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Dear Friends in India and Abroad.

If you on Friday the 1st August, 1958 had been amongst the many, who had the opportunity to hear Martinus' closing lecture: "What does death mean?" then I know that you would have listened with the same intensity as all the rest of us. Martinus spoke only this one time in the "Holiday Colony" that summer, and he spoke very subduedly, but I know from many of the listeners, that nothing of what he said was lost. There was a breathless stillness in the hall during the whole lecture, and though I in advance know that it is almost impossible to reproduce this lecture in a concentrated form, I will still try, so much more as I at present have both his notes and himself on whom I can lean. Unfortunately one cannot reproduce the solemn atmosphere, which filled the hall during the lecture, but I hope all the same, that something of it will radiate to you during your reading.

**Martinus:**

## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF DEATH

A common phenomenon in the earthly human mentality is the fear of death. Almost all people are afraid of death. For many people this fear borders to an almost permanent, terrible nightmare. They live in an eternal horror of it. But why? Why is the human being so afraid of dying? The reason is that the being is not yet a finished being from the hand of nature. To have the fear of death is an unfinished side in the earthly human beings mentality in the same way as this to be able to feel hatred, anger or bitterness towards fellow-beings. And in the same way as the human being some day will have conquered the faculty to feel hatred towards someone or something, so will he also some day have conquered every form of the fear of death. It is not the meaning of life that the human being shall continue to live in fear. No human being can be totally happy, as long as it fears something.

"The human being in God's image" or the finished-developed human being, is not a being who is afraid of dying. Here we may perhaps assert, that those who commit suicide are not for example afraid of death. But that is not right. A suicide is a human being who has come so much into conflict with life, that it has become an unbearable evil. As such a human being does not know what it is

to die, then he believes, that it is tantamount to total annihilation. He therefore looks upon death as a lesser evil than continuing to live. That is why he commits suicide. But then he will discover, that what he thought he would be released from, that which he thought he could kill or wipe out, namely all the unhappy thoughts, which caused him to commit suicide, are just as living, just as painful after death. Very soon after the suicide he discovers, that he continually finds himself in the unhappy condition, in which he found himself, before he committed suicide; yes, that this condition is now further aggravated through the fact, that in that lifesphere, into which he has brought himself, there is not found any uplifting moment. Here everything exists as total darkness in pure culture. A suicide is after death only able to contact human beings, who are on the same spiritual wavelength as he himself. He will only be able to experience a world, the inhabitants of which are stamped by a culminating mental pessimism. As he is not any more in possession of physical senses, as he has killed his physical body, then he is prevented from experiencing the impulses of light, he otherwise would have got from the physical world. In the world he has now entered, there is no blue sky, no pleasantly shining and warming sunshine, no beautiful flower world and no happy human beings. In other words, none of the stimulating experiences, which he had the possibility to contact in the physical world are found here. These phenomena are only found on much higher and finer wavelengths than those, which he is now able to experience. He can therefore now only sense or experience life through the wavelength or the depressing sense-condition into which the suicide has brought him. As this condition is still more dark than the one from which he tried to run away, then he quickly becomes still more unhappy. But with amplified feeling of unhappiness, then an existing automatic function in him opens, namely the faculty to call to God for help. Through this call, this prayer, he releases powers or vibrations, which are able to summon help. Loving beings, the so-called "guardian angles", enter into his dark condition and release him through their loving guidance from the layer of consciousness in his psyche, which led him to suicide. After these dark layers of consciousness are removed from his mind, then he has only the faculty to think and experience light. He will thereafter enter into the normal life of the spiritual planes of existence. Here he cannot at all remember anything about his earlier so unhappy condition. Only when he, through reincarnation, returns to the physical world and here reaches the age, where he in his previous life committed suicide, will he again find himself in the same situation and must then here take up the fight against the dark tendencies of consciousness.

The release of the dark fate can thus not take place on the spiritual plane. On the spiritual plane only light can be released. Other human beings, who live in a similar dark fate-condition here on earth, will also after death be released from their sufferings, in the way that the faculty to experience pain is removed from their psyche, so that they as quickly as it is possible, only can sense or experience the vibrations or wavelengths of light.

