

# CONTACT

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Dear Reader,

With due consideration have I read a young student's talk with Professor H. V. Brøndsted in B. T. (a Danish newspaper), because Professor Brøndsted has the courage of his convictions, and I like people who have. I listen very intently when I feel that the person talking really has something to say, and Professor Brøndsted has although we do not agree very much. Professor Brøndsted represents the Science which clearly admits that it only doesn't know all, but also that it possibly doesn't know the main things, let alone the most important.

From the interview I venture to quote some few questions and answers, which I consider it to be of importance for people to know, as they form a clear picture of our present situation. The young student asks: "Science has exposed Christianity. Only an empty skeleton is left, in which the youth is supposed to believe, and this seems very difficult to us. With what, in reality, have the scientists thought to contribute instead of the belief they have taken from us?"

"Science will not give the young ones something instead, because it is not our problem", Brøndsted answered categorically. "In my opinion it is all myth when people believe that the scientist has become a god - and science a religion. Our work does not aim at creating philosophy".

"How long will you continue to destroy the dogmas"?

"I fervently hope that science will continue to expunge from religion a series of dogmas. I have myself contributed as well as I could, because I consider it our duty to eradicate that fear, which religion has created in human beings with all its nonsense about perdition, hell and original sin".

The student asked if Brøndsted as a researcher of natural science condemns religion altogether:

"No, we have no right to say that the whole is nonsense, but personally I believe that the only absolutely valid thing in Christianity is Jesus' word to us human beings that we have a neighbour. Because this is something quite obvious".

"And is that enough to constitute a religion"?

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"In my opinion - yes". - "But these words might have been said by anyone else but Jesus"? - "So they have", the professor corrected, "but no other religion has appealed to the good in the human beings so strongly and profoundly as Christianity".

To me this seemed to be the most essential part of the interview. The ideas ventured by the professor that some day killing for compassion would be officially permitted, will even become a necessity, interests me just as little as his belief that one day it will be necessary to distinguish between which patients in the hospitals it is worth while keeping alive and which should be destroyed. There is nothing new about a scientist of the type of Brøndsted having these kind of thoughts. The only thing that amazes me is that these men can persuade themselves to put such ideas into words. It is a relief that Professor Brøndsted thinks that "we will for many years be able to keep our ethical standards, and thus (according to him) do not need to kill the most handicapped". But what a perspective for instance to those of our guests here in the Holiday Resort having sclerosis!

No, if I quote these fragments of the young student's interview with the well-known professor, then it is because I consider this statement of the relation between science and religion so exact that it might be expressed as "classical".

It is not and never can be the role of science to replace the religious life, and I agree altogether with the statements of the enclosed supplement which I find both very beautiful and clever. As time goes it becomes more and more obvious that science can never be anything but a substitute for religion. In our time it has made miracles in the physical sense, and it is quite comprehensible that many young people believe that some day it really will solve the riddle of life. But Brøndsted realizes that it cannot. Science will never be able to go further than occupying itself with the effects of life, life itself - the causeless cause or that which we have given the name God - will always avoid even the "talents" of the finest electronic computer.

But the discussion goes on. Yesterday I listened to a lecture by a priest about the ideas "fate" or "coincidence", and he had come to the point that neither the old nor the new testament took sides to these two concepts, but left each of us free. That a scientist can assert that our personal life rests on "coincidence" is acceptable, because he is not capable of seeing anything else and must therefore perceive the belief in a predetermined fate as pure superstition, but that human beings who in their own work continuously use the sentence "as you sow so shall you reap", are not capable of realizing that we are the absolute source of our own fate, always surprises me. But again we forgive because we understand. We understand that as long as Christianity is without the concept of reincarnation it is without real inner meaning.

Again we feel that present-day man has come to a spiritual crossroads. In a few generations our churches will hardly be visited by others than the almost too well-known "Christian tourists" to whom the church is not a God's house, but, on the contrary, only a cultural survival from a bygone period in our eternal evolution. In his interview Professor Brøndsted used the grand expression "the mental activity already thousands of years ago created the flint axe"! Well, did the mental activity do that? As far as I know it has never functioned as anything but the secondary joint in the creative process. I have always had very great respect for the structure of my brain, but until now it has not been

QUOTATION from B.T., June 16th, 1964.

On Saturday B.T. published some statements by Professor Brøndsted about mercy killing, which I would like to protest against.

If mercy killing should be legalized I believe that not only the churches but also the hospitals would be empty. Who would like to remove to a hospital unless in an unconscious state? And who would take the responsibility? The purpose of the doctors and the nurses is to preserve life. I would immediately give notice. I would rather scrub floors or work in the beet fields than to know of mercy killing. And where would the neighbour be? This point of view is an easy one when it holds good for others, but if it came to oneself would we be prepared then? Even great spirits flee from the nearness of death.

