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Dear reader!

The divine principle of creation is the first cosmic principle with which Martinus seriously has occupied himself in his main work "Livets Bog"¹⁾ ("The Book of Life"). This principle is the main factor in the part of the living being's cosmic structure which he has given the name X 2. In itself the divine principle of creation is inaccessible to sense perception. It simply IS. Being a mere demonstration of an attribute of the living being which cannot possibly be explained away by anyone, the divine principle as such does not arouse our keenest interest, but so do Martinus' demonstration of the fact that this principle is the cause of the cosmic impulses that have brought about the civilization which, step by step, has supported our mental development.

The analysis we here are facing has an incomprehensible reach. In the beginning most people will feel perfectly satisfied by the insight into the cosmic processes they experience immediately in this life. Sooner or later, however, this analysis will let those who are starving after truth see their own eternal past widen out into infinity. Hereby those people will see the principle of the eternal, cosmic spiral-cycle being transformed from a purely theoretic problem into a natural basis for their cosmic valuation.

So the cosmic principles are towering like a range of inaccessible peaks in our mental world. They simply ARE. Through all times the sages have known or felt this, but they have never been able to make them accessible to our sensory faculties. The famous words: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now", shows Jesus as the personality who most clearly has revealed that his own consciousness was of a calibre quite different from that of his listeners, and his words show clearly that although he of all his heart wished his disciples to share his high knowledge, the latter were not able to understand him on account of their lack of spiritual development. It is only now that Martinus has made these great principles come out of the world of haze and enter into our lives in such a way that they by successive steps will become the imperturbable mental foundation of the life of all human beings.

"Accessible to sense perception"? How can anything possibly become accessible to sense perception? Exclusively by being couched in substance. In this case the substance is so sublime that it must be characterized as "thought-substance", but this does not alter the fact that only the things we are able to visualize can possibly have a real influence on

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our lives. And all ideas are material, are built up of the forces, the appearances of which are familiar to us as "thoughts". As these thoughts have a delicate, electric nature and release themselves as vibrations, rays, or waves, it becomes evident that in all circumstances of life it is very important to transform all one's ideas or impulses to mental wave-lengths, being neither below, nor above the mental stage towards which they are directed. It is this fact which in daily life makes us characterize people we are contacting with the expression that we are "on the same wave-length" as they - or the opposite!

In the universal world-plan the divine principle of creation thus underlies all the mental impulses which have brought about all cultural epochs of the globe from the very first primitive forms of society to the complicated social structure of today. It is the imperishable merit of Martinus that he as the first human being proves to us that, seen in the light of our present imperical material, the first impulses of the divine principle of creation must be characterized as "darkness" because, being transformed into thought-material they led humanity towards the culmination of another cosmic principle, namely the principle of killing. By adopting this principle we for the very first time have the possibility of obtaining a spiritual insight which will break up all ideas concerning the so-called malice being an actual fact. And when pure malice has no real existence, the Devil, Licifer, or Satan consequently has no real existence, either.

It here becomes obvious that these cosmic principles, being transformed into brilliant trains of thought, have a revolutionary effect which is little short of being inconceivable. Nobody, but a being endowed with cosmic consciousness is able to make us begin to understand that the reality we have named "malice" in fact is but camouflaged light, camouflaged divine love. We shall not be able to apprehend the narrowness of our own mental horizon until the moment when we understand this enormous principle of impulses, and then are able to grasp that the way in which God "speaks" to us exclusively depends on the extent of responsiveness to which our own experiences have given rise.

Being elevated to those cosmic peaks from where we are able to observe through the eyes of Martinus the universal drama taking place for our wondering eyes, it seems quite obvious that human opinions have to replace each other concurrently with man's increasing amount of painful and intellectual experiences. As a consequence it becomes just as obvious that Martinus not only refuses but is simply unable to use the word "evil" in any way at all. From the moment when you have acknowledged that the inmost nature of "malice" is camouflaged love, Martinus' definition of "malice" as "the unpleasant good" will become an integral part of your new way to judge the ups and downs of life, and suddenly you will understand the underlying meaning of the words that "all things work together for good to them that love God", i. e. truth.