However, it is not all human beings, who live in our world, who are unhappy. Human beings who are living in a normal healthy and happy condition will also be in this condition, when they through death have been released from their physical body. For them the first time after death forms itself as a continuation of their earthly happiness. They here meet friends and acquaintances, who have died before  
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them, and for the time being they will experience that existence which each of them has become familiar with as an ideal existence. They thus here experience the light to that degree, to which they had accustomed themselves to experience and unfold in their surroundings, just as they naturally will work with what was their life's highest interest. In this way every living being will pass through a paradise, before he again is born back in the physical world, and there, through both dark and light fate-experiences, develop to be the finished or perfect human being in God's image. The red Indian thus after death gets his "eternal hunting-field"; and the artistically adjusted human being comes to a world, where he gets his wishes fulfilled. The scientist will live in a scientific sphere, where he gets solution to the questions, in which he is feverishly interested; and the believing human being experiences to see his faith materialized in shining paradisiacal conditions. But not alone the human beings experience meeting the spiritual world's light, adjusted to the degree of spiritual evolution to which they have arisen. Also the animals experience after death their own individual paradise between the physical lives. For all living beings who have not yet developed to real humaneness or love for his fellow-beings, it also holds good, that they all get their experience of paradise in the spiritual world's first sphere, where also that condition, which we know under the name of "purgatory" belongs. They therefore go more or less latent through the real spiritual world's higher spheres. These spheres can only be experienced in relation to the single human being's true faculty of love. To the same degree as he lives here in order to serve his neighbour with joy and pleasure, and through his living spreads light and happiness around him, to the same degree he gets the faculty to experience life's highest worlds after death. And to the same degree as he develops himself in the art of loving his neighbour as himself, he is released from having to return to the physical plane, yes, cannot in reality come on the wavelength of lower planes of existence. When this condition has occurred, then the earthly human being has got "cosmic consciousness" and will then continue millions of years of experience of life in the highest mental light regions in existence. And the faculties which in themselves constitute the condition for its true sunlight life in the higher spiritual worlds, are created phenomena. And created phenomena are transitory. Therefore must the faculties, through which the living being experience the highest light in existence, once again degenerate, after which the being again sinks down into the sphere of ignorance and experiences being reborn in a physical world for again here to get his faculties to experience mental light renewed. The darkness and the physical earth-lives are thus only there in order to renew the living beings faculties to experience life's highest condition of light. It is this eternal process of renewal, which is the secret behind all reincarnation and rebirth.

Perhaps one or another will ask, how can one know, that my account of these spiritual problems is right, is truth? On the physical plane everything seems to be mortal. We here see how plants, animals and human beings are born and die. We see the bodies of animals and human beings become corpses, which disintegrate and disappear. We see the green foliage grow yellow, wither and fall to earth. These experiences have caused, that the human beings in reality have come to live in the superstition, that they are mortal beings, which again means beings, which at some time shall perish, shall be destroyed and thus cease to exist. And

through this superstition they debar themselves from understanding the real eternal life, of which they constitute an absolutely eternal and immortal part. That the human beings understanding of life and living must here be correspondingly wrong is obvious. If we remove immortality from the living beings physical life, then the universe will in reality be a theatre for an all including culminating sadism. No form of justice will be able to exist. The life of every living being will be the experience of glaring injustice. If we on the other hand perceive the past human being as identical with the present human being, then the situation becomes hundred percent in contact with the other phenomena of life, just as the law of fate here will show the greatest justice. What a being sows, he will reap, and this either it is evil or good.

