dairy

First I was a worker, then I became a dairy man and later a clerk at the dairy Engheden in Copenhagen. I had to do something to earn a living. I had no particular interest in these things, but I did my duty. At the same time I had a great longing to do something better. As a clerk I wrote 10.000 numbers a day. There had to be a better life, I thought, than this to go out to write 10.000 numbers, go home, eat and go to the movies, go to bed and go out to write 10.000 numbers again etc. I would like to become a missionary, but I was not in contact with the church and I did not believe in eternal hell, so I realized that that was out of the question. As a child I had a great desire to become a school teacher, and my mother promised me that I would become a teacher, when I

grew up, but she died when I was 11 years old, so nothing came of that. But still I became a kind of teacher.

The Meeting with Lars Nibelvang in March 1921

At the office there was a colleague who was reading in a theosophical book, and he told me that we had lived before and that the life we live now is not the only one. I found that very logical, and I asked if I could borrow this book. He had borrowed the book himself, and he had to ask the owner, if I could borrow it. The result was that I was allowed to borrow it, but the owner wanted to see me and one day I visited this man, whose name was Lars Nibelvang. He was not a member of any theosophical or anthroposophical society, but he had read all kinds of philosophy. He asked questions, and I also asked questions. Among other things I asked if these new movements of theosophy and anthroposophy had anything to do with praying. Yes, they had. Now, if he had said, "No, they don't" then I had been through with him. I listened to him very much and was given the book to take home. I was very eager to read in it, I had a strong desire to know more. I read in the book until I came to a place where it said that you had to meditate, you had to sit down comfortably in a chair and blindfold yourself in order to concentrate better.

The White Baptism of Fire

Now I had to try this. I had a new wicker chair, which was very nice and comfortable to sit in. It was very much alive, quite magnetic and it creaked all the time. I sat down in this chair and blindfolded myself, so that it was dark. Suddenly I saw a figure resembling Christ. It was Thorvaldsen's statue of Christ that says: "Come to me". This figure was small and stood some distance away. Then it became dark, then light again and then the figure had come alive and was in a natural

human size. It was dressed in a robe of small sparkling stars, almost like a robe of diamonds. It was giving off an enormous amount of light, the light was white as snow, the shadows were blue and the figure came slowly towards me. I sat in the chair and could not move. It became dark again and then light and then the figure went up through the ceiling and down through the floor. It went straight towards me, walked into me and stopped. The light from this figure inside me beamed out over the world, I could see continents and seas with sailing ships etc. It was as if I witnessed that the globe turned and turned, and I could see one continent after the other, still within this beam of light. When I had seen this, I took the blindfold away and I could move again.

The Sign

What all this meant, I could not understand, but later it became clear to me. It meant that I was to preach the consciousness of Christ for Mankind. This beam from Christ shone over the world, over continents and seas. This was the sign, but I didn't know how to do it, as I had no knowledge about anything.

The Golden Baptism of Fire

On the following morning I sat down again in the wicker chair and blindfolded myself. Then it went dark again. A piece of sky appeared and across this sky a shadow passed. When the shadow has passed, the sky became lighter and so it went on. The shadow passed across the sky and it became more and more light, at the end this sky shone with an immense radiance in the color of gold. Everything disappeared, my organism, my room, house, everything, I was only sitting in some golden rays. I felt a colossal pressure on my consciousness and I felt: "This is God's consciousness. This is how the highest part of us is, without attachment to

anything else, and thus we have this divine radiance, this divine force inside us".

The Consequences of the Great Birth

It would not have been of great consequence that I had experienced this, if I had not afterwards discovered, that when I thought of a higher problem to which I had no idea about its solution, this solution came to me as an explication, which presented itself to me in total clarity. I could control this and with my intelligence I could deduct the answer.

But I also realized that I was not supposed to read anything. When I wanted to go and pick up a book, there was something that held me back. For three years I could not read a book with philosophical or spiritual accounts. I was not supposed to receive any knowledge from without. I discovered that I received all the knowledge that I wanted from within. I had many questions, many desires and one answer after the other popped up in my consciousness. It was a hard time, because it hurt a lot in my consciousness and I did not immediately understand this change in me.

The Analyses Are Strengthened Through Conversations with Lars Nibelvang

I had to return the book, which I no longer needed, to Lars Nibelvang. I told him what I had experienced, and he became very, very fascinated. From his study of spiritual books he knew that such experiences existed, he had read almost all the philosophy in the world, you see. He was full of questions and this meant that I had to focus my consciousness on all higher subjects. But this also meant that I became good at creating unwavering analyses, because he was exceedingly skeptical. When I presented an analysis, he would say: "No, it cannot be so, because this or that author says this and that". I had not learnt to create analyses, so my analyses

could be overturned. But the principle, the final answer in my analyses, could not be overturned. I became so good at creating analyses, that in the end he could not overturn anything and he was willing to give in, when he saw that I was right. "Yes, you are right, nobody else has been able to see this", he said. In this way my analyses became enormously strong. Even today nobody will be able to overturn my analyses, they stand unshakably firm. He who tries to overturn an analysis will start to fumble and can make no sense of it all.