Regarding the extermination of dogmas and about the church I agree with the statements made by the professor.

signed: A Nurse

After reading the statements of Professor Brøndsted about religion and that there is no God - then an old woman like me starts thinking.

I have read neither science nor philosophy. I have lived and learned in the school of life. Through my work with home, husband, children and grandchildren I have learned that God exists, and that God is even very active. To whom could I have turned in war-time, when my husband and son did their duty for their country, and the waiting time and the uncertainty became unbearable? Or when one of the children had to go through a difficult operation, or the horror of the war sickened me? Or in time of peace with all the small problems which can arise in the home?

To whom should I turn? Could I have turned to science for help? No, I talked with my God about it all, and He has always helped me. Why have none of the clever Christian wise men never given me the answer? They ought to think of all the small frightened souls sitting there with their fears and doubts, when Brøndsted says that "nothing" is found after this poor life. There certainly is much more. Let those who are fluent speakers and who believe in God ask Brøndsted to keep his dull and destructive theories to himself. Practical Christianity is life, and abundance of life.

signed: Astrid Ragaland

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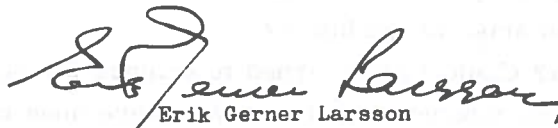


able to convince me of my own non-existence.

Everywhere in the world we learn that the horizon darkens and that a tremendous big storm can break out any time, In our heart we pray that we and our children may escape and that humanity may think twice before it is too late. But in our innermost heart we do not believe this hope will be fulfilled. Because we see how all that which was really beautiful in human life, is being trodden under foot. Everywhere we see religion and idealism being ridiculed. We see a generation growing up without the influence which was the foundation of former cultures, and without which no creation of culture can take place. Because a life without God is a life without meaning. We therefore all feel - in any case all we to whom God is something living, the greatest reality in life - that humanity has reached a crossroads and that life will only be fit for human beings when this crossroads is passed and the true and real values of existence have replaced the flood of false values, which an advanced physical science has given us, but which can only constitute the last weaving of the veil of Maya, which always has blinded the soul and made the human being more lonely than any other creature in the world. From an historical point of view we experience during these years the strangest "interval" which humanity has ever experienced. When "the curtain" again goes up it will most likely be for the "last act" of the drama, which, in spite of all its horror, will transform us all from the "animal" we once were, to the "human being" we were destined to become all the time during our long wandering "the human being in God's image, after His likeness", the human being which Martinus better than anyone else today shows us in the work he named "Livets Bog".

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

Yours sincerely,



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## THE ROAD TO PEACE II

IT IS TERRIBLY DANGEROUS FOR THE HUMAN BEINGS TO USE THEIR POWER OVER THE MILLIONS OF HORSEPOWERS IN NATURE IN ORDER TO UNDERMINE THEIR FELLOW-BEING'S LIFE AND PROPERTY

It is more important, it is even an absolute condition of life to learn to become just as perfect in practicing the right way of being in daily life, as it is now considered a condition of life to be qualified in being able to use the modern infernal machines and by their aid, with outstanding accuracy to be able to hit the enemy and destroy his life and values. The superstition of the so-called middle age is consequently nothing compared to the superstition of the twentieth century governing a humanity, who has subjugated millions and millions of nature's horsepowers, and who can even order the elements to work for it, a humanity who can see hundred thousands of light years in space, in macrocosmos, and who can also awake day-consciously follow the atoms' movements in microcosmos. This is not only tragically, but it is terribly dangerous. To believe that with such developed superiority and with such control of the elements, with this enormous power we should destroy our fellow-beings, our neighbour, just because we yield to the imagination or belief that he is our enemy, is the same as to shatter all that can lead us right into peace or the normal happiness of life. All kinds of war between men or between states, all kinds of military armament, all production of war machines, bombs or other murderous weapons, every propaganda for warfare, is undermining all real human happiness and existence and will never in any situation whatever from a cosmic point of view be expressed as an intellectual action.

THAT WHICH DESTROYES ALL PROTECTION AGAINST WAR AND ITS EFFECTS

The above-mentioned thus expresses a conduct which absolutely only can take place within the domain of culminating ignorance and superstition. To settle a difference between two parties with war is an unintellectual action and can only be justified within the realm of the animal. This unintellectual or animal mentality keeps all humanity of today tied in the regions of darkness and death or "all's war against all". This same animal attitude does absolutely not create any protection against the effects and unhappiness of war in the world. The beings are afraid of believing in true Christianity or in this: "Turn the right cheek when smitten on the left". "Put up again thy sword in his place, for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword". As long as the human being still has doubt about charity, which is decidedly the primary factor in the human life, it will sink and sink down in morass and mud regions produced by death and killing and pain of misfortune. They make themselves a very inflammable weed on the fire of war.