Apart from this it can, however, easily be noticed that death in the sense the human beings perceive it, does not at all exist. A death in the absolute understanding, which means, that something living could die, is a total impossibility. On the whole there is nothing on the physical plane which we can take and feel, which not at one and the same time expresses both "something dead" and "something living". It is this "living" which causes the being to manifest itself, causes it to create, to love, and to hate. The same living we find both in animals and plants; yes, even in minerals. That this is the case is seen by virtue of the fact, that absolutely no material combination can exist unchangeable. All what we witness, constitutes one single great transformation-process. Even a stone, yes even the hardest diamond, is subjected to transformation, though the transformation here takes place very slowly, measured by human measurement. This that a thing is transformed, makes it a fact, that there in the thing exists an invisible power, by virtue of which the material is transformed. But as we see that the transformation is logical and releases useful purposes, then this power which exists in everything, makes it a fact, that it expresses thoughts. But as thoughts only can be released by consciousness and thus be something living then it thus becomes a fact, that all material is penetrated by "something living". This living can thus only be realized through transformation of material. But it does not act with the same speed in all things. While it is slowly acting in the mineral material, it is acting very quickly in the vegetable and animal material. This "living" can incarnate in the material, and it can withdraw from it. When we see a human being die, then also here only this takes place, that the "living" in the human being releases itself from that combination of material, which constituted the physical body. In the body is still left something living, but it is not able to manage the body. It thus has to lie still and motionless, and we then call it "a corpse". But that the corpse disintegrates shows, that there is still something living in the corpse. But this living is not identical with that living, which used the organism as an instrument for its life experience. This living, on the other hand, constituted the consciousness or the hidden being in the organism. It is this hidden living being, which in reality constitutes the eternal being in the being. The living being is thus raised above death. It cannot die. It can release itself from the physical material, but this release does not signify any real or absolute death.

What we experience at death is thus not a real death, but on the other hand this, that the living being in the being now releases itself from the physical material combination, which he calls the "organism". The living thus continues  
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to be alive, while the material continues to be material. Every death thus expresses at one and the same time both a death and a birth. No death exists without it at the same time constitutes a birth; and no birth, without it at the same time constitutes a death. Birth and death are created realities; constitute processes of transformation by the help of which the living being dresses itself in material or releases itself from it.

What then is the living being? The living being represents another form of material than the purely physical. It exists in a radiating form of organism, in vibrations or wavelengths, which cannot be observed by the physical senses. It is this condition which constitutes the cause that the common earthly human being still does not know his own higher spiritual nature. He believes that his physical body is identical with himself. He therefore thinks that his life stands and falls with his physical body. He does not yet know, that his real bodies, his cosmic structure is of an electric nature and only connected with the physical body by virtue of a brain-and nerve-system, and that he on account of this always survives the ruin of the physical organism.

But just think how divine is this condition. Do we not see everywhere, how unhappy life would be if we eternally had to remain in broken, mutilated or worn-out bodies? What human being could endure an eternal life in an organism destroyed by illness and what purpose would this illness have, if it not leaves behind experiences for later use in the spiritual or radiating organism? As it is now, then life has put a limit to every suffering. And if you were able to see how beautiful this process of liberation, which we call "death", in reality is, then no one, absolutely no one of you would ever fear death. Through the radiating material's faculty to release itself of the physical material, then the hopelessly sick being one day experiences to awake, released from every pain. And more than that, Surrounded by a radiating light he sees friends and acquaintances flocking around him and bidding him welcome and congratulating him heartily for the past painful physical life. If death comes as something natural, as something which one has not consciously promoted, then it always constitutes a wonderful feast, an experience so beautiful, that no corresponding experience can be found here on the physical plane. Darkness, suffering or pain solely belongs to our world. It is true that human beings with a very dark mentality, human beings who consciously have caused others pain or sorrow, directly before or after the physical death experience a shorter period in purgatory; but it is, as I have already told you, solely to make them so unhappy, that they call out to God for help. As soon as this call is released, and it will always come, because there in every living being is found an automatic cosmic contact-organ, which can be brought down to a very feeble function, but can never be annihilated, then the real bright spiritual world begins to open. There is no hell after death besides the one which one's own bad consciousness creates around us. As soon as the experience of purgatory, which the human beings' had consciousness has caused, is over, then the spiritual world is only light, shining light and a love so beautiful that no human expression can describe it. What we call darkness, suffering, pain and sorrow only belongs in our world, where it serves to develop and perfect the human soul. The boundary for this darkness is death, and beyond it only light exists. To know this is to be released from every "form of life". As it is now, then the human being fears death because it does not know anything about its