The First Writings and the Long Sentences

I worked on creating analyses, but I also had my job to do. But in this respect I was helped, so that I could quit having a job and dedicate myself to the spiritual side. The idea was that I was to explain, and Nibelvang was to write, as I did not think that I had the ability to do this. But one day I tried to write anyway and this turned out to be the epilogue of my main work, LIVETS BOG. That is the first thing I ever wrote. This, then, showed that I was supposed to write myself. He said: "No, I don't have to write, you must write yourself".

So it was, and for seven years I wrote on a book. My writing was not so correct, because I had sentences of half pages, among other things. I thought that people could understand things better, when the sentences were not interrupted. Later, when I began writing LIVETS BOG, I had to rephrase the sentences and make them shorter. In LIVETS BOG there are still many long sentences, but there are things that force you to write long sentences.

Mental States During the First Seven Years

So seven years passed before I could begin to write in the right way. But there were also other things that I had to go

through during these seven years, among other things various mental states. I could feel other people's illnesses in my own organism. When I rode in the tram, I could feel if somebody behind me had a problem with his lungs or kidneys. It was a very hard time.

In the movies I could not stand watching films that had shootings, murder or killings in them. I was extremely sensitive. For seven years I had to fight all this with a colossal mental strength. It was fought and today I am very strong towards these things.

The Main Symbol Was Finished after Three Years

When I saw these cosmic analyses or cosmic answers, I discovered that I could transform them into symbols, which made them easier to explain. During those three years, in which I was not allowed to read, I drew symbols and reached the point at which I had finished the world picture.

When I had finished the main symbol, the symbol of the whole universe, where the basic energies and all the many details form a whole, I felt that I had the support of the whole spiritual world. I felt a happiness and a blessing, which I can hardly describe. Then I had been given the basis for the analyses that I was to write later. With this symbol I was safe against creating contradictions in the big task. No one will be able to find contradictions in my analyses, precisely because the whole world picture was finished in this symbol.

Seven Symbols Were Ready to Be Presented after Seven Years

I drew more symbols, so that I could show the major principles of the universe. During this period I was helped and supported partly from Lars Nibelvang and partly from other friends. When I had drawn seven symbols and was able to show the basic principle and structure of the whole universe, I felt that I had to reach out to-

wards more people. During those seven years there were only close friends, very few people, who were informed about these things, but now I felt that I was ready to go public, that I could show it to more people.

In my youth my hobby was photography, painting and drawing and therefore I was able to make colored slides of my symbols. Now I could show the world picture in its first elementary form and I took contact to a man who had a great interest in the occult. I wrote to him and sent him the foreword to LIVETS BOG and he wrote back saying that he was very interested and amazed by it and he referred me to a producer called LØW who was, he said, a sage who would be able to understand what I was doing.

The Meeting with Bernhard Løw in 1928

It was then agreed that I had to present myself at Bernhard Løw's place one Sunday afternoon and bring my pictures. This elderly gentleman welcomed me and it was as if we had known each other always. I showed my pictures to him, his disciples and some guests and for the first time I presented the whole spiral cycle. They were very impressed and Løw, who was an old anthroposopher and mathematician, was very enthusiastic.

The First Public Speech in 1930

I gave my first public speech at Forhåbningsholms Allé in a little hall, which was all filled up. Later I had to move to Borup Højskole, which was also filled with people. I don't understand how they could stand it, because I spoke for two to three hours without stopping. Later we have experienced that we are only supposed to speak for three quarters of an hour, maximum an hour. But they came.

The Magazine KOSMOS 1933

A magazine called "OM" was started to which I supplied articles, but then we thought that we might as well write articles in our own magazine, so we established the magazine KOSMOS.

The Vacation Colony Kosmos Is Founded in 1935

We could work and give lectures in winter, but in summer people don't attend lectures. But in order to continue the work during summer we founded the Vacation Colony Kosmos. One day one of our friends came with a newspaper advert about the sale of a large area, which was exactly right for a vacation colony, and it cost only 5 øre per square yard. Therefore it seemed that we would be able to buy it. We did, and since then it has grown. We built the first lecture hall and later an even bigger one and now we have an even bigger hall from where we teach, as you know.

An International School at Klint

As I have mentioned, we have the vacation colony in order to continue work during summer, but the idea is also that we shall one day establish a major school here. Here we have to establish a school, where we can educate people from abroad to give lectures in their own countries. We cannot travel to all countries, but we can educate people to give lectures in other countries. The plan is that this vacation colony is to become an international school of spiritual science. One day there will be a large town here with hotels etc, but this will be in the future. Right now we are just beginning.

The World Picture for the First Time in the History of the Earth

The cosmic analyses turned out to be a picture of the whole universe. Never before in the history of the earth has there been created a world picture. All wise

men have bits and pieces of the world picture, and what you learn is bits and pieces of it, but in the world picture that I have been allowed to present everything is there, everything fits and tallies.

There are people who have said to me: "How can you know that yours is correct? They all say that they have the truth." I can say this because I have the total picture. The world picture, I have made, shows eternity. A world picture has to be a picture of eternity. If it is not, it is just a time and space dimensional thing, then it is a created thing and then it has nothing to do with a world picture. That is why I can know that my world picture is correct. Everything fits and tallies and its conclusion is this: "That you must love your neighbor as yourself and God above all things". My analyses show this all the time and everywhere. You cannot find one single point, one single analysis, which does not show this.

