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MARTINUS' CHRISTMAS GREETING

Every year at about this time Martinus would write a Christmas and New Year greeting to his friends and those interested in his work. Whether they were short or long, these letters all conveyed the great warmth and feeling of gratitude that Martinus felt at Christmas time, gratitude not only to his friends and people who were supporting him in his work, but towards the whole of life. Here you can read Martinus' Christmas greeting from 1947.

Dear friends,

Once again another year's cycle has elapsed. And we have now entered the dark period with summer's bright days of sunshine far beyond our shores. But even though we are in the sphere of winter and night, clear moonlit nights with bright clusters of stars are nevertheless passing overhead. The Godhead never leaves us without some beams of light from heaven. In the darkness of the night the universe reveals itself. And we are faced with a revelation of the Christmas gospel in a form that is beyond the capacity of any human to report or relate. People are either able to believe in the little child in the crib or they are unable to believe in him, but the universe, God's great world beyond our own world, continues to shine on us in the darkness.

What difference is there between the child in the crib and the stars in the night sky? Did not the little child become a shining, sparkling star in the mental night sky of millions of people? And do not the rays of light from this star shine through the millions and millions of packages, letters and telegrams that are sent in these darkest days of midwinter, turning them into the biggest celebration of the year, a high point of gladness for people of all ages. What other force in the world has ever, over the centuries, been able to bring about such a reversal year after year, making with unremitting strength the darkest days of winter into days full of light and festivity? What other force has been able to bring about such a mustering of extra workers and employees, extra means of transport, railway carriages, lorries and ships in the service of neighbourly love or the principle of giving, than the so-called "Christmas rush"? What gifts, greetings and experiences have a more beautiful and higher heavenly lustre in our memories than those of Christmas?

It is the purpose of the spiritual science that it has been my mission to manifest, to cause people to form their lives so that every single day of the year is a joyful "Christmas memory" of the people they have come into contact with. And so in my Christmas and New Year greeting I would like to express my loving and heartfelt thanks to everyone who in the course of the year has shown in one way or another a warm interest in my work, and has shown my co-workers and myself love. In doing so you have been serving world redemption in clearing and opening up the rocky road ahead.

And behold this road of love will lead to the Christmas gospel's promise of "peace on Earth", and thereby life's true joy and wellbeing, becoming a reality for all the peoples of the Earth. And the voices of all these people will join the heavenly host in their eternal song of praise: "Glory to God in the highest"

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MARTINUS' LAST LECTURE



The Christ Principle by Martinus

1. It is Providence we have to thank My dear friends, I would like to express my deepest and warmest thanks for all the tribute and the enormous wave of gratitude I have received. It has given me great joy to receive all these thanks. but in fact the thanks are not due to me. The analyses I have produced are not something that I have invented or thought out; they are eternal realities. I have reached the stage where I have been able to manifest these analyses, and have been given the task of manifesting them. I have every day gone to my work with the analyses in just the same way that everyone else has every day gone to their work, and now after all these years I am happy to see that there are so many people who are pleased to have them.

2. The analyses are completely openly available. My cause is not a sect or an association

This cause is in itself not a sect or organisation; it is neutral and openly available. It is not something one can become a member of and resign from; no one can join and be thrown out of it. Everyone is free to read my analyses and to form study groups and centres around the world, as long as they follow the analyses. Access to the analyses is as open as access to the sun and all of Nature's creation. It should not be an enclosed affair, only for certain specific people; it is for *all* human beings. Everyone who today finds joy and inspiration in religious sects and communities need not be anxious for the new things that are to come. It is my wish that everyone should be in the very place where at this moment they find inspiration and are able to develop their love.

I have received an impulse that my work should be called *The Third Testament*. It should not form the basis of any sect or association. Of course, there has to be a centre, and that is the self-governing foundation called the Martinus Institute in Mariendalsvej. That is where there should be a fixed point in the form of an administration and a council, whose job it is to keep everything in order and make sure that nothing goes wrong.

3. The greatest statement in the Bible. The image of God

The greatest statement in the Bible is the one in which God says: "Let us make a human being in our image, after our likeness". Everything that we see around us is an expression of the fact that God is creating consciousness. We see this creation wherever we look, in the thunder and lightning, in the cars making their way along roads or in human beings at work. Regardless of what it is, everything consists of living beings in the process of being created in the image of God. ⁽¹⁾

Everything consists of living beings within living beings, and God's organism is just like every other living being's organism in that it is built up of living beings within living beings. We are in a macrobeing at the same time as each of us is also a macrobeing for the microbeings in us, and our microbeings are in turn macrobeings for even smaller beings. We are all macrobeings, microbeings and mesocosmic beings.

The world picture that I have made is inside another world picture; it is inside a macrocosmic world picture that is in turn inside an even larger one. Eternal life takes the form of an experience of increasingly higher and higher spiral cycles. A spiral cycle is a section of evolution in which the living being experiences the culmination of both darkness and light. These two things are equally important; without the experience of darkness light could not exist.

4. Behaviour in everyday life. Armageddon has begun

How we behave in everyday life is particularly important, and it has now reached such a low level and has gone so much astray that long ago an Armageddon has begun. We have to see the Second World War as a part of Armageddon, and there are continually lesser conflagrations and wars in various parts of the world. At around the turn of the century I reckon there will be a very great war. "Why?" people ask, "Why this darkness? Why does there have to be so much darkness?"

5. The belief in one life cannot explain darkness

When Christ was on Earth to introduce the new world epoch, human beings were, from the spiritual point of view, endowed only with instinct. Instinct is what guides migratory birds. It guides animals to eat the right food and do what they have to do. It guides human beings to have a sense that there must be a creative power and a higher force. The Christ principle is a parent principle, much as we know it in marriages and in pairs of animals taking care of their offspring.

The purpose of the Christ principle is to keep human beings in check during the final great evolution towards the highest perfection. The human beings on Earth are on their way to receiving cosmic consciousness, to becoming "finished human beings in God's image". In order to understand this, human beings have to let go of the belief that they only have one life. If we only have one life, one physical body is almost nothing. A body is so fragile that a child can die at birth, or when it is 5 or 10, or at any age. Many people never reach a great age; they die long before they should. If we had only one life, we should have a better body. So what becomes of people when they have no body? Well, they will not be able to develop. The terminology used by the church has become outdated, but Christ could not give an intellectual explanation to the people of that time and he therefore announced that the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit would come and explain everything.