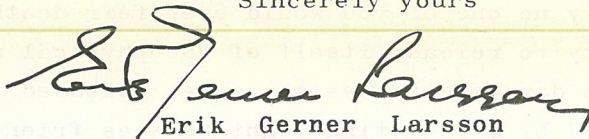
real nature as a gate into a world of overwhelming light and love, yes, as the fulfilment of all the beauty about which it has often dreamt of experiencing. As you will understand, then you have nothing to fear about death, which in its real nature is a birth to those kingdoms of light which you in your spiritual search aspire to. Death does not break off the contact with your dear ones here, and does not take you away from any of that which you with your heart feel yourself bound to. In its innermost nature death is only light, because through it the human being arises again in the high pure and spiritual worlds. A journey through the regions of pain, suffering and sorrow has been fulfilled, and the godson has through its occurrence returned to the shining dwelling of his eternal Father.

(The present condensation has been approved by Martinus)

A summer at Klint has again been accomplished. The light nights are over; and though we still for some time can enjoy the beauty here, we know that it will soon be time for winter-work. From all sides we have only heard words of praise about the lectures and courses, which have been attended more than ever. For us who are the teachers in this beautiful subject it has been a great inspiration to experience the good fellowship with so many vivid and inspiring human beings. It was not always easy to create this great "holiday colony" - nice to feel that it now fully fulfils its innermost mission.

With kind regards from Martinus and all our co-workers in Denmark, Sweden, the U.S.A., Canada and India.

Sincerely yours



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## MARTINUS

# LIVETS BOG I

(THE BOOK OF LIFE I)

Quotation from paragraph 213.

"In the inner world the earthly human being is thus, on account of the primitive condition of its memory-body, only conscious in a fragment of its present local life, which again only constitutes an infinitesimal or microscopical part of its inner world, which reveals itself for it in the culmination zone of the kingdom of bliss. But though the individual thus fundamentally first can remember its own inner world in the kingdom of bliss, it is not, however, prevented from already in the previous planes of existence before this kingdom, to be able to begin to use the "gold-copies" in its outer manifestation, when it reaches so far, that the kernel of its intuitional body begins to function. But this use of the "gold-copies" does not give a conscious memory about eternity, but an experience of it. Because this experience is identical with the cosmic clear-sight and has its zone of culmination in the divine world.

There is thus a fundamental difference when the individual experiences its inner world by virtue of its memory-body, and when it experiences it by virtue of its body of intuition. In the first case the experience becomes identical with "memory", while it in the last case becomes identical with "new experiences". This difference becomes thus the more plain when one learns to know, that the faculty of memory constitutes a kind of highest faculty of feeling, while the faculty of intuition constitutes a kind of the highest faculty of sight. Regarding the faculty of sight, then we know from the physical world, that it also constitutes a form of feeling. But while one, with the common faculty of feeling directly can feel one's body's organic components, which means, those parts which are permeated by the nervous system, but not the inorganic parts, which means those parts of the body through which the nervous system cannot penetrate, then one can, on the other hand, with the faculty of sight experience inorganic or mineral realities. One can thus experience reactions in the reality, which we call "light", which is of mineral quality. When we thus "see" an object, then it in reality only means, that we see the reaction between that object and the light. We thus, by virtue of sight perceive, not the object we "look" upon, but, on the other hand, its influence on the light. There where it does not influence the light, we are not in contact with the object, unless it, in one way or another, is in direct touch with the organic parts of our physical body and through the common form of feeling becomes conscious of it. We do not, e. g., feel our nails and hair, as these realities are of a mineral nature and impervious to the nervous system. We can therefore cut nails and hair without feeling it, which is far from the case with the organic parts of the body,

where we shall feel such an operation in the form of pain. We are thus directly conscious in the organic parts of our physical body, while we are only indirectly conscious in the inorganic parts, as we mainly only experience them through our sight. Just as the feeling-body in the individual does not stretch itself directly to the mineral parts, and these therefore appear as insensible, thus will the memory-material of the individual, or its "gold-copies", be quite insensible in realms, where the memory-body, which as previously mentioned, constitutes a higher body of feeling, does not extend. It is thus with the "gold-copies" as with the mineral parts, the individual can only experience these by an indirect way. This indirect way is therefore, for the gold-copies concerned "the intuition", which is the individual's highest faculty of seeing. The relation therefore becomes this, that the individual with the intuitional body can experience the reaction between the mentioned copies and the energy of intuition in the same way, as we earlier mentioned that it could experience the reaction between the material objects and the light. The intuition thus represents the laws of sight and has therefore got the name "cosmic clear-sight".