THE TRADITIONAL OBJECTION AGAINST THE ANTI-WAR ATTITUDE

Now most people will make the traditional old objection that one cannot just look on while any foreign soldiers ravish and use violence against one's wife and other women, just as

one cannot remain a spectator while robbers and hooligans, with brutality and violence against grown-ups and children, ravish and plunder, violate and mutilate. What would happen if everybody here turned the right cheek? That is what is feared, not only by private persons, but also in the highest degree by states or people. All mobilize and rearm for fear of attack from other people and states. The immensely expensive military equipments, the perfect murder machines, atomic bombs, and other homicidal instruments, made at the expense of the states' economy and normal well-being, are all a result of fear. Now the question is whether this fear is well-founded. It is not a general faculty of the human being to be able to foresee the future. In actual fact it cannot even with certainty foretell its own fate of tomorrow, it cannot even foresee its next hour, just as it much less, of course, can foresee the fate of its neighbour or the fate of the beings whom it fear. How can one then rightly claim that this or that human being must be armed to the teeth in order to evade attacks, or in order to protect any relatives, wife and children? It would be quite impossible for a cosmically uninitiated human being to be able to predict anything absolutely definite about this. It could only be hypotheses and superstitions. It may even very well be possible that these mentioned relatives have no dark and killing fate coming to them at all, because in their life and way of living they have long ago developed an aura which have rendered them immune against all fate destroying to life. To force these beings to take murderous weapons in hand and through threat of punishment and death sentence to force them to kill and murder their fellow-beings, against whom they already on account of their developed aura are protected, is not only quite unjust and meaningless, but, in reality, it is also the same as to "sin against the Holy Spirit". About this sin it is said that it shall not be forgiven. When states or authorities without the least personal regard to the single individual's psyche, its outlook on life and moral way of being, force all to become soldiers, become warriors, killers and saboteurs, they make themselves guilty of a conduct the effects of which cannot be "forgiven", which means that they cannot be remedied. Thus beings who in reality long ago have become so developed that they have left the domain of war, beings who no more can kill and murder, revenge and hate and who consequently constitute a realm of peace, are forced to be warriors and to promote quarrels, death and destruction. Thus states and authorities undermine that realm of peace, which has already been formed or has come into existence within the states, instead of supporting, comforting and nursing this its really and true humane realm of culture. As long as states and authorities regardless of any psychological consideration of the single individual force all to be warriors, saboteurs and killers, they war and sabotage against their own domain of peace. In this way they become their own "enemies", and that is still worse than the "enemy" they want to fight down. But how can states and authorities, who are not only in bloody war with other states, but who also are having an inner war (use military coercion on the human beings who in their heart are humanists and peace-minded), become experts in creating peace? How right the Bible is! The sin against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven. The war against the fellow-being and the war against oneself is a sabotage of God's spirit. Here only hell's Dance of Death could have its domain. This is the home of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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## THE ROAD TO PEACE

The road to peace goes only through the understanding of the fact that the selection of soldiers, which means the selection of warriors, must only take place amongst those who in their hearts are real warriors. To force beings, who by heart are humanists and who cannot have the heart to kill or mutilate living beings, to become warriors, consequently is the same as to sabotage or destroy the already created peace. Peace can only be created in the soil of charity. If one does not nurse and take care of this soil, do not think it possible here to raise the life-giving fruits of peace.

Within all states and people a realm is found of beings who still are natural warriors, which means beings, who believe that everything has to be settled by power. In the realm of justice and humanity they are still to a great extent illiterate. These beings are the soil of war and discord. These beings are the legitimate enemies of other states' warriors. As long as a state must have troops and has to levy soldiers, it must from a psychological point of view be able to distinguish between warriors and humanists and consequently only conscript warriors to become soldiers and exempt the humanists, who are not responsible for the existence of war. The states cannot at all afford to miss their humanists, because only natural humanists can create peace. To let the humanists or the experts of peace be killed on the battlefields together with the warriors, is just the same as to throw out the baby with the bath water. In this way all conditions or possibilities for the creation of peace are being sabotaged or destroyed. The only way to protection against the evil, against other's attack, violence and brutality, is not fatal sabotage, murder and killing, but, on the contrary, to purify oneself for all that is found of this kind in one's mentality, because the animal and the killing in the human mind is the source of any war with the neighbour and the injuries and dark fates which this causes. But against this returning effect of dark manifestation towards one's fellow-being there is no protection, no matter how much military or how many divisions or army corps, police or authorities of justice behind which to hide oneself. Fate unfailingly befalls the human being, in quiet surroundings as well as in the middle of the war's Dance of Death. The law has been done. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. The road to peace consequently goes only through this: to give to our neighbour that peace and blessing in which we ourselves wish to live.

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