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HOW CAN WE COUNTERACT OUR OWN DARK FATE?

All living beings have a fate of their own. This fate can only appear in two different forms--as a sensation of happiness or as a sensation of unhappiness. The greater part of the human race lives under conditions where they do not feel very secure in their fate, and, consequently, they put an enormous effort into becoming masters of this feeling of insecurity.

The daily behaviour and initiative of most humans is solely motivated by their desire to enjoy a happy fate or experience of life. To this end, parents have their children educated in schools and universities or trade schools, which will enable them to strive after money and material wealth. Commonly, their interpretation of happy fate is that it is concurrent with money and material wealth--the sole guard against misfortune. Others try to guard themselves from a dark or unhappy fate by attaching themselves to what we call religious ceremonies, sacraments, etc., in order to create some kind of bulwark against the sufferings, i.e. the dark fate, which they fear.

MAN LIVES IN THE "JUDGMENT DAY"

EPOCH TODAY: But how, then, does the fate of the average man on earth reveal itself? Isn't it full of sorrow and anxiety? Aren't the human communities on earth full of sufferings of every conceivable kind? Doesn't disease, distress, misery, war, hatred and hostility flourish wherever you turn? Don't we actually experience today the "day of reckoning", the "day of judgment", which all throughout history has been feared, and which should be the culmination of suffering or the dark destiny of peoples as well as individuals? No wonder that the most profound task for all thinking humans has become the attempt to

subdue all this misery and to try and help create peace and harmony in the world.

HOW MAN USES HIS ACQUIRED POWERS OVER PHYSICAL MATTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF EGOISM:

Looking back into human history, we see that individuals from the earliest times, when they lived like animals in the forests, up to our times, where they appear as humans with highly developed technical abilities and a vast insight into sheer physical matter, and where they are in command of the elements, have ceaselessly made use of brutal power, haughtiness, ruthlessness and raw egoism in attempting to preserve their own life, health and happiness.

Throughout human history, war propaganda and battle cries have ceaselessly incensed the masses, leading to the suppression, the mutilation, yes, even the total destruction of those in the way of one's desires and "happiness".

So great a part of the life of man on earth became infested with war, that it simply became a religion to him, regardless of the fact that he reached a stage of development where his children were christened in "the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost", thereby making them disciples of He, who said: "Put your sword in the sheath, for he who kills by the sword, shall himself be killed by the sword".

Well, didn't it really turn out that those very same dedicated nations and peoples became the greatest experts in the art of killing? Which countries in the world are better equipped with murderous know-how, with its all-destructive tendencies, than exactly those Christian nations?

THE CLERGY OF THE CHRISTIAN NATIONS PREACH CHARITY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY ADVOCATE COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE:

These countries have, however, become a phenomenon of a rather special nature. They have a highly

developed ecclesiastical organization with elegant schools, and a clergy which preaches from hundreds of thousands of pulpits to millions of people that you should love thy neighbour as thyself -- that you should love the one who hates and persecutes you -- that you should turn your right cheek when smitten on your left, and so on. At the same time they have enormous schools or military academies where their youth is being educated to become specialists in the most refined murder techniques in the world.

Who has the greatest army, navy or air force than these so-called "christian nations"? And will any human being deny that in these countries, youth, which first through baptism, confirmation and the Lord's Supper, have been prepared to become disciples of christianity, will later be forced -if necessary by force of the law - to let itself be educated into a way of life or behavior, which in all respects is the diametric opposite of Christian teachings? No, everybody knows this, and almost all of these people in the "christian nations" believe that this is the way it should be.

THE CHRIST-CONSCIOUSNESS IS TO BE BORN IN MAN'S WILL AND CONCENTRATION:

But a world which is built on a foundation of the peculiar logic revealed under the above mentioned conditions must necessarily meet the destiny we are witnessing today. Wasn't that what the world-redeemer announced to his disciples as he wept over the destruction of Jerusalem because it had missed its opportunity, -did not know its "day of reckoning"? And wasn't it the same inner knowledge which made him see the coming "day of judgment" for humanity? It was clear to him that the "kingdom of heaven" could not be any external, established kingdom before it had become an accomplished reality inside each human being on earth. "The kingdom of heaven" can only become an external reality when every citizen carries charity and love, which is Christ-consciousness, in his heart.

Jesus saw that the "kingdom of heaven" wouldn't become any true reality in the external world

through the formation of religions or isms, through baptism or sacraments alone, but that it had to be crowned and confirmed through his "second coming in the clouds in great glory", which means the birth of his mentality in each individual's will and thought concentration. It is the birth of this Christ-consciousness in every individual's mental world which constitutes "the kingdom of heaven", and which is the highest existing form of happiness in life. When earth-man possesses this "second coming of Christ" in his own mentality, he will have the only absolutely effective means with which he can counteract his misfortunes, his sufferings and his disharmony with life.

EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH MUST PREPARE FOR THE "COMING OF CHRIST" IN HIS OWN MIND:

Everyone, whether a Buddhist, a Muslim, a Christian, or whatever, must therefore prepare for this "second coming of Christ" in his own mentality or world of thought. By doing this, he will not only support and consolidate his own happiness or bright destiny, but he will also become one of those citizens of which a state must consist, if the "kingdom of heaven" shall become an external reality.

WHEN IGNORANCE IS ELIMINATED, SO-CALLED "EVIL" CEASES TO EXIST:

But how do we prepare our own inner self - our own consciousness or mentality - our own world of thought - for this "second coming of Christ"? First and foremost by bringing the knowledge of the laws of life, on the basis of which all experience of fate rests, within the reach of one's own physical brain function. In this way, it will be possible for us, through our intelligence, our clear-thinking mental power and our logical judgment, to understand the causes for the behaviour and mentality of our neighbour, and thereby learn to acknowledge the fact that any expression of hatred, revenge or persecution on our part can only be attributed to ignorance.

All unhappy destiny has its root and cause in some kind of ignor-

ance. Whenever we are ignorant, we think wrongly, and if we are thinking wrongly, the guidance and the direction of our will is also bound to be wrong. Any wrong direction of will inevitably causes reactions of unhappiness and pain. It is then, on that basis, impossible to create the contacts between ourselves and our surroundings necessary for harmony and happiness. And where there is no peace, harmony or happiness within oneself and in one's surroundings, there is inevitably war. War means suffering and death, which is the opposite of the "kingdom of heaven" which we wished to create. This opposite is hell.

MAN MUST LEARN THE COSMIC LAWS, KNOW ITS PRINCIPLES, AND THEREBY REALIZE HIMSELF: It will, thus, be seen that there are only two ways in which to live life, the right one and the wrong one. Since the wrong one furthers the experience of "hell", and the right one the experience of the "kingdom of heaven", it isn't difficult to ascertain whether one is in contact with the right or the wrong life-form, or whether one practices the right or the wrong kind of behaviour. The fact that the average man on earth usually practices the wrong behaviour, because he is ignorant of the spiritual laws and principles of existence, is revealed by the more or less unhappy conditions under which he lives and experiences life.

To many of these people, it can, then, be of great importance that they learn to acknowledge the fact that the cause of all this misery rests entirely with themselves. Without knowledge of the profound karmic laws governing life, most people will look for the cause of their unhappy fate outside themselves, or in phenomena which they have no influence upon. Such individuals will always believe that "the others" are causing their experiences of pain or misery, and that they, themselves, are suffering an injustice, or are being persecuted, or in some other way are the victims of hate and evil originating in their environment. This attitude causes bitterness and self-pity, and always ends up by making

a martyr of its victim.

It is this attitude towards life which leads man into an "evil circle", as it unavoidably will lead to endless new conflicts. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that man be subjected to a cosmic education and upbringing, through which he will get to know or realize himself and also learn the intimate coherence between his way of thinking and his experience of life. Without knowledge of this coherence, man will much too easily become a victim of the way of thinking which leads to the adoration of the self, the hypersensitiveness of the self, as well as a condition of the soul which, by its nature, nurtures the best soil for tendencies which are detrimental to life and happiness. Only the one who is "awake and prays", which means he who has his thoughts, his wishes and his desires under control, and who in all and everything is set on following the world-redeemer in his own daily life and behaviour, will have the possibility to avoid becoming a victim of erroneous thinking. Only this individual will be capable of meeting any release of dark fate with a serenity and superiority of the soul, and with the deep humility which is concealed in the immortal words of the world-redeemer: "Lord, not my will, but thine, be done."

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- YOUNGER SOULS -

The ability of believing in something religious is degenerating in most countries within our civilization, and as the morality which religions defend is losing its grip in the people at the same time, all prevailing moral laws are breaking up inside as well as outside the prevailing legal systems.

Criminality is on the increase, especially felony and murder. In the U. S. last year, more than 15,000 persons were murdered, almost two every hour. Out of these, almost 100 were policemen. In England, felony is also on the in-

crease, although the conditions are almost peaceful in comparison with the U. S.; 27 were murdered in London during the first half of 1971, against 714 during the same period in New York City. TIME magazine, which mentions these figures and discusses violence against the police, cites the following by a British policeman: "My colleagues and I remember when a villain got a whacking sentence and was sent to Dartmoor. There he got flogged, he broke stones and he sewed mailbags. After he was released he seldom came back for more. Prison