With the body of intuition one does not "feel" the gold-copies, but only the reaction of their influence on the energy of intuition. And this experience thus becomes a kind of outer experience or the same as to "see". With the memory-body one does not "see" the gold-copies, but "feels" them directly. As the energy of gravity here is present only in a latent form, then this "feeling" or "perception" can never in any case hurt or be identical with pain, but will always, by virtue of the material of the gold-copies being material of love, be experienced as identical with the highest form of delight, which is the same as "bliss".

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## M A R T I N U S

Quotation from a letter of Martinus, in reply to one to him, from a student of Martinus Cosmology in India:

"To-day nothing is more important than to promote science about psyche or soul and spirit. Mankind has acquired an enormous knowledge about matter or substance and has thereby gained a gigantic command of certain forces of nature. This knowledge and this mastery of millions of horsepower in nature is mortally dangerous to mankind, as long as it has no knowledge about the law regarding the use of these forces, as here they act blindly. We witness, that mankind simply has used and still is using its control over these forces (atom and H-bombs) in order to manifold the breach of the greatest Commandment of Life: "Thou shalt not kill". A very great part of people on earth live in the superstition, that they can make war disappear by war, and therefore they must strain every nerve to create the most genius, destructive and mortal arms. But how would it be possible to do away with war like that? With the strongest weapons of murder and arms of destruction one can create supression but absolutely not peace. One cannot remove weeds by sowing weeds.

When the human race is living in such a culminating delusion, and at the same time has the most destroying and destructive arms at disposal, by which it is able to annihilate millions of people and their cultural values on the physical plane, it here becomes a fact, that mankind itself is its own worst mortal enemy. But it does not know that itself. Mankind believes to have to annihilate other people in order to be able to exist. Nothing could be more foolish, and makes it a fact, that the world does not need arms but that it on the other hand is very much in need of a science of "mode of behaviour". But in order to get an absolutely cosmic knowledge of "mode of behaviour", one has first of all to realize: what is the intention of Life concerning mankind? Yes, how did humanity come to understand or to the absolute knowledge of the forces of matter or substance and became their master? They did it by searching. Here they came to unshakable results, which gave the human race an almost excessive knowledge about the hidden forces of matter or substance, which again gave them power to release enormous forces and hence the following gigantic possibility for material and physical creation.

God has now lead mankind on to possess a faculty of creating, so gigantic, that it with that could make the earth a wonderful paradise for all its human beings. No one needs in any way to starve or to freeze. In possession of that enormous knowledge or materialistic science mankind is able to produce supplies for a population by far surpassing the population on earth to-day. Actually a small part of the human race by means of machines and instruments is able to produce the whole material requirements of mankind. Thereby the rest of the human beings could be free to religious or spiritual development, to science, art, and divine worship. Everyone would be able to work with what he wished and what he was talented, i.e. with his hobby. It would be a pleasure and an inclination for each single person to render his best for his fellow-beings and mankind.