Darkness as Part of Love

The world picture also has a task which is completely new: to show that darkness is not the work of the Devil, with which God has nothing to do or which comes from a devil who has been expelled by God and who persecutes Mankind and keeps it in the darkness. This is old superstition. Later, in the new world culture, for which my analyses will create the foundation, darkness will be seen as a divine blessing, as something that is absolutely necessary. Without having seen darkness, one will never be able to see the light. To the same degree that one has experienced darkness, one will be able to see the divine light. The world has been so cleverly constructed that people are allowed to experience exactly what they do to their neighbor. Our whole way of behavior is directed towards our neighbor and we get this back through our neighbor. It is our own acts that we get back. That is to "eat from the tree of knowledge". This makes us realize

what is good, and what is evil, what is right and what is wrong. My world picture shows the giant mission of darkness, it shows that this is also a part of love. If there were no opposite to love, we could not know what love was. You cannot paint a landscape with white colors on a white canvas, that will be fairly invisible. You have to have contrast. Through my analyses you get a living experience of this. All the way through I show the importance of darkness, why it exists, and I show that there is no eternal hell. A human being lives one earthly life here, and it has been said that if its sins are not forgiven, it shall burn in an eternal hell. But it cannot, in its short life, even if it lives to be 90 or 100, sin so much that an eternal punishment can be just. It is illogical, but all the former religious guidance of Mankind has been illogical. It is not logical, it is symbolical. It is not adjusted to intelligent analysis. It is adjusted to people with instinct, people who believe in authorities and who need commands: You must not do this and you have to do that. These people only have this instinct that the ways of the Lord are past understanding.

The Mission of Christ

Against the background of this instinct Christ could not complete his mission, but had to leave part of it to posterity. In his mission he had to show that love can exist. At the cross he showed that you can forgive your worst executioners and pray for them, pray that they are not punished. He says: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing". That was his mission.

The Spokesman the Holy Spirit

It has been my task to clarify a part of the explanations of Christ in the world picture. It is a continuation of the teachings of Christ, which he himself also calls "The Spokesman, the Holy Spirit". He said to his disciples: "You cannot understand it,

you cannot bear it, but to future generations the Father shall send the Spokesman, the Holy Spirit. It shall teach them what they do not understand, it shall take of mine and give to them". Here he says that an illumination shall come, not a person, not a new world redeemer, but "The Spokesman, the Holy Spirit". But what is "The Spokesman"? It is not a man. As far as I know, the Jews call their holy books the Spokesman. Spirit is the same as thoughts and knowledge. So "The Holy Spirit" is holy thoughts and holy knowledge. What, then, is holy thoughts and holy knowledge? It is thoughts that express the absolute truth. He does, in fact, say that the absolute truth shall come to Mankind, the absolute knowledge about the mystery of life shall be given to them; he does not say that a new Christ shall come. Now it is not the person who is in focus, it is not a dictator, a world redemption in the shape of dictatorship. Now it is a science, which has to be linked up to the materialistic science and become a divine science. On the basis of this the world shall be led forward, and this is all happening. The materialistic science is advancing rapidly and the spiritual science has been revealed through the solution to the mystery of life. He who wants to, can now study the world picture and achieve knowledge about the laws of life, what is right and what is wrong, and learn to see it all from God's own viewpoint.

The election to reveal the solution to the mystery of life

To reveal the solution to the mystery of life and the laws of life and to see it all from God's own viewpoint is what I was elected to do through the before mentioned experiences with the figure of Christ who walked into me. It is still there, it still shines for he who can see it. It shone over the seas, countries and continents, over humanities etc. It could not have been shown more fundamentally.

I had my brain opened and was able to see a world which is as gigantic in comparison to what I saw before, as the physical world is for the small child that comes out of its mother's womb. It was like this with my ordinary physical consciousness, which was like the consciousness of all other people, just as ignorant. Suddenly an area of my brain was opened which meant that I could now see better spiritually than physically. The entire giant spiritual world lay open for me. I can go on writing. Even if I live for a 100 years, I can never get to the bottom. What became my task was to show the essence, to show the basis of this world picture. The details can come later. But in the short time a life is, I had to limit myself to precisely what Mankind had to have to come to understand life as a reality, to live in truth. I was not supposed to teach Mankind occult forces, to make miracles. It is not my task to make miracles, but there was one miracle that I had to make, so to speak: to reveal the world picture for Mankind.

Spiritual Science and the Materialistic Science

So in this way the world picture is now ready to be adjusted to science when science is ready. It is still fairly new, but it is growing with enormous steps. Scientists are not going to continue being only materialists, because there are other people than materialists who can become scientists. The spiritually developed people can also become doctors and professors on the material plane. In years to come, when the world war and the world catastrophes that are approaching have passed, there will be made ways to combine the materialistic science with the spiritual science, i.e. the analysis of the world picture.

You may think that I am boasting, but try to see if there is anybody like me. Is there another world picture? No, there is not. There is no other, there will be no other, you are not going to get other ana-

lyses. It has been presented to you as science and this is what is “The Spokesman, the Holy Spirit”. My analyses are “holy knowledge and holy thoughts” and it is these that will be the foundation for the salvation of Mankind and for the development of Mankind to be “man in the image of God”.