6. Christ, the world redeemer

When the star shone over Bethlehem, eternal light was born in a stable nearby. A little baby lay in a manger – and the world redeemer had come to the world. Human beings with cosmic consciousness can still at a certain stage in the high spiritual plane allow themselves to be born in physical matter, and this is what Christ did in order to be able to guide and preach to human beings. He knew that it would make no sense for him to give intellectual explanations or to write, because most people at that time were unable to read or write. Instinctively they could sense that a providence must exist, even though they had no idea what it was like. This is the reason why Christianity is a great mystery to human beings. But the mystery has now been solved in *The Third Testament*, where you can read and study it.

Christ had to use the other part of cosmic consciousness. He could calm the storm on the lake, walk on water and heal the sick. He also said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth". All human beings will have this power; that is the goal. And in order to reach that goal many lives are needed.

7. The second coming of Christ

Human beings have now come so far that they are about to receive cosmic consciousness, and this will enable the epoch of Christianity to begin. Human beings have misunderstood the second coming of Christ due to the fact that Christ could not explain it intellectually; he had to explain it using symbols. Christ's second coming does not mean that he will come in person and travel around preaching. Who would believe in him? Nowadays there are many people who say that they are Christ and they preach and so on. No, Christ's second coming is a new world epoch that he came and initiated when he preached on Earth almost 2,000 years ago. At that time he initiated the Christ epoch or Christ civilisation that was to come, by showing human beings the way and telling them how they should behave.

Human beings had already been given *the Ten Commandments* from a high source, when beings from the higher realms manifested the tablets of law on Mount Sinai. They were given the Ten *Commandments* so that they could learn what they had been doing wrong, or in what way they had been breaking the laws. Christ knew perfectly well that it would take a long time to learn, and what he was not able to relate at that time he would have to leave till later. He said: "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear." "But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." "He will take what is mine and make it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

8. Sabotaging the Earth with atomic power

Christ also said that the last days would come "when you will hear of war and rumours of wars", when "brother will betray brother to death... and children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death". He saw what extremes human beings would go to, and how tremendously far they would go in defending themselves.

He foresaw how human beings as the Earth's microbeings would begin to sabotage the Earth from within.⁽²⁾ They even go so far as to split the atom, in which there is bound such colossal amounts of energy, energy that is in fact macrocosmic vital force.⁽³⁾ They think they have made a stupendous discovery, but in the long run they cannot guarantee that accidents will not happen. There are sure to be some accidents as part of Armageddon, but I won't go into that. But what about the waste? It is perfectly clear that it is an illness deep within the Earth. Since the Earth is a healthy living organism, everything has to go in cycles, even the rubbish tip has its cycle, but not atomic waste. And

what about atomic waste that is buried in the Earth or at sea? The poisonous matter easily outlives the barrels it is stored in.

Scientific research continues apace. They are building atomic power stations, and no one can blame them for doing so: the whole process has to take place. In the course of Armageddon we will experience that atomic power is not the way forward. We need completely different means of producing power; means that are loving and peaceful. There are natural forms of energy, for example, wind and water power, coal and oil, and there is the sun. If human beings used the technology and the reasoning that they are using for atomic power, they could easily gain access to these great sources of energy by safe means.

9. The implanting of the holy spirit. Electricity is spirit. Christ forces control the atomic forces

I don't mean to criticize science, it has produced really magnificent and wonderful things, and I am only mentioning these things because human beings are so bewildered in relation to atomic power. This is what you are all in the process of learning at the moment. It is something that has to take place. It is not possible to develop without experiencing. This is the reason why Armageddon is not evil in itself, as human beings think it to be; it is an absolutely necessary link in God's creation of human beings in his image. Without it, it would be totally impossible to implant human beings with the Holy Spirit, as was promised. The Counsellor is the name of the scroll containing the holy texts of the Jews, the Holy Spirit is consciousness, and spirit is thoughts, knowledge and experience. For many years science has worked with electricity thinking that it was something material, but it is macro-spirit or the spirit and vital force of the Earth.⁽⁴⁾ Science and technology make use of macroelectricity, we ourselves use mesocosmic electricity and our microbeings use micro-electricity.⁽⁵⁾ I won't go further into this here, but will just mention that we have now come so far that a great many superterrestrial forces or Christ forces have been set in motion to prevent those atomic forces that have already been prepared from functioning.

10. The goats and the sheep

This Armageddon that is to come will be very hard, owing to human beings' newly acquired intelligence. I don't want to darken your view of the world, but it will be a demonstration of all the evil, of everything that creates suffering, pain, misery, melancholy, world weariness, suicide, hatred, revenge etc. We all know about evil; it is certainly not unknown to human beings. It is rife in the form of murders, killing and kidnapping.

Today's world is full of revolt and war, murder and killing, but in the midst of all this there are many people – millions of people – who are humane. They don't belong to any particular sect or association, and in everyday life they are humane and cannot bring themselves to steal, cheat, rob or plunder. The many human beings on this step have gone through Armageddon in previous lives and do not need to be afraid. Of course it can happen that they are struck down by something, but they can be rescued in an instant by being taken over to the spiritual plane.

11. Death and Paradise

Dying a sudden death and coming onto a higher plane is a way of being rescued, and definitely not the fearful and terrible thing that human beings want to make it into, with punishment for sins they have committed etc. That is certainly not what happens on the spiritual plane; that is what happens here on the physical plane. When we die we are given a rest on the spiritual plane. At first we enter a "forecourt state". in which we are "purified" before entering the higher spiritual planes. If we have tendencies that cannot bear the light, we will temporarily be released from these tendencies, so that we can come into a light that is equivalent to that which we have ourselves created on Earth. Take, for example, a person who is nasty towards people, but loves a little dog very much. He would be able to experience a small amount of light on the basis of the small amount of light he felt with the dog. and as a result be given a glimpse of the new world. Old people who have lived a good life on Earth will live an equivalent length of time in the light that befits them. There are many different heavens. As Christ says, "In my Father's house are many mansions".

Among the lowest of these heavens is the Viking Valhalla, where they sat drinking mead and eating pork and were able to fight the whole day long. Those who at that time began to develop an aversion to murdering and killing were seen as weaklings and ended up in the hell of the day, Helheim, which nowadays corresponds to our kingdom of heaven.