But when the human beings by God have been lead forward to possess this great faculty of creating, so that they would be able to turn the world into a paradise, why don't they do it then? The human beings really do not want to live in war and quarrels. They all more or less wish for a real world peace. But nevertheless, they are living in a breathless and financial paralysing and undermining race in their creation of murderous weapons and war machines and other catastrophic cultural destructive phenomena. Why does mankind do that? Does it not actually show, that the human race in spite of the enormous materialistic science yet is lacking in something very essential? It is thus not enough that humanity has a stupendous or gigantic knowledge about physical matter or substance and force. Man must also be in possession of knowledge about "that science of living", using substance and force in his manifestation and experience of life, just as he must have knowledge about the law concerning his use and connection with substance and force in his "mode of behaviour" and life experience. And it is in this special field that the human race is lacking in concrete science. Here the materialistic science is not able to help humanity. The science mankind is in need of here cannot be gained by microscopes nor by telescopes or any other kind of extension instruments for the human physical senses, just as it cannot be gained by experiments in physical matter. Here the results of materialistic science are of no use. Here it is of no use, that one knows something about measure, and weight, kilometre and gram, volume, porosity, or solidity. Nor is it of any use to know the velocity of light, the weight of the sun and structure of the atom or similar figure-results. However divine these results may be in the physical field, where they belong, they are quite worthless to a person in agony of soul. They do not give courage to people who are afraid of death. They do not console parents in grief for their dead child. They are of no help to those who cannot find God. They don't bring any comfort to those living in imprisonment, degradation and derailment. They don't bring any help to the lonely and forsaken person. We here see a very great field in the living being's daily existence, where the results of the materialistic science are totally worthless, however divine and useful they may be in other fields of the mentioned existence. The materialistic science gives no information about "mode of behaviour", and as the human being's "mode of behaviour" is absolutely all-determining in its future formation of destiny, then that human being, who in development has not yet reached "The Great Birth" and thus got cosmic consciousness, is completely without science within its highest and most important field of life in its psyche. As the all-prevailing majority of the population on earth has not yet arrived at the great birth or cosmic consciousness, and as it neither has got any absolute science for the guidance to life's own mode of behaviour towards one's neighbour, then it is not surprising that the way of life and destiny of the human race is mixed with war, suppression, murder and manslaughter, hunger, and distress, illness and disablement, sorrow and anxiety. It is true, that the human beings have the great divine world religions, which have lead mankind through a long evolutionary phase and created immense blessing and still are covering millions of people all over the world with God's Holy Ghost. But there are also millions and millions of people, whose development has changed their psyche and structure of thought, so they

nave completely lost the ability to believe in phenomena, as they have not been absolutely scientifically stated. As the religions have only been created for great groups of people, who have not yet been sufficiently developed to be able to feel a craving for or a lack of a scientific basis of the Grand Totals of Life, because their religious instinct still was so predominant, that they by means of this could accept the revelation of the Grand Totals of Life given by the religions, although these totals were only stated as postulates or quite unscientific dogmas of their divine source, these mentioned religions are of no importance whatsoever to those countless millions of people, who, as mentioned, have lost the ability to believe, and now only are able to accept scientifically founded results, which they themselves are able to investigate. Therefore, to-day these countless millions of people are quite without religion, absolutely without any kind of faith in the omnipotent and loving Deity of the universe. And as it extensively are those people sitting in governments and in many leading positions, yes, they are even educationalists and teachers, then these people, and those they are influencing, are altogether without any kind of mental or spiritual root in real life. Here an atheistic mankind is arising. In fear and apprehension it clings to atom and H-bombs and other manifold apparatus for murder, homicide, and mutilation, by which they believe they can create protection and foundation of life and thus get a replacement of the eternal Deity, in whom they can no longer believe. Of course, this situation, where mankind in the present epoch of evolution is to be found, can only lead to war and still more rearmament for war but absolutely not for peace on earth. So it is obvious, that the world redeeming of the 20th century must be mankind's appropriation of a divine cosmic science, being able to raise the great and eternal truths of the religions from the primitive phase of postulates and dogmas into the day-clear light of realities and then as an unshakeable science to show mankind, that the fundamental of the universe is intellectualized feeling, which again is the same as pure love. And love is the only way out of war and on to the benediction of peace to everything alive, just as it is the only absolutely true road to the Deity's own overshadowing of the human being with His Holy Ghost, which again is the same as cosmic consciousness, or God's own radiance in the form of all-wisdom, omnipotence and all-loving, which it has been our mission to reveal as science to those people on earth who are ready and anxious for it. Through mankind's appropriation of this science, the damnations of war and the unhappy fates of the human race will gradually give way to the rising rays of peace on earth, just as the mists of night give way to the warming light of a sunrise over the horizon. And all the states on earth will become "one kingdom", humanity "one herd" and the Deity the "only herdsman" of this "one herd". His nearness will be fully felt by all people on earth.

I have here given you a short summary of the cosmic world situation of humanity. It is my and my fellow-workers mission to take part in the revelation of this mentioned world-redeeming science. I feel, that God will place His benediction on our work in India, as He has done it in Denmark. His nearness will be felt by all those taking a hand in this leading out of the darkness of mankind - - - in the service of Light for Mankind.