The Bright Future of Mankind

Without these analyses Mankind would not be able to advance. And advancing is very important because you are in the process of developing away from being an animal. The constellation of your poles is developing enormously and in a few generations you will not be able to live in the same way as today. Then you will want to live in a different way, and the life that you will then enjoy will lie ready for you. It will be a divine life in light and joy, science and art, and not a life in unhappy marriages, faithlessness, perversities, misery and poverty, war and exile. It is of such a character, that you are not able to comprehend it today and it may sound as if I am exaggerating, but I am not. I cannot exaggerate life’s structure of love. Even if I use all my intelligence, I cannot exaggerate the divine love and wisdom within the whole system. I have been allowed to show this to a certain extent – in a form in which it can be understood by man. If I were to give it a higher form, you would not be able to understand it. If I were to continue, I had to glide into a new form, which you would not be able to understand. Through the study of the cosmic analyses of the world picture and the solution to the mystery of life, you will grow into experiencing what I have experienced. You will become sovereign just as I am sovereign.

My Unfinished Body Was Shaped Through Seven Years to Obey My Spiritual State

I don’t have to ask others, how it is in the spiritual worlds. What we do, when we die. I have the open, complete day-conscious access to see and to describe this in my awake, physical state. At this material plane I am able to live in a divinely transfigured state of life, even though I have to have a camouflage. I have to look like other people, because I have been given a body that is equal to that of other people. But this is not my own body; it is not the body I am used to having in my own world. It is a body I had to have here, because there were no others to get. But as already mentioned, I have adjusted this body through the first seven years so that it obeys my “I”. It obeys my spiritual state, so that I have been able to live so much in it, that my faculty of intuition, which is the organ for cosmic experience, is permanent, is under the control of my will in the same way as my physical eyesight is under the control of my will. With my intuitive faculty under full control, I have been able to create the world picture.

Providence Directs and Guides the Development on Earth Towards a Divine State

Naturally I am protected by the collaborators of world redemption, by Providence. There is an organic society of highly initiated beings on the spiritual plane. They are united, but not through membership and not through an association, but through having the same divine will, the same development, and the same view of what is right and what is wrong. Through this they are a unity. This unity directs and guides the world and it also decides what I have to give the world and what I must not give. Providence is my protection, my foundation. It is this unit that can hear your prayers, that hears my prayers; it hears all the sighs and screams

of the animals. It is this unit that directs and guides the world; it instates different governments and politicians and takes them away when they no longer have to be there. It directs the entire divine plan that Mankind is looking for. Mankind is not left to be governed by chance, it is governed firmly towards a divine state. This you can also learn through my analyses. There you will be able to see the entire divine world plan and see how everything fits and tallies. And you will be able to see that “everything is very good”, just as God sees it. At this moment everything is as perfect as it can be based on its past and in view of what it will be in the future. A speck of dust cannot fall accidentally, if it could, the whole universe would be out of order. There is no miscalculation in the universe, then it would never have been able to exist eternally. Something that has to last eternally must be made so that it can last eternally.

The Sheep Will Be Separated from the Goats through Future Collective Releases of Karma

Now I have told you something about my mission and what it will mean for the future. The lovely state of affairs, this prosperity which reigns here, will not last forever, waves of karma will also roll over the welfare states and people will experience misery and pain. It is the sufferings that will make people humane, that develop the ability that means that you cannot find it in your heart to do evil. Therefore the sufferings are something good, and I have called it an “unpleasant good”. It is not pleasant, but it is a good thing.

With this ability you will come to the side, which Christ calls “of the sheep”. Christ separates the sheep from the goats, and it happens so that as the collective releases of karma, i.e. wars and natural disasters, take place, a lot of people will suffer greatly, become invalids etc. When they then die and are reborn, they are

against war and all brutality, against harming others. They advance towards light and pleasantness and these are the ones that Christ calls the sheep. The goats are those that have not suffered so much and that have still not received their karma. They say: “We have to have war, we have to have the military, we have to defend ourselves, there is no other way, etc. It is now the goats’ turn to go through karma, through wars and the natural disasters in order to come over to the other side and become the sheep. In this way we have the sheep and the goats open before us and we belong either to the sheep or the goats ourselves.

The whole world picture shows that you have to learn to love and that love comes because of the sufferings. But the intellect also has to be included; it is not so good that the feelings rule on their own. It is good and wonderful that we can love each other, that we can caress each other, that we can be fond of each other, but it is also wonderful that we can be geniuses in art, that we can reach the highest genius in creating works of art in every way, music, painting and many other forms of art which is the occupation of the spiritual world. That is what will come about when mankind has passed its violent karma. What we today call “to work in the sweat of one’s face” shall not go on, it is not the plan that Mankind shall be slaves. The plan is that work or being employed shall end up as artistic abilities. In the higher worlds there are no workers, there everybody is an artist. Everything that is created is art and everybody is free from financial worries and politics and everything that we find in this world, which is not finished.