Corresponding to every evolutionary step there exists on the spiritual plane a state of rest, where you feel comfortable. If you were aborted or died at childbirth, you soon return and are born again in the physical world. If you die as a child or young person, you do not spend much time on the spiritual plane either. If you have no difficult karma and live a long life, you will spend a wonderfully long time on the spiritual plane. Death is often an extremely wonderful state that is in reality created in order to be a rest on the long road up to the ultimate goal of cosmic consciousness. The more you continue with your good nature, not stealing, lying or deceiving, the more beautiful will be your existence on the spiritual plane, which is full of the highest art and science in the world. But on the spiritual plane one cannot develop; one has to return to Earth to do that.

12. The fundamental principles of the new world civilisation

There are many humane human beings, and I would think that it is the quality of humaneness in you that brings you to listen to my lectures and that causes vou not to steal. lie or deceive. You belong to that category that will bring the Holy Spirit further and that will take over the direction of the new world civilisation. Christ gave us the fundamental principles of this new world civilisation. He says, "You should not only forgive seven times, you should forgive seventy times seven times", and among other things, he says, "You should love your enemies, bless those that curse you and do good to those who hate you", and what does he not say in the Sermon on the Mount? - Everywhere Christ says that "whatever you would like your neighbour to do to you, that is what you should do to your neighbour". It is totally untrue that Christ drove the moneylenders from the temple. Of course Christ did not use a whip, if he had, there would be no truth in anything he had said. They were probably afraid of him because of his strong psychic powers. They knew that he had the power to do this or that, and they knew for certain that they were not behaving in his spirit, which is why they fled when they found out that he had arrived.

He did not just come to Earth in order to preach, heal the sick and demonstrate the cosmic powers that human beings will gain, he also came to Earth in order to demonstrate universal love, a new love that human beings were not familiar with. The love that we hear about in songs of adoration is about marriage and being in love, and this is of course very lovely and good, but it cannot last. We can in fact see how it is degenerating. Human beings are undergoing an enormous transformation from animals to all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving human beings.

13. Egoism is imprinted in the animal kingdom

When animals begin a new spiral they have only limited consciousness and they are set in motion with the help of instinct. The primordial desire and their instinct of self-preservation cause animals to be afraid of dying, and as a result they take steps to defend themselves. Animals have no choice: their bodies are instruments of war. For example, lions have sharp teeth and powerful claws, and other animals can camouflage themselves and resemble their surroundings so that food flies straight into their mouths. This defence is imprinted on animals, and it is therefore imprinted on them to be egoists. But the animal kingdom does not only exist in order that animals are continually being either eaten by other animals or eating other animals, it is a link in God's creation. It is absolutely necessary that they have the opportunity of experiencing darkness.

14. The beginnings of intelligence. The fight against egoism

When the ape began to walk on two legs, its body began to be "neutral", its hands became free so that it could make its own weapons with which it could defend itself. The ape was now able to throw things such as coconuts, and human beings could use their rudimentary intelligence to make bows and arrows, and they evolved further and created even worse weapons, weapons that were more and more lethal. The egoism that was imprinted on animals in the animal kingdom the human being later had to discard. *The Ten Commandments* pointed human beings in the right direction and, among other things, ordered them not to steal or kill. Later Christianity gave the order that one should love one's enemy and forgive one's neighbour not only seven times but seventy times seven times a day. At that time Christ had to make these conclusions clear in dogmatic, symbolic expressions and commands.

15. God's model of the human being in his image

Christ's task was to be God's model of the human being in his image, a model that was needed in order that human beings could see how they were to be. They would be led forwards to be, like Christ, able to forgive everything. But it is not only a question of being able to forgive; it is also a question of being able to undergo crucifixion if that is what is needed. Christ allowed himself to be crucified and experienced the highest degree of suffering. He could quite easilv have avoided it. He had many friends who could have helped him, and close to Jerusalem there were many ravines, caves and holes in the ground where he could have hidden. But he knew that he had to go through the whole thing. It had been predicted that he would do so, and if he had not fulfilled the prediction they would not have believed that he was Christ. He had to fulfil it, and it wasn't for nothing that he should do so. It was in order that human beings should see how far they should go in forgiving. One should go so far that in the most intense suffering that an enemy can inflict on one, one can pray to God to forgive him his misdeed, since he knows not what he does. That is the real cause - that he knows not what he does.

16. No one can suffer injustice, and no one can cause injustice

People think they are justified in retorting: "I shouldn't have to put up with this". In such a situation the first thing one has to understand is that no one can suffer injustice and no one can cause injustice. Amidst this terrible murdering, killing and misery it must be difficult for people to understand that no one can suffer or cause injustice. But the universe is so wisely organised that injustice simply cannot take place. If it could take place there would be no universe. But how can it possibly be that injustice cannot take place?

17. The I in the living being. X1

The point is that all living beings are made up of something living that is not material. Science will possibly say that it does not exist because it cannot be weighed or measured. But the universe does not come to an end just because our senses come to an end, it continues into infinity. Here we arrive at the area in which that which is truly alive in living beings exists, and about which one can only say that *"it is something that is"*. It consists of the I's of all human beings, and it is this that directs the human beings.

18. The faculty for sensing and creating or the fate element. X2

The I has a fate element where the instinct for self-preservation and the talents for creation and sensing are found. The mother energy is also found here, and it is its task to direct, through the spiral centres and talent kernels,⁽⁶⁾ the basic energies: instinct, gravity, feeling, intelligence, intuition and memory. Science cannot reach the talent kernels since they are inaccessible to the senses, it can only come into contact with their effects. We can see, hear and smell, but it is not the eye that sees, the ear that hears or the nose that smells. They are all tools for the something that directs us, which is beyond time and space, and that belongs to that which is eternal.

19. The golden radiance or the golden threads

I experienced that which is eternal and beyond time and space during my great birth, when I experienced the golden radiance – it was exactly like gold – it was exactly like an ocean of gold made up of golden threads,⁽⁷⁾ which I later called the golden radiance. It is present in all living beings and for that reason I also call it that which is alive in the living being.