Where we previously saw nothing but our own lives and was only able to see and judge the destiny of mankind against the background of the short epoch called historical times, we are now looking down into the enormous depths of an eternal past. When the first dizziness has passed off and the soul has become so much stabilized that it is able to begin absorbing these enormous visions, it is as if the majesty of eternity enters into our daily life. That, which previously was great, overwhelming great, now often turns into mere nothing, while previous trifles suddenly take on enormous dimensions.

But it is not only the sight of our eternal past which in the beginning has a shocking effect on the soul. It is the sight of our eternal future as well. It becomes clear to you

that you have undergone a kind of death-process that has left you mentally disengaged from all that by which you previously were absorbed. It is a pure delight completely to understand that we are eternal beings and that future, which previously was no concern of ours, because we should not live to see it, now has become our own "personal" future. This joy is so intoxicating that life, the first time you really understand this, is experienced as one enormous ocean of divine light, and divine love.

We know, all of us, that you can travel in two quite different ways, either at random, or following an exactly arranged plan. To cosmically versed man or to him, who has harmonized his mentality with the bright radiation from the divine principle of creation, it often seems as if all other people from a mental point of view are travelling at random. Their only "compass" is their own petty will which is directed by their own cravings. Their happiness is very seldom here and now, but is nearly always something which they hope the future has in store for them. They rush through life like an autumn gale and never have time enough to be quite and meditate upon the mystery of their own lives and souls. How different, how absolutely different is life, when you aspire being in harmony with the will of God and with the universal world-plan, revealing itself more clearly day by day. While other people have to lead a life filled with fear of the future, being very often tormented by dreadful thoughts of the destruction of the world and of humanity, it is possible for the man who has adapted himself to a cosmic point of view to live quiet and in peace with God and his neighbour in proportion to his cosmic advancements. It is true, of course, that we cannot dictate our neighbour his ways and it is also a sad truth that, living in this hideous jungle, we all have to experience things and occurrences we should prefer to be without, but our experiences as such are not the deciding factor. The only decisive thing is the way in which we are facing and handling these experiences. And if it is your inmost conviction that each living being simply has to act in accordance with his own stage of mental development, then your balance of mind cannot be upset even by the most hostile acts from other people. And then each thought of revenge will be very far from you and even appear childish. Cosmically versed man very quickly will learn to "turn to the right" and to leave it to God to take care of the education of our fellow-beings.

The first encounter with Martinus' picture of the universe very often evokes an enthusiasm bordering on ecstasy. However, when this first uncontrolled rapture is subsiding, you will experience that something new and wonderful has been left. It is as if you have become citizen in quite a new world. You are still living inside temporal life just like other people, but at the same time you are living inside eternity, and whenever you want you will be able to retire into this eternity. All life's limitations have lost their power over your mentality. Like others you will still see the single events in the light of temporality, but at the same time you will be able to see the eternal perspective contained in each little experience. You have found "the way", and nothing will be able to make you depart from the course you have laid down for your life. Like all other people you are a "traveller", but you are not travelling at random, your journey has a fixed aim. And this aim Martinus has given the name "The Real Human Kingdom", and that is nothing else but the kingdom Jesus named "My Kingdom". Previously this kingdom was very remote and rather incomprehensible. Now it has become a reality, and that a reality which influences all your thoughts and actions.

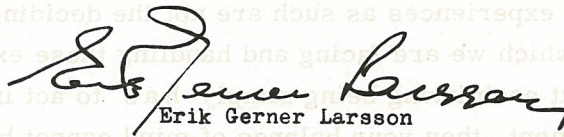
So it has become a clear fact that the divine principle of creation releases itself in

shape of cosmic impulses, flowing through the universe, and this knowledge will for the first time put you on firm ground with regard to your search for spiritual truth. In anything and everywhere you observe the effects of these impulses. Whenever you meet with hate, anger, war, and destruction, you are facing the effects of previous impulses. But at the same time you are experiencing how the effect of the new cosmic impulse is able to saturate the hate and the anger, thereby making their power crumble. With this cosmic impulse a new civilization is born before our very eyes, and time after time you with delight will experience the brilliant mastership of the new impulse in proportion to the old one, of whom our present lives often are the bitter consequence.