The Forgiveness of Sins

The real Christianity is not over, even though the old Christianity is on the retreat. We no longer believe in “eternal hell”, “grace” and the forgiveness of sins.

We will get “forgiveness of sins” but not in the way it has been said in the churches. When we perform a bad deed and go on performing this bad deed, we get the same deed back. When you have performed a bad deed towards a human being and you realize that this was wrong and you repent it and you are not able to do it anymore, then you don’t get the karma back, you get “forgiveness of sins”.

All the many people who eat meat today are accomplices in the killing of all these animals. They break the fifth commandment. They never get to repay this completely, because when they become vegetarians, because they can no longer find it in their hearts to kill animals, then their sins will be forgiven. In this way you can get out of the evil, come out of your karma, because you have so much karma, that you would otherwise never get out of it.

To Be a Joy and Blessing for Everybody and Everything

The main thing is not that you know the analyses and the complex issues to a high degree. The main thing is really that you can forgive your neighbor. This is where Christ says, not only seven times, but until seventy times seven times you must forgive your neighbor. This is the main problem for man in his daily life. Most people have somebody who they do not like and do not think well of. But you have to be in

the same way as the sun. The sun is the foundation of the physical life here. In the same way we have to be the foundation for our surroundings. We must send light and heat into the terrain of ice in the mentality of other people. Maybe we can illuminate the mentality of “dark people” if we are strong enough, or we can train to do it. It is all about saying to ourselves: “Today I want to be a joy and a blessing to everything I get in contact with”. Then you are in complete harmony and you are helping recreate yourself and Mankind to be in the image of God.”

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The Birth Gate to the Double-poled Sexual State

by Svend Åge Rossen

Towards the end of the fifth volume of *Livets Bog* Martinus uses the phrase “the opening of the birth gate” to express the organic process through which human beings, from having been one-poled male or female beings with a totally heterosexual orientation, become sexually interested in individuals of their own sex. The opening of the birth gate is a natural, conclusive culmination of a long evolution lasting many lives, in which the opposite pole in the human being has gradually come more and more to the fore. On the many stages up to this point the growth of the opposite pole has “only” found expression in an increasing humanity, creativity and intellectuality in both sexes, and an increasing platonic sympathy towards friends of one’s own sex. This last factor is revealed in strong comradeship between boys and friendships between men, and among women, in worship of their female friends, in the case of both sexes without sexual overtones.

It is a widely-held view that the fully-evolved human being is asexual, which is tantamount to saying that the ability for pure love is wholly spiritual, and that it merely finds expression in a self-sacrificing and unselfish way of being. But this is not Martinus’ description of the “true” human being of the future. To Martinus sexuality is a force that is both spiritual and physical in character and to which he applies the superior term “the highest fire”. At first the finished human beings

are able to experience this fire as a culminating joy, partly through serving their fellow human beings, but also partly through caressing them, which gives both parties an orgiastic sexual experience. Martinus: “The difference between the finished human being’s body and the ordinary terrestrial human being’s body is that the former has such a well-developed sexual sensitivity that the highest fire blazes and radiates, gives light and warmth through all its cells quite independent of which animal part of the organism they might represent. This body has such an extraordinarily refined sensitivity that it reacts sexually in all situations.” (*Livets Bog* 5, 1913)

Martinus describes the changing of the sexual poles in a series of stages from A to K. Some of these stages are sidetracks and I will talk about them in due course, but the K-stage is in all circumstances the final stage at which point the human being is morally perfect, has cosmic consciousness and a fully-developed, double-poled sexual structure. Martinus: “In the human being that is completely finished, both physically and psychically, that is the K-human being or the god-human being, everything exists as a sexual reaction. Here everything is the very highest fire in its pure form. The result is that here everything is seen in the correspondingly highest light, everything is seen as very good, as divine or as an all-present flowing stream of love, appearing in every-

thing and above and below everything. Here there is light and light and even more light, everywhere and in all beings and in all things. All beings love all beings. Everything is sexual pleasure. To meet a being, to touch it, to caress it is a joy that is beyond all terrestrial reasoning, all terrestrial pleasure. Here there is only a mutual desire to serve one another, to liberate one another, to loosen or prevent ties and shackles. Here there is only pleasure in serving, not in letting oneself be served. Every caress is a divine gift, it is a technical transferring of the special effect of coloured light of one's spirit into the other being's aura. It is a mutual permeating of one another with one's very highest sense of the godhead, one's very highest sense of joy, one's very highest sense of bliss." (Livets Bog 5, 1914)

Martinus goes on to write that kissing, which at our present stage plays a complementary role in sexuality between the sexes without having any real significance for procreation, is actually the beginnings of the double-poled sexuality of caressing. The animal sexual organ will in its own good time degenerate in fully evolved human beings, as they reach the stage where they are able to materialise an adult body when they wish to incarnate in a new physical life. The mouth and kissing will be central in the releasing of the highest fire's sexual ecstasy between double-poled human beings. From this, one can understand that procreation is not the main point of the sexual orgasm, but that the highest fire, in the form of spiritual and physical sympathy between two perfect beings, is the real essence of sexuality. Here the flames of sympathy and pleasure are at their highest, while the sexual climax of procreation is a mere flicker or the highest fire on "economy setting".