20. The world of creation or changeability. The energies and movement. X3

All movement in the world originates from the I's. When the I, through the golden radiance and the talent kernels in the fate element, comes into contact with an outer, spiritual world consisting of a particular type of matter, which I cannot go into here, oscillations are set in motion and movement comes about.⁽⁸⁾

No movement can go in a straight line. All movements go in cycles, and because of this they come back to their origin. If we do a good deed, this goes round in a cycle and returns to us through a medium, for example a good friend. If it is something bad that we have sent out, it has to come back through someone who is receptive to it, someone who is hostile to us, and it strikes us so that we get the fate that we have ourselves caused. Those who are the mediums or the tools for manifesting fate are thereby creating fate for themselves. In this way we can see that no one can suffer injustice and no one can cause injustice.

21. The physical world – the tree of knowledge. The spiritual world – the tree of life

Since no one can suffer injustice and no one can cause injustice, are not prisons, penal institutions, punishment and revenge wrong? Yes, they are wrong, but they have to be wrong in order that human beings can themselves experience that they are wrong. How would we be able to learn about evil if we were not able to experience it? That is why there is a world in which human beings can experience darkness, and that world is the physical world. A human being's I is not on the physical plane, but with its physical body it can gain experience in physical matter.

One cannot develop in spiritual matter, since spiritual matter obeys thought. On the other hand, it is only in physical matter, which offers resistance, that one has to do such things as saw and plane in order to create. But in that way one builds up or develops one's ability to think, an ability that can then be used in spiritual matter, which obevs thought. If on the spiritual plane you think "a dog", there it will be in spiritual matter, but if you have never seen a dog, you cannot think "a dog". Everything you have done on the physical plane you can do using thought on the spiritual plane without a body.

22. Moses and Christ. Instinct, feeling, intelligence and intuition

With the Ten Commandments, which are still applicable today, Moses began to tell human beings what they had to do. Later Christ was able to continue with the instinct-based explanations of Christianity, and many people became to a certain extent Christian. Today they are humane, they do not want to lie, steal, deceive or kill, and in many ways they live a good life. And then there is the other great multitude who rule the world and who are full of fraudulence.

Feeling or human beings' humane faculty is developed through suffering. When you receive a suffering in return, you are more careful next time, and eventually you are raised up to a humane plane. With your intelligence you can begin to calculate how you should behave, and once you have spent some time using to some extent your intelligence in becoming humane, you will have gained the beginnings of intuition and be open for cosmic glimpses. Intuition is the highest cosmic ability. It penetrates everything. With it one can experience everything. With it one experiences things as complete. Eventually human beings will not sin or break the laws, they will live totally in accordance with universal love, they will become Christ beings, they will become one with God.

Human beings will be transformed, they will not go on being male or female. The state of being male or female, or marriage, is a necessary transitional stage that enables God to be also present in the animal kingdom. In the act of mating and the sympathy that exists between beings and their offspring God is present in the animal kingdom.

23. The crucifixion

With his crucifixion Christ wanted to show how human beings themselves could work towards becoming more conscious of the Godhead. The crucifixion was an extremely important event. We are even told that the Earth shook, that it became dark, that the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom and that the dead rose up from their graves. It was a great cosmic event – a turning point – for the Earth. For the first time the Earth was given the true solution. This is how we should be, and this is how to become a Christ being – through being able to pray for our enemies that have hung us on a cross. The dead that rose up from their graves were not dead; they were Christ beings that were present at this divine celebration. It was also a Christ being that, during the night in Gethsemane, showed itself to Jesus as an angel from heaven, giving him strength so that he could go on and take his crucifixion. *"Who seek ye?"* They answered, *"Jesus of Nazareth"*. And Jesus says to them, *"I am he"*.

Many people became Christian at that time; they became so excessively Christian that they allowed themselves to be crucified or cast to wild animals without appearing to be frightened. These beings have, like the apostles, come so far in their evolution that they are not on Earth today.

24. Devil consciousness is a link in God's creation

But there will come a time after this Armageddon, when the Earth has been badly damaged and much of it destroyed, when people will begin to build a new world after having experienced the full extent of weapons of war and everything that these weapons have done. They will have seen that weaponry is not able to transform people. If punishment, revenge and violence were able to transform people into Christ beings, they would have become Christ beings long ago. But what has taken place? Devil consciousness has developed. It must have been devil consciousness that created concentration camps. It must have been devil consciousness that operated on healthy people without them being ill. But no one can be blamed for this: absolutely everything is a link in God's creation. And you yourselves can try to see God's creation everywhere and be with God in his creation.

25. Cultural centres or junior societies

The new civilisation will be based on a political system that is created on the basis of the cosmic analyses, and this system will show people how they should live. But there are many people that are murderers, thieves, fraudsters and so on and they cannot live together with the rest of society. They will be placed in cultural centres⁽⁹⁾, where they will be regarded not as criminals but as human beings like all others. They are just not so far developed. They are at a stage where they lack development, and they will receive education in these centres and can live a perfectly natural life there. They will be able to marry and have access to schools, cinemas, theatres, sports facilities etc., while people out in real society can live freely. A great many centres will be needed for these beings that are not sufficiently developed. It is just the same as in a zoo; one cannot have the animals running around among each other. This is what is wrong on Earth at the moment. We have to make sure that these beings can live a civilised life and have the opportunity to study and gradually become Christ beings.

26. Christ politics in 500 years time. In the service of world redemption

Many people find Christianity naive and think that it has had its day. But a new period is dawning with a new civilisation led by Christ politics. I would say that Christ politics will have a very strong influence in the world in 500 vears time. We are entering an epoch in which an enormous change is taking place in human beings' consciousness, and in 3000 years time many will have reached the great birth and will have gone over to the first part of the cosmic plane, where they will spend thousands of years taking part in creating cultures for other worlds. That is what we are witnessing at the moment. In the Earth's atmosphere powerful Christ forces are at work helping to prevent the atomic energies from destroying the Earth. I am not referring to everything

that is being written about UFO's, they are not what I am thinking of, but there are real spiritual forces or Christ forces in space.

27. Rebuilding

In the future there will be a new, global political system, in which people live according to Christ's principles. They will be compelled to do so when they are building up this terribly destroyed world, in which the towns have been blown to pieces and vast numbers of people have died. If this world is to be built up, there will be human beings born with Christ abilities and Christ consciousness, and the dangerous forces will be bound and be brought under control. There will therefore be no one who can suffer injustice and there will be no one who can punish or take revenge. The dangerous human beings will be in cultural centres, and the world will be free and open for an enormous development of culture and art.