Today people become depressed when observing the disintegration of the so-called values of bygone days - the demolition of a big house is never a beautiful spectacle - but the cosmically versed man rejoices in the fact that this work of demolition has come into the last stage and is only looking forwards towards the day when the new, beautiful house - i.e. the both mentally and materially united states of the world - has been erected on the crumbling ruins. Because to the cosmically versed man the future is no dream in which he has no part or lot. Thanks to the principle of reincarnation, another brilliant cosmic principle, future to him is a world, the shape of which he helps fashioning by his own thoughts and his own personality, for the glory of God and for his own immense future happiness, of which he even today is able to have a dim foreboding.

With kindest regards from Martinus and all our co-workers,

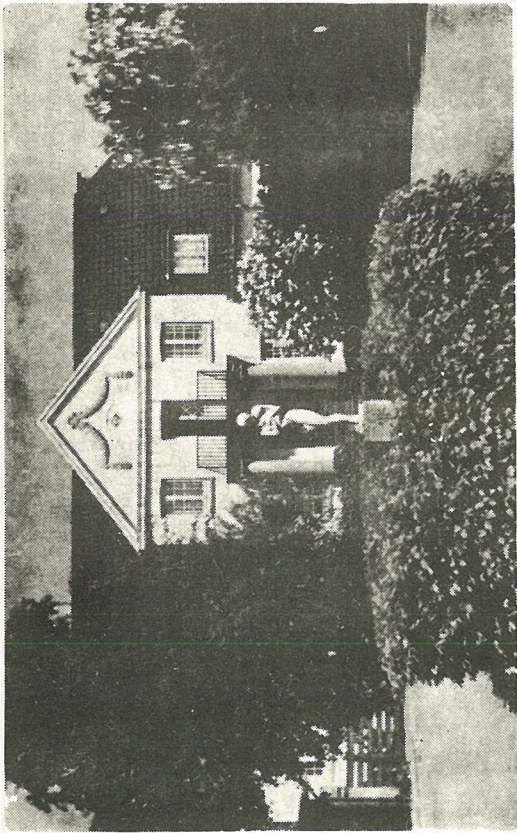
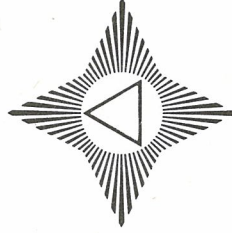
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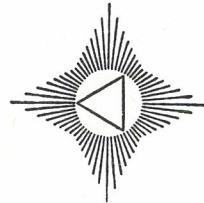
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AT NEW YEAR



At the end of a Copenhagen alley this institute is situated. From September to May Martinus here delivers his public lectures, even as he also receives a constantly increasing number of people asking for advice and help in case of need. Hundreds of people have here found renewed hope for their future, and greater confidence in their own abilities to overcome mental depressions. Many a man or woman has here gained fresh courage to continue a life that they would otherwise have tried to escape from, but which now has gained a profounder importance, thus making it easier to encounter.

The statue in front of the house represents maternal affection, which constitutes but a single, but very powerful beam of universal love, radiating towards every being from the cosmic centre, the everlasting deity.



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joyment at the cost of the health and vigour, happiness and well-being of others, and to seek revenge, to hate and persecute as much as possible, and so on - the Earth is rolling along, as said before, into another, immense, cosmic wave of Light issuing from the "Zone of the Father" and throwing its beams forward through Space. This wave of Light will accelerate the evolution of the Earth. However, forced development means increased suffering. Terrestrial man will receive in concentrated form, distributed over a relatively short period of time, the remaining part of his sufferings, i. e., the recurrent effects produced by his wrong mode of living. Thus, his sufferings will be more severe than were they distributed over a longer period of time. In return, this will cause a corresponding acceleration of the Earth's run towards the regions of Light. And, thus, mankind's heavenly vehicle will over a shorter period than three thousand years ahead in time, not only catch "sight" of the "Land of Promise" but also get so far into