The transitional stages to the doubled-poled state

There are two stages in the evolution of the spiritual and physical, one hundred percent fully-evolved human beings of the future, beings who can experience perfectly that the highest fire penetrates both their consciousness and their body when they are together with their fellow beings. The first stage is the experience of cosmic consciousness, which is synonymous with being able to mentally receive the holy spirit or God's primary thought energy. This ability becomes complete at the point at which the individual undergoes the "great birth", through which he gains conscious access to the highest mental energy in existence, the energy of intuition, and with its help he can "see" his own and other living beings' eternal structure and eternal existence in a panoramic overview, in which the eternal laws and principles appear as milestones. But at the very centre of the experience of the state of cosmic consciousness is the experience of the eternal godhead as an omnipresent reality and its indescribable radiance of love. Martinus names this stage the J-human being. According to Martinus, this being has Christ consciousness, but as there is no need for us to be as modest as Martinus, we can also say that it has Martinus consciousness. It is, from a spiritual point of view, perfect, it is a human being in the image of God, but he adds: "But this does not mean that its physical organism has suddenly become a fully-developed organ or tool for two-poledness. The change in the terrestrial human being's physical organism from being one-poled to two-poled can of course only be the result of the being's inner spiritual or psychic change from animal to human being. The change in the physical organism must therefore take place a certain period of time after the spiritual birth."(LB 5, 1912). "Hundreds upon hundreds of years still have to elapse

before the unselfish and elevated sexual urge of the J-human being has reached the stage where it can give its originator such a perfect culminating sense of satisfaction comparable to that which the one-poled sexuality in its pure form can give its originator.” (LB 5, 1900)

Even though the J-human beings do not have fully-developed organisms with the degree of sensitivity that allows them to experience the highest fire to its fullest extent through a newly evolved organ structure, they nevertheless naturally have a need for physical loving with those of their fellow beings with whom they feel sufficient mental harmony. Here kissing plays an important role, but as the mouth as a sexual organ has still not developed the same sensitivity as the old animal sexual organ, this sexual organ also ends up playing a role, at this stage. For a period, the highest fire continues to be connected through this organ, in such a way that at this stage one can through mutual caressing bring about its release. Martinus: “As long as the organism that is designed for sexual two-poledness still does not appear in a finished state that would enable the release of the two-poled culminating act, the individual can still only gain sexual satisfaction through the one-poled sexual organs inherited from the animal kingdom.” (LB 5, 1909). Martinus stresses, however, that the form and attitude behind the J-human being’s physical loving is completely different from that of the one-poled human being. The J-human being’s sexual structure has “reached such a degree of perfection that its distinctive sexual life can also achieve a culminating satisfaction in a suitably matched act of intimacy with another J-human being. But this intimate sexual satisfaction is quite different from the animal intimate sexual act between a male and a female being. It is in the very highest degree unselfish, that is to say it is quite opposite in nature to the animal sex-

ual act; it does not demand living together, marriage or any other organising of possession of the sexual partner’s life and way of being such as is the case with the expression of one-poled sexuality. (...) Here the organ functions can result only in giving, in calling forth happiness, well-being, inspiration and joy in the partner without any kind of demands or deprivation of freedom whatsoever being made on any other being. After every such act of sexual release between two J-human beings or cosmically born beings these sexually sovereign and free human beings can go on, with renewed strength, happiness and joy, to new beautiful experiences and stimulating inspiration through a sexual contact with new partners, and so it can continue. In the sphere of the perfect human being there exists only culminating love. In the sphere of two-poled sexuality the highest fire reaches its culmination. Here it is impossible for everyone not to love everyone.” (LB 5, 1902)

As far as cosmic conscious beings are concerned - and these we know as world redeemers: Jesus, Martinus and possibly Buddha - we should add that they are missionaries who have been sent to the Earth from higher worlds, where they had their full capacity to experience the highest fire just as it has been described in the case of the K-human beings. But by incarnating on the Earth they must of necessity subject themselves to the conditions here as mammals, in as much as they need to have physical parents and therefore have to inherit their form of organism. It has been a part of their crucifixion that they have had to put up with a more primitive form of organism than the one that their stage in evolution entitles them to. The possibilities they have of experiencing the physical bliss of the highest fire are limited by the terrestrial human organism in which their spirit is imprisoned. When it comes to the physical possibilities they have for expressing their

need for love they have to take a step backwards in evolution and appear as J-human beings and be limited by the possibilities for physical love available to those beings. One can perhaps liken the state of affairs to making love in an overcoat, something that one does not normally prefer to do. But these conditions are in a way forced upon these high beings in their mission here on Earth.

I-human beings and the natural opening of the birth gate

No J-human beings have, however, yet evolved here on Earth, as the aforementioned world redeemers came from higher worlds out in space.

The highest stage that is represented among terrestrial human beings is that of the I-human beings, of whom there are only several hundred thousand isolated examples. These are human beings whose opposite pole is almost as well developed as their ordinary pole. They are therefore extraordinarily loving human beings who are involved in great humanitarian work for other human beings. They no longer have the one-poled human being's inclination to fall in love, and therefore have no desire to bind any other being to themselves. They prefer to direct their abilities and care towards a wider circle of people and would rather yield, do without and suffer themselves if that would mean they could make other people happy.