28. My work over the last 60 years The principle in the new world picture is the development of Christ consciousness. We will develop to become like Christ and have the ability to walk on water and be all-powerful, all-knowing and all-loving. There is a part of my cosmic consciousness that is designed for making cosmic analyses, and it is my task to construct a spiritual science that will form the basis for the new world civilisation. I cannot exercise my cosmic consciousness on myself or on individual people, that has been stopped. I cannot begin to say: "You should live in this way", "You will die on such and such a day" and "You will be cured". I have a mission that requires me to work exclusively with spiritual science.

The most important thing is what Christ has said, namely, that we should break the habit of criticising and being impatient with our neighbour. Whatever it is that we do not like in this neighbour's behaviour and way of being. is precisely what we have to find out about by observing ourselves. To forgive and think about our enemies in a loving way is the highest form of yoga, and it leads inevitably to cosmic consciousness. with its miraculous abilities and its ability to be all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. Being all-loving is not the same as being in love – it is a love that makes absolutely no demands - it is a love that gives. And for that reason this cause is also a gift; it is your cause, not my cause. It is a cause that has been made for you: it is neutral. You can take from the analyses and begin to work in accordance with them, and you can give up working with them, and you can come back to them again. They are completely openly available!

A testament has been drawn up to make sure that there is a fixed point, a guard, or a council as we call it nowadays, that will keep things going so that no one makes any changes in the books, analyses, texts etc. This guard will make sure that no one comes and pushes their way into the centre. You can work with the analyses as much as ever you want, you are free to form study groups and give lectures. But in the centre there should be only those people that are born to preserve the analyses, and for that reason one cannot accept all and sundry into the centre. It is something that is covered by a certain spiritual, cosmic force.

29. The Third Testament is the promised Counsellor, the Holy Spirit

Nowhere in my writings is there any laying of blame; it is completely impossible to blame human beings for anything. I dare say I have said some nasty things, but afterwards I say: "Who is to blame?" Every one of us has had to go through something similar. Christ also says that we should take up our cross and follow him. He took up his cross, that is to say, his crucifixion. If he had not done so there would have been no Christianity today. But it has come about. Spiritual science has come to the Earth; his announcement about the coming of the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit has been fulfilled. What I am relating is what the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit is relating. Human beings will very soon gain access to it, once Livets Bog is published for the first time by a public publishing house, under the title The Third Testament.

30. My relationship to God

And with that I would like to express my warmest thanks to you all and wish you a really good future. My analyses will continue to exist for you, and you will always be able to obtain blessings and inspiration from heaven. I would not have been able to have done these things if I had not been at one with God. I pray many times a day to God. There is no need to get down on your knees or do other strange things. God is not so narrow-minded that he says: "Would you please get down on your knees"! No, you should just inwardly direct your consciousness towards God. There are all sorts of thought substances in the world, and when I sense something unpleasant I think of God. I think about God all the time, and every single day I pray to God also about my analyses. I have lived in prayer, and the analyses have been made while I prayed to God, and every single evening I have a big prayer for, among other things, my work and for all the people I know that are in need of help.

And I will just mention that even though I will not be giving any more lectures, I am not dead yet, and even if I am dead you can rest assured that I am with you – *I am with you!* – but in a different way than today. And with that I will say many thanks for coming!

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ESSAY

Providence's UFO fleet

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We live in a time of conflict with tremendous political and religious changes taking place in many parts of the world. In fact according to many "prophets" we are living in "the last days". Martinus mentioned in many lectures that a great Armageddon has begun long ago and will culminate in widespread international conflicts resulting in the superpowers losing their power.

As a result of these painful experiences the countries of the world will then see the need for global, international cooperation, with common international laws stretching across national boundaries. In time this will lead to the formation of the United Nations of the Earth, in other words a global world kingdom, in which war is forbidden and all people live together in peace having common access to all the resources that the Earth has to offer.

Martinus claims, however, that before we reach this stage the differing ideologies and views held by the nations about the best way of achieving a happy future are so much at odds and that the means of handling the conflicts that arise bear the stamp of the animal kingdom's principles to such an extent that global conflicts and wars are inevitable.

It is certainly quite a frightening scenario, not least when one bears in mind that all of the superpowers possess a rather extensive arsenal of atom bombs as well as missiles that can send the bombs to all corners of the world. One can already begin to have an inkling of the enormous political and not least religious tensions lying latent under the surface and that now and again like small volcanic eruptions rise to the surface.

If a certain number of atom bombs could be exploded, the Earth's microbeings and brain cells, which consist of human beings, would be more or less wiped out, and the conditions for ongoing life on Earth would be destroyed for a long time. But according to Martinus, the Earth being has come so far in its evolution that it cannot be struck by such serious injuries or such a dark fate.

It is also reassuring to hear that Martinus several times in his lectures. for example in his last lecture, in the Falconer Centre in Copenhagen on the 9th August 1980, mentioned that Providence has set in motion powerful forces to prevent atom bombs from being detonated, and on that occasion he said that "we have now come so far that a great many super-terrestrial forces or Christ forces have been set in motion to prevent us from getting those atomic forces that have already been prepared from functioning." (Martinus The Christ Principle, published in this issue of Kosmos)

It is quite natural curious about the form that this intervention by Providence will take. Part of the answer to this question can in fact be found on the internet site "YouTube", in the form of an American TV programme by the well-known journalist Larry King. In the programme he talks to former military personnel, who in the 60's were in charge of atomic missiles at Malmstrom Airbase and Vandenberg Airbase in USA. In the programme we are told that on one occasion in 1967 the missile personnel on duty reported that a large, bright red, oval object hovered over the missile installation. All energy gradually disappeared from the installation and eventually ten missiles ceased to function one after the other, and it was impossible to get them going again for the whole of that day. The same thing happened at another similar installation, in which ten missiles were also totally put out of function. There are also reports that similar things have occurred in other countries having atomic weapons. The same TV programme shows footage, taken at Vandenberg Airbase by one of the military personnel interviewed, of the test firing of a missile that had not been atomically loaded. In the film one can see how a UFO follows the missile while it is being fired and approaches the explosive tip and shines what looks like a beam of light onto it.