its Regions of Light that the shady side for the most part will have been cleared off by that time. Then, the Earth will have left behind the animal zone, the slaying principle, and will no longer be a vehicle for sorrow, illness, and maiming, but, by its completed passage through the Zone of Suffering, it will now be a cosmic "vessel" carrying "divine travellers", who have finished their course", attained certainty, have become one with the Father. Therefore, let us bid the New Year welcome, remembering that terrestrial man at the turn of the old year has got one unit of time closer to the regions of happiness, and that its members, after all, in spite of present and coming miseries, are "celestial travellers", immortal "passengers" on a star in a galaxy heading for the peak of Life, Light, and Happiness. And that thus, even now, up above the dark Earth, the dark animal kingdom, from the far horizon ahead, an atmosphere of Light has commenced sparkling and glittering, wholly vibrating in the great commandment of Charity, "I Love one another".

to the highest universal Source of Light. Once more blood will be shed over the continents of the Earth. Highly differing concepts of Light and Darkness will set mankind against one another. Each one believes himself to be working in the service of happiness and strength to the task of carrying out his own ideas and plans. Many parties, religious as well as political, crops up, and each one believes itself to be just that only specific blessing which is to save humanity from the present chaos and its erratic ways. However, the ideas of the side of Darkness still predominate and further increase in strength, while the bright side grows stronger and stronger. Here, too, the laws of nature are effective: the brighter the light, the darker the shadow. However, the Light will gradually come so close that the shady side must vanish completely. And it almost seems as if the shady side is suspecting, approaching doom. It is, indeed, already engaged in a kind of death struggle. Some of this we experienced during the eventful years, 1914-1918. It is a topic familiar to millions of people all the world over. Throughout one, four-year long night of horrors they had the experience of "Hell" in the highest degree. After the dark night, however, light broke through anew. But, still, the Darkness was not entirely done away with, was not vanquished. The Earth was still too far away from the great source of Light, and the Light could not altogether subdue the shady side. "Hell" persisted on the Earth in new forms, and immense energies or powers from the shady side continue to flourish. New, fantastic lethal weapons have been invented. The Earth at present is equipped to prove the slaying principle in such a convincing manner and with such encompassing power that never before in its cosmic course through Space has it met with anything like it. The Deluge and the

World War are mere trifles compared with the manifestation of Darkness it is possible to let loose on the Earth now. And, actually, it is only waiting for the impulse to come forth like "a thief in the night" for manifestation. Therefore, the parable of "the ten virgins" is more applicable today, more apt at present than at any other time in the history of the world. For, "no one knoweth the day nor the hour of its coming". However, the time is near. Death, sorrow and suffering will again reap its grim harvest in the continents of the Earth, again "weeping and the grinding of teeth" will reach the highest mark. Therefore the divine warning, "watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak", shall reverberate with renewed strength throughout the world, to penetrate right into the Kraals of the Zulus, into the wattle-work huts of the Fuegians, and all the way up to the northernmost settlements in the ice-field wastes, and through the East and the West as well. It cannot be cried too loudly that the Earth is hastening towards the "end of the world". Everyone must be prepared. A great scheme in the divine plan of the world shall be completed to perfection. The Earth is to be flung on to a new cosmic orbit, where everything not of "Purity" and of Love shall stay without. The strong vibrations from the Zone of the Father dissolves all such details as are not isolated in Love.

While mankind is arming for combat, manslaughter and maiming - while the "passengers" on the shady side are preparing, not to turn the right cheek to the smiter, when struck on the left cheek, not to show clemency to his neighbour, but to let him slave instead as much as possible for him, to maintain himself in luxurious living and en-