"Such beings would of course not be married, but there are cases where they live in a deep, intimate friendship with a like-minded, double-poled individual of the same sex. As a rule such people are very intellectual, sometimes geniuses with great artistic gifts, and are often models for other human beings. Humility and modesty are very prominent traits in them. They are beings who are not far off the stage of the great initiation, or the "great birth", at which point they will experience permanent "cosmic consciousness", which

is the same as "Christ consciousness". After this initiation they become finished human beings, "created in God's image after his likeness". (Two Kinds of Love, Chap 52)

"Beings of the I-human being type live in the East as wise men and hermits in remote places. They are of course also found within the heavily populated areas of civilisation, but here they live unobtrusively with their true, high level of spirituality hidden. They are characteristically immensely helpful and loving human beings." (LB 5, 1883)

It is at this stage that human beings experience the symptoms heralding the approach of the great birth, and these take the form of cosmic glimpses, that is to say, sudden and involuntary openings of the consciousness to a higher knowledge, sometimes accompanied by a spiritual illumination. They find themselves in the forecourt of the great birth. The cosmic glimpses become more and more frequent over the course of that being's next lives and eventually culminate in the great birth, whereupon cosmic consciousness becomes a permanent state under the control of the will. As far as sexual orientation is concerned it is also at this stage that the being in question becomes conscious of a two-poled sexuality. The being begins to sense that its sympathy for beings of its own sex takes on sexual overtones. Martinus uses the expression that "the birth gate is opened". In the case of the great majority of human beings sexual sympathy for their own sex only arises at this advanced stage, in other words in the forecourt of the great birth.

Martinus also adds that it is best that the birth gate is not opened until this point, and considers it a protection in the same way that the hymen is for a woman, while she is still a child.

Martinus: "Just as the woman's hymen is designed to protect the woman from sexual intercourse during her childhood

years, and does not become weak and naturally ready to break until the onset of her sexual maturity, similarly the “birth gate” is also a protective organ preventing premature awakening into or development of the terrains of the opposite pole. But just as a child can in a purely physical way be raped and the hymen broken, it can also come about that a human being that is still very immature regarding the changing of its poles, through an energetic, unnatural mental intervention (seduction or other harmful effects that cause derailment and that come from the surroundings in a primitive and immoral environment) can have its birth gate opened at too early a stage.” (LB 5, 1885)

Martinus: “As terrestrial mankind is well-advanced in its process of sexual transformation, and the opposite pole is to varying degrees well-advanced in its evolution in all civilised human beings, there already ought to be a corresponding, albeit unconscious, inclination to feel sympathy for one’s own sex deep within every single human being, but it does not, and preferably should not, come to its originator’s knowledge or awake day consciousness in any other way than as an unobtrusive, gentle and imperceptible, normal changing of the poles that is promoted by Nature itself.” (LB 5, 1856)

Homosexuality or double-poledness

It will make it easier to avoid misunderstandings if we always use the term “double-poled” to denote the I-, J- and K-stages, and reserve the term “homosexual” for those human beings who have had their birth gate opened too soon. Compare this quotation from a lecture by Martinus: “I am not very fond of calling people homosexual. The term homosexual has gained a terrible reputation because people did not know what it was, they thought that it was a derailment. They saw only those people who committed excesses and who were derailed, they did

not see the truly normally homosexual or double-poled person.” (The New Culture, 1978) So what are the criteria that determine our capacity to fall in love? The great difference is that the double-poled human being has concluded its ethical development and is therefore extraordinarily modest in its whole way of being. Such a being cannot fall in love, in the sense of all its energy being bound to one particular human being who it wishes to possess, so that it feels jealous when that being has contact with others. The homosexual human being is on the other hand, on the basis of this definition, mentally still a one-poled human being that can fall in love with its side-effects, in the form of jealousy, and that wants to live in a marital-style relationship. In addition, this being has all the usual human imperfections: mood swings, materialism, egoism, vanity, seeing itself as more important than others etc. The earlier and the more powerfully the sexual aspect of the opposite pole breaks through, the greater will be the problems that the being will experience. The masculine, lesbian woman and the extremely feminine, homosexual man have a great many problems, in that it is almost impossible for them to find a partner that completely satisfies their needs. The feminine man would rather live together with a very one-poled man, but such a man would only feel scorn for a feminine man, and the masculine woman who seeks a more feminine woman has to compete with men for her favours and seldom comes out best. During the course of their next lives these extreme types will therefore be forced back by life towards a more normal evolution of the poles. ““Unrequited love”, that is, falling in love with someone who does not return the love, is one of the greatest difficulties to cast its shadow over large parts of the domain of the feminine man and the masculine woman.”(LB 5, 1861)

Martinus explains that unpleasantness of being in this state turns the being's pole evolution onto a normal course: "Life itself provides a backward movement and braking effect on the being's infringement of the laws of Nature, through which the feminine man's derailed desires are once again damped down in the lives ahead, and a normal process of evolution is once again set in motion." (LB 5, 1861). The later in the evolution of the human being that the break through takes place, the fewer the problems, and for a transitional period when the homosexual has developed cultural interests, and perhaps great abilities, for example in the artistic field, the need for a "marital" relationship is not great or can be met by living with someone who has a similar way of thinking, and here the shared cultural or spiritual interests provide a stabilising or compensatory foundation.

H- and E-human beings

There is point of special interest associated with Martinus' description of the H- and E-human beings. Both groups are highly developed human beings with a strong sense of morality, great intellectuality and creative abilities, and they are both preparatory stages to the advanced type of human being, the I-human being, which as already mentioned is in the forefront to the great birth. But there is also an interesting difference between the H- and the E-human beings. Martinus points out that the H-human beings constitute the last stage on the common, normal, heterosexual evolutionary line: "As representatives of the non-derailed beings there still remain to be described two types that we will call "H-human beings" and "I-human beings". These two types of terrestrial human being are expressions of the normal road leading up to the epoch in which the sexual poles change. The H-human being has not in its previous lives been subjected to or affected by sexual seduc-

tion or phenomena that could have forced the speed of development of its opposite pole. This aspect of its development has therefore not been able to expand to a capacity or power that was above or was stronger than the being's morality. It has therefore not had any particular difficulty in being in contact with what the main body of people call "normal" sexuality, that is to say one-poled sexuality. As its pole development does not take place at an unnaturally fast speed, this aspect of its psyche grows only quite unobtrusively and gradually and therefore does not make contact with the being's awake day consciousness until the very last incarnations before its initiation or its experience of the great birth. And as long as the being's pole development has not arrived at the point where it releases this contact it has absolutely no sexual attraction towards its own sex. (...) The H-human being thereby preserves its normal traits all the way through the danger zone of the sexual derailments" (LB 5, 1875)

The E-human beings are described with almost the same superlatives regarding morality and creativity as the H-human beings, the difference being that they are bisexual. Here we are talking about beings "whose sexual orientation swings between their own sex and the opposite sex. They can have periods during which they are orientated towards their own sex, to be followed by periods during which they are orientated towards the opposite sex only to swing back again to their own sex, and so on. It is extremely rare for such beings to establish a marital relationship. (...) As a result of their awakening opposite pole, they have great areas of interest in art, literature and music and sometimes also in science. Many of these beings therefore appear as great artists, geniuses or virtuosi, whereas others sometimes throw themselves particularly into the religious life, become priests or leaders of religious movements etc."

(LB 5, 1866). Regarding this category it is worth making the point that Martinus writes that these human beings are not derailed, and therefore the E-category should perhaps be grouped together with the I-, J- and K-categories, as double-poled. But the members of the E-category have presumably in previous lives represented derailed categories. Even though, as Martinus says, life itself through various forms of fate does lead extremely derailed types back to normality, a birth gate once opened can presumably not be completely closed, but leaves behind it a tendency causing it to open again sooner than in the case of human beings that have never gone through this evolutionary path (the H-human beings). This interpretation of the E-human beings should be taken as a hypothesis on my part.

Concluding remarks

Martinus' description of the changing of the poles in human beings is unique in world literature. Not even in the esoteric literature does one find, as far as I know, such a detailed explanation. What is sig-

nificant about Martinus' contribution is that he shows that sexuality is not merely a phenomenon to do with procreation, but, under the term the "highest fire", it is nothing less than the spirit of God or that mental source of warmth and sympathy that always bursts into flames between two human beings or two living beings who are on the same wavelength. In our unfinished stages everything can be misused, even sexuality, both within the heterosexual as well as the homosexual area. What makes the difference between this source bringing forth joy or bringing forth sorrow is purely one's ethical attitude: Does one just want to enjoy it oneself or does one also want to give joy to a partner? In addition, Martinus has performed the service of rehabilitating homosexuals, by pointing out that their sexual attitude is principally, as it is with so many other things, the seed of a higher culture of love, it is the beginnings of unbounded love for all and everything.

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BOOK NEWS

The Croatian publisher TELEDISK d.o.o., Potocnjakova 4, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia has published 4 of Martinus' small books in Croatian - The Fate of Mankind, The Ideal Food, The Mystery of Prayer and The Road to Paradise (with the article "Through the Gates of Death"). The Croatian translation has been made by Davorin Gruden (using Martin Marinkovic's Serbian translation and the English translation). Further, the spiritual magazine "Svjetlost - Magazin za duhovnost" [also published by TELEDISK, teledisk@zg.hinet.hr, tel/fax (01)4814 678] has published several articles on Martinus and the Cosmology. OT

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 that can be summarised 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 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 that 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 Eternal World Picture 2
The Eternal World Picture 3
The Eternal World Picture 4
Logic

Easter
Marriage and Universal Love
Meditation
The Fate of Mankind
The Ideal Food
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The symbol on the front cover, which is called "The finished human being 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 human being (yellow). The rectangular areas symbolise 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 stretching from the left side to the middle symbolises an unpleasant or so-called "evil" action that is sent out towards someone. This is answered by friendliness and understanding symbolised by the heart and the yellow arc. The symbol therefore shows perfect Man's total initiation into fate and the mystery of life, his understanding of eternal life, evolution and the law of fate, "what you sow you must also reap".

Through this eternal law we will all learn to differ between evil and good. We will become perfect; we will become "the finished human being in God's image after His likeness".

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