The former military chiefs that were interviewed are united in saying that a research group should be set up to scientifically study these phenomena, which do not seem to have been taken seriously despite the fact that these cases in particular are so well documented.

Martinus describes in several places in his work how mankind's evolution is guided by what he calls the "principle of world redemption", and that the most immediate goal for evolution on Earth is "the true human kingdom", which consists of a transitional stage between the physical and the spiritual part of the cosmic evolutionary spiral. This guidance takes place in the first place through mentally affecting those human beings that are in political or religious positions of power, but it can also be more concrete in nature.

In the article *The epoch of Moses and the epoch of Christ* (as yet not translated into English), Martinus writes that "there will come a time when no one will look upon it as superstitious or naive to think that we are constantly under the control of higher beings – it will be a scientific fact.

We have already begun to see that something is revealing itself in the form of flying saucers. What then are flying saucers? They have existed in previous times, also in the Bible there are accounts of flying saucers."

Martinus describes that true human beings, which belong to both the physical and the spiritual world, will have developed their thinking to the extent that they are able to materialise their physical bodies and visit other worlds or planets. In his lecture entitled *The Kingdom of Heaven*, Martinus mentions that we will reach the stage of being able to master materialisation with such brilliance that we will also be able to materialise machines for example on other planets, enabling us to travel around in these worlds.

In his answer to the many questions he had received about flying saucers (letter no. 18), Martinus writes that spiritual beings can materialise and make themselves visible in the physical world. "They then appear in a body that is for the time being physically visible. This body is a materialised body and can be dematerialised just as quickly as it was materialised. If the flying saucers and the beings that are their originators are not absolutely physical and do not belong to the earthly, physical plane, they can only be spiritual beings in temporary, physical manifestations."

Seen in the light of Martinus' description of the interesting opening up of possibilities in the true human kingdom that is to come, it becomes easier to understand a part of the UFO issue. The UFOs that were observed hovering above the atomic missiles seem to be materialisations produced by "true human beings" that live on more highlyevolved planets, and whose task it is to monitor mankind's fate.

In order to have such a concrete influence on such things as atomic missiles seems to require being physically present, and the spiritual beings whose task it is have in these cases clearly materialised themselves and the aircraft they are travelling in so that they can carry out their task. These incidents can be seen as "trial runs" for more serious situations that may come.

We are therefore witnessing our own future in the form of the activity of these beings. A future that will certainly contain many more positive experiences than just monitoring the culmination of devil consciousness, which, when seen in a broader perspective, is fortunately despite everything relatively short-lived.

For those of you who are interested, the TV programmes can be seen on this web address: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=tbUji0Ttcfo&feature=related

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THEORY OF SCIENCE

Is Martinus Cosmology a science?

by Magdalena Rosell



Why is this a relevant question?

Whether Martinus Cosmology can be classified as a science in accordance with today's concepts or ideas about what science actually is, is not a question that changes the content or substance of the cosmology. The question though might be relevant, as it at first sight might seem to be something religious or based on belief. It would be nice to be able to explain why this is not the case and why the scientific world has not heard about it. This subject can be treated in many ways and from different perspectives. In this presentation I will share some of my thoughts on this subject, mainly with the purpose of trying to relate Martinus Cosmology to different theories about what science is.

Is Martinus Cosmology a science?

Is Martinus Cosmology, or The Third Testament, a science? Martinus says that it is, based on the fact that his work consists of cosmic analyses that are all throughout logical. If you look up the words "science", "analysis", "cosmos" and "logic", one could express the above sentences in the following way: "Martinus' work represents organized knowledge and constitutes a thorough examination of the components of the universe or the world order and in this examination the conclusions are all together concurrent". Martinus also points out that everything that he describes is one hundred percent in accordance with "Nature's direct speech", which is something we ourselves can investigate and confirm through our own experience. In order to further emphasize that we are dealing with a science, Martinus points out that we should not believe what he writes, but rather use our own reasoning and experience to carefully investigate whether it seems reasonable that it might be as he describes.

If Martinus Cosmology is a science, why is it not generally accepted as such?

If Martinus is right in what he says, why is not the cosmology an accepted subject that one can study at our schools and universities? Natural science is involved in investigating nature, why then has it not "discovered" Martinus' world picture? Well, it has, to a certain extent. Natural science confirms that physical matter reacts according to cause and effect, which the cosmology sees as part of the solution. That matter reacts according to laws is seen by the cosmology as a necessary but not sufficient cause of all the phenomena that we can experience and observe. According to the cosmology the chains of cause and effect of matter constitute merely the "outside" of the Universe whereas the more fundamental cause of all phenomena is to be found "behind" or "beyond" matter. Martinus describes these two aspects of the Universe by using the concepts "results of weight and measure" and "results of expressions of life" respectively, but I will not go further into that here.⁽¹⁾

If the fact that matter is governed by laws is an insufficient explanation of the phenomena of Nature, how can it be that this insufficiency has not been revealed within natural science? From the perspective of Martinus Cosmology this is explained in terms of the evolution of consciousness, which can be summed up by saving that the eternal existence and life experience of the Universe (according to the cosmology, the Universe is a living being) is maintained by the consciousness of all living being that together constitute the actual Universe, continually being renewed in a cosmic cycle of involution and evolution. In one section of such a cycle our consciousness develops through countless incarnations from an animal consciousness to a human consciousness and we, terrestrial mankind, are currently in a kind of transition state. During this transition there is a period in which we have the ability to perceive the world only with our physical senses. We become materialists who do not have sufficient grounds to assume that anything exists beyond the physical. The problems that we want to solve will therefore be formulated within the framework of the materialistic perspective. (2)

We do not, however, need to refer entirely to the cosmic analyses in order to explain why Martinus Cosmology in not an accepted science. In my view this can also be understood from theories about what science actually is, a subject that is studied under the heading of the philosophy of science.

The question whether or not Martinus Cosmology is a science probably becomes confused because there are many different opinions about what a science is. A perhaps common view of science even amongst scientists is that it is something that grows gradually through careful and systematic mapping of reality bit by bit, with the purpose of achieving some kind of truth. There is in science a kind of ideal concerning rationality that implies that science grows through rational (logical) methods and that there exist universal criteria concerning what science is and what science is not.