AT NEW YEAR

A small craft is crossing the immense Ocean of Eternity. It is travelling in Space - floating among the stars. Moving in the "heavens". The name of this little vessel is the "Earth". Human beings are its most distinguished passengers. It carries other passengers, however - all other beings belonging to the terrestrial forms of life. The vessel is a kind of Noah's Ark. This craft is travelling on a set course going as far as the "Ocean" goes. The name of the route is "Time". Thus, Time and Eternity are equal in duration. Time, however, like any other much travelled route, or highway, is divided up into units of measurement. The kind of units recognized by terrestrial man as milestones on his cosmic voyage are those we were taught and know: years, months, weeks, days, hours and seconds. The years are of most importance for the individual being. Thus every "New Year" is a fundamental "milestone" on the route through Space travelled by man on the Earth. There are, of course, "milestones" for much greater distances on this route, e.g., centuries and thousands or millions of years. However, such units are for the "celestial travellers" who have attained to live on a plane of consciousness, where: "A thousand years are as one day and one day as a thousand years". And this kind of "passengers" are still very scarce on the Earth. This vehicle is still too primitive for such passengers. For their state of consciousness it is not yet adequately provided with suitable, comfortable "cabins", "saloons" or "staterooms", adapted to veritable human manifestations,

or fit for beings solely existent sentient through "The Holy Ghost", i. e., for beings, who, long ago united in balanced masculine and feminine polarity, have left the Mammal zone behind them, and have risen again in "the Kingdom which is not of this world". These beings have their own special "vehicles" - bright and beautiful worlds, oases between suns, harmonies of colour, rays of light and charitable love.

Not so on Earth. This globe is not yet made fit for "Celestial travellers" of such rank. Its best, most stately rooms can be rated no higher than "stables", designed as they are for beings of partly animal consciousness. Beings who, because of their male and female burdens as individuals of the mammal zone, by natural instinct can regard only the opposite sex as their "neighbours", and thus are able to practice only towards that sex part of the great commandment: Love one another - or, like the animals, are able so far only to comprehend Love through marriage, progeny, and family; and, hence, are able only to know Love in the "germ", and not in the form of a "flower", or in culmination. The noblest "passengers" on the Earth must still room with the animals, must still "eat with the swine". The Earth is still a "Ship" for undeveloped beings, "prodigal sons" - though on a course in the "heavens" set for the Eternal Path-er.

Thus, like a little star, the Earth floats on through Time and Space, bound, as said, for Eter-

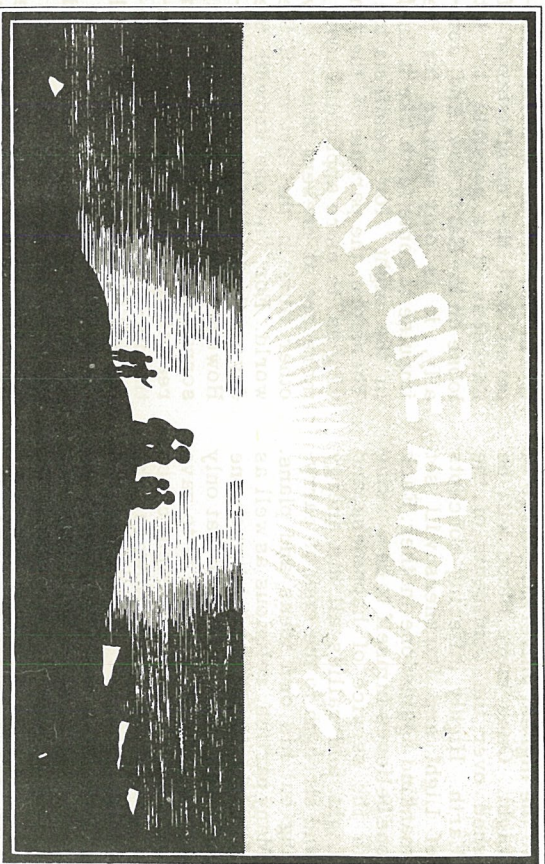
nity, heading for the Eternal Father, the Centre of the World, the "point d'appui" of all things. Its aim and goal is Harmony and Love. It more and more approaches the Land of real Happiness, which must essentially influence its spiritual atmosphere. And this influence, consequently, is manifested as the "bright radiance from the divine, creative principle", mentioned in Livets Bog ("The Book of Life"). And approximately two thousand time-units, or New Year's ago, the Earth on its cosmic run sighted its first faint gleam of light from a glorified land. These gleams of light, throwing from afar their radiance upon the mundane "Heavenly Ship", in the three, great, religious world systems: Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam, were the greatest, illuminating moments of the vessel, were fundamental tokens of a "promised land" ahead. They were visible proofs of the Earth's bearing toward the Centre of the world, the Originator of Culture and Civilization, the Source of all Harmony, Happiness and Love. These regions, then, were the outposts of a glorified zone, the visible distinctive signs of the Earth's accelerating run towards the Kingdom of Light, the Sun of Suns.

Thus, for the last few thousands of years, the small, heavenly vessel, in the shape of the Earth, has been within the radiance of light from the Father's Kingdom. However, this fact does not preclude that the same vessel, thousands of years earlier, in a culture of outstanding high quality, may have experienced even stronger gleams of light from this divine atmosphere. However, it was still too far away from the Centre of Light. Dense "cosmic clouds" *) welled out and obscured the Light. And the Earth was again floating in Darkness, only now and again faintly illumined by "memories" from the past. These "memories"

may still show traces in primitive man's moral concepts and ideas about life, fragmentary, in much disintegrated or obscured form.

However, the Earth has now come so close to the Source of Light that the cosmic clouds no longer can obscure the Light completely. Never again in this spiral round shall the Earth move in complete darkness. Naturally, this does not imply that human beings, in consequence, are exempt from everything of an unpleasant nature; on the contrary. The more the Earth approaches to the Light, the more it is illumined, and the more its imperfections become evident. Things, which formerly seemed advantageous, magnificent and agreeable in the darkness, now, often, in the first rays of light appear highly detrimental and insidious. For example, in the darkness of former days, conquest, manslaughter, war, and revenge were regarded as man's highest aim, the highest and finest purpose of life; whereas these realities, when seen in the light, are revealed as the forces that stimulate into action everything involved in the concept of "an unhappy fate", everything of suffering and pain. Thus, that which in the darkness was perceived as the "Paradise" becomes visible as the "Hell" when seen in the light.

It is easily seen, of course, that no great harmony, happiness or equanimity can exist on Earth when passing through such a state of revelation. Just as everything illumined from without by a source of light has a shady side, so also has the Earth a shady side: the one facing the darkness, or looking away from the spiritual Light ahead in its cosmic course. And, it is obvious that the "passengers" on the Earth, who are placed on a part of the "deck", or in a "cabin", facing the Light, will be influenced by the revelations, will get another understanding of the Earth and existence thereon, than those in a part of the "ves-



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self" obscured in darkness or looking away from the Light. It is natural that opinions must differ as to what constitutes perfection, as to what is "Hell" or what is "Paradise". Thus, the views of the "passengers" are quite at variance, from the least to the greatest detail of life, be it hygiene, diet, and clothing, or the understanding of Life's own great problems, the law of Life, immortality, ethics and Christian love. However, with such divergent views any form of peace, harmony or equanimity is without basic possibilities on the Earth at present, or as long as it has not run so far on its celestial course into the Light as to be surrounded on all sides thereby, so that none of the "passengers" is in darkness. And the possibility of peace has become still less in the last few years owing to the fact that the Earth has at present entered into another huge, cosmic wave of Light from the Divine Kingdom ahead. As the meeting of the Earth with this wave of Light is two thousand time-units nearer

to the source of Light than at its meeting with the wave of Light of the religious systems, the former wave of Light will of course be of much greater strength, of much brighter radiance, than the latter. Thus, a still greater contrast between Light and Darkness will manifest itself. Manifestations, which in the wave of Light of the religious systems appeared to be perfect, now, in the wave of Light, or world impulse, turn out to be imperfect. Details, which in the effulgence of the religions seemed quite insignificant and meaningless trifles, sometimes in the stronger Light become evident, or are revealed as great momentous realities in the destiny of the single individuals, the cause of their great distress and suffering. And equally with the growing contrast between Light and Darkness, the anxiety and disharmony among the "passengers" of the Earth also increases. The fight between Light and Darkness is intensified and will be gradually more violent as the Earth gets closer and closer

*) The dark emanation from the Divine Creative Principle, cf. Livets Bog ("The Book of Life").