When it comes to it, it has turned out very difficult to define such criteria or methods about what science is, and science does not seem to be something that grows gradually either. But if it is not a systematic mapping of reality or a kind of searching for the truth, what is it? And why does it have such a high position?

What is science, really?

A simple idea about what science is can be represented by the inductive method, which involves collecting a number of observations from which one then draws general conclusions. This method, however, is logically invalid because one can never guarantee that the conclusion is true, even if there are very many observations. For example, if one has studied thousands of swans that all have been white and draw the conclusion that all swans are white, one can never be completely sure that there do not exist black swans that are as yet undiscovered. Therefore you cannot on empirical grounds, strictly logically prove that a hypothesis is true. On the other hand you can put forward so-called proofs (empirical evidence) that strongly support a certain hypothesis.

Karl Popper (1902-1994), a researcher in the field of the philosophy of science, tried to get around the problem of induction by giving precedence to the idea that instead of trying to prove that a hypothesis is true one can try to prove that a hypothesis is false. One does so through testing one's hypothesis, preferably a daring one, by trying it out it empirically. For instance, if we set up a hypothesis that all swans are white, we can test the hypothesis by studying a large number of swans. Even if all observations confirm the hypothesis, we cannot, as just mentioned, draw the conclusion that it is true. If, on the other hand, an observation contradicts the hypothesis, one can, according to Popper's idea, draw a true conclusion that the hypothesis is false. If a hypothesis manages to oppose all efforts to contradict it, it will be considered probable for the time being. Popper's development of this so called "hypotheticdeductive" method has had a strong influence on science. The idea of being independent in relation to a hypothesis and simply trying it out is attractive.

Both the method of induction and Popper's method are burdened with the problem of the observations' dependency on theory, which means that there are no pure observations because observations are in themselves based on a number of theories. If we go back to our aforementioned example, we can see that our observations of swans involve, for instance, assumptions and ideas about what swans are, what colours are, the possibility of change in the swan's plumage, how a number of factors such as the sun, the seasons, atmospheric pressure might affect the swans or the nature of the feathers, how our instruments and methods for classifying swans or measuring colour work, which also includes how our eyes and senses work, and so on. Without being aware of it, we have as our starting point a number of assumptions and auxiliary hypotheses and our investigation rapidly becomes more complicated than it first appeared to be. It is, in other words, not very easy to test a hypothesis, because observations and hypotheses are intimately connected in a kind of concept or a larger theory or idea about reality.

When we look back into history, Popper's method does not agree with the picture of how science has grown. If the method had been used at the time of Copernicus' heliocentric system of the planets with the sun in the centre instead of the earth, it would never have developed, as at that time there were many obvious and self-evident observations that contradicted the theory. The concept of force was not yet developed and if the earth is spinning around its own axis, loose objects therefore ought to get thrown out into space, as the concept of gravitation was not yet known. There were also important astronomical observations against Copernicus' theory, based on the idea that the distance between the planets and the stars was much less than we today know it to be.

More modern theories about what science is, that better coincide with what history shows have been presented by Imre Lakatos (1922-1974) and Tomas Kuhn (1922-1976), who describe science as research programmes or scientific paradigms. A scientific paradigm consists of a system of interlinked theories and contains a so-called hard core of non-spoken assumptions and laws, certain metaphysical principles, a set-up of concepts and standardized methods that are not questioned. Around the hard core there is a kind of protective guard consisting of auxiliary hypotheses and other assumptions that can be modified and adjusted in order to protect the hard core. In the same way as an apprentice learns a craft with an experienced craftsman, a student of science learns his discipline, its methods and techniques without being able to report them. The inability to solve problems is referred to as inadequacies in the methods, not as inadequacies in the paradigm itself. Working within a paradigm is like laying (solving) a jigsaw puzzle both theoretically and experimentally and to work (do it) efficiently you have to be educated within the paradigm. This, however, also involves that you stay ignorant about the paradigm and thereby without the means of more carefully formulating what characterizes it.

What does it mean that science of today can be described as a scientific paradigm?

On the basis of these theories the whole of materialistic science could be described as one large paradigm. It is true that this paradigm holds within itself many paradigms with different disciplines but they all have a materialistic foundation consisting of the common hard core. Those who work within the paradigm cannot really describe its foundation since it is not included in their education to reflect over it.

That natural science has not revealed that the chains of cause and effect in the material world only constitute the "outside" of the universe and therefore are inadequate in explaining the phenomena of Nature, can be understood by the fact that science is not a systematic mapping of reality in order to find some kind of truth, but rather a fiddling with bits that are in advance defined by the ideas about the world represented by the system of thought or paradigm within which you are working.

This, however, does not prevent you, within the materialistic paradigm, from describing the scientific work as some kind of searching for truth or mapping of reality, which also can explain why established science has such a high status in society. There is, however, no awareness about the fact that this searching does not take place unconditionally but within a certain system of thought. This prevailing concept of the world is taken for granted and it is very difficult to imagine another kind of scientific system of thought. As a consequence you tend to ignore or not see phenomena that lie outside the boundaries of the paradigm because you are not searching for that kind of information. Likewise, questions that lie outside the boundaries of the paradigm are not taken particularly seriously because these questions can only be comprehended

based on an idea about the world that to a person working within the paradigm seem strange or unreal.

Does Martinus Cosmology constitute a scientific paradigm?

Martinus cosmology consists of an extensive system of meticulous, cohesive theories that offer possibilities of developing details, trying out new ways of solving problems and preconceiving new phenomena and ought to therefore be an excellent scientific paradigm to work within. As opposed to other paradigms that exist so far, there are, however, as far as I can see, no hidden assumptions. concepts or unspoken foundations. Even though everything in its contents cannot totally be understood by means of reason, the hard core of metaphysical principles and cosmic laws are described in a clear and precise way. Clarifying the foundations of the paradigm in this way might lead to incorrect associations when calling Martinus cosmology a paradigm, but the exact meaning of the word paradigm is actually world picture or system of thoughts.

To consider the cosmology a scientific paradigm or programme of research can make things easier when you faced with observations that seem to contradict the cosmology. If we agree that, for instance, there are no pure or independent observations we will not be able to see "the direct speech of Nature" in the way Martinus did, as long as we do not have cosmic consciousness. This means that, from the point of view of our own ideas about the world or our ability to perceive, we cannot confirm by means of our observations and experiences that the cosmology is entirely correct in all areas. It is, however, not necessary to reject a complete scientific programme that has a high potential due to the fact that certain observations don't seem to fit. One is allowed to temporarily use auxiliary hypotheses to protect the hard

core and possibly adjusting them as the degree of knowledge and understanding grows.

However, the question why Martinus Cosmology is not an accepted programme of research has not yet been answered. Is it possible from the point of view of the theory of science to explain why certain paradigms are successful, leading to extensive activity, whereas others are not?

What factors decide the success of a paradigm?

There does not seem to be any agreement about the question of what decides the success of a scientific programme. Attempts have been made to show that changes of theories or paradigm shifts rest on some kind of rational decisions or methods, but these attempts have been met with objections. An important point that appears in all attempts is that the success of a programme of research is decided by how well it foresees phenomena and solves problems. What Kuhn points out is that it is society or the individuals that decide what constitutes a problem, and that it is subjective judgements, interests and desires that therefore decide what science is. From this point of view one could say that Martinus Cosmology is not a generally accepted science because society has not shown a sufficiently serious interest in the type of problems and questions that the cosmology can offer solutions to.

This coincides with what Martinus writes about the development of consciousness. He writes that we have to have been through a certain amount of suffering before we seriously begin to ask the questions that the cosmology answers, questions such as: How can everything be so unjust and without meaning? How does one achieve inner peace? What is the point of the whole thing? Is their a life after death? What is consciousness? Does God exist? What is everything, really? If you have an interest in cosmology you might find it strange that there are not more people who seriously would like to have answers to these questions. But for somebody who is within the materialistic paradigm these kinds of questions seem foreign and are dismissed as unscientific. Within the predominant paradigm there is no space to work with this type of question.

According to Kuhn, a shift of paradigm does not occur until there is a real crisis in the form of unsolved riddles and serious deviations that hits the foundation of the paradigm and that resists all attempts to be eliminated. The deviations or unsolved riddles within the materialistic paradigm have not vet become a large enough problem to motivate a serious questioning of the foundation of the paradigm. The paradigm has been and still is extremely successful in many ways. This is shown especially by the enormous technical development that has taken place and people trust that also the unsolved riddles will be solved if only more bits are put into place within the paradigm.

Another factor that can contribute to explain the low interest shown until now in Martinus Cosmology could be that there are many people who just don't know that it exists. Martinus points out that it is the bees that should come to the honev and not the other way round, but he has also said that there are millions of people in the world today that have enough experience of suffering to be open to the Cosmology and who would be greatly helped by it. The question whether it is a lack of experience of suffering (and thereby lack of interest) or a lack of information about the existence of the Cosmology that is the reason why the Cosmology is as unknown as it is today, is something that is often discussed amongst those who are interested in Martinus, and the answer is

of course not so simple that it would be exclusively the one or the other.

What will happen in the near future?

I can of course only speculate about what the future will be like. If we look back into history we can see that the scientific revolution caused a great change in the Western world picture. from an Aristotelian and ecclesiastical world picture - with the earth as a fixed point in the centre, elements striving towards their natural positions, a perfect heavenly vault within which everything moved in perfect circles and where everything was connected to a divine order - to the world picture of today, where all that exists is matter, energy and natural laws and where the concept of God is seen as an imaginative or naive residue from the past. This change, though, did not take place over night. It took several hundred years and there were many different events and factors that contributed to the development.

Today things are different. Information is available today in a totally different way than in the past. (For example, at the time when Newton's "Principia Mathematica" was published in 1687, a work that was of fundamental importance to modern science, it was read by probably less than a hundred persons, of which only a few had what was needed to understand what was written.) Furthermore, for those who are seriously beginning to doubt the sufficiency of the predominant world picture today, there is an alternative in the form of Martinus Cosmology already served and available. That the cosmic analyses, both in their content and in the way they are presented, are so totally different from the way science usually looks or is presented in the prevailing paradigm, may of course be a challenge, but perhaps it plays an important role in preventing a shift of theory taking place too hastily.

Martinus Cosmology is not really in opposition to either the materialistic or the religious paradigm, but consists of a clear and intelligent synthesis of these. The future is therefore not about throwing out all that is old; it is about bringing forward what is an expression of logic in the past and present systems of thought and incorporating them into an all-encompassing system.

It will then become clear that logic is the same as that which in precious moments can be experienced as an unusual sense of harmony and wholeness, that everything is an expression of an allembracing love.

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- 1. The concepts "results of weight and measure" and "results of expressions of life" are described in the text to symbol no. 40, *The Eternal World Picture*, Vol. 4 and in the book *On Funerals* (not yet translated into English).
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Empty space is consciousness

We know that the empty space between particles is far greater than the particles themselves. So when we buy something, whether a car or a banana, the product description should actually read "This product consists of 99.99999 % empty space". That may of course increase the likelihood of the customer having some doubts about the reliability and durability of the product.

If we empty the atoms of the empty space between the particles, an aircraft carrier will be reduced to less than the size of a pinhead. The Earth will be no larger than a football. In fact everything we see is literally hovering in empty space; it is primarily made of empty space.

So what is this empty space? (...) In everyday life we know that the space around us is full of something invisible: radiowaves, tv-waves, mobile phone conversations, cosmic radiation, light etc., and of course it is also full of a great many waves that our present-day instruments cannot measure.

So what are radio, tv, or mobile phone waves? They are waves that are activated by human consciousness. They are songs, music, speech, numbers, pictures, films etc., that move at incredible speeds through the so-called empty space. The movements of these invisible waves are picked up by the receivers so that the pictures and sound can reach our senses and we can communicate regardless of distance.

Similarly, our mentality penetrates the entire socalled empty space in the ocean of cells, molecules and atoms that makes up our body. Here our consciousness organizes the body's inner activity, holding it together with the help of its automatised will to live. (...) From what we call empty space subtle, electrical forces of consciousness stream into the physical space where they form and create structure for all the organisms of the physical world. To the person who is able to see the world of the spirit everything in the physical world consists of materialised consciousness. No organism or movement directed towards an end can arise without the wish and building up of force from a consciousness.

Excerpt from Chapter 2 of Sören Grind's book Livet – din spegel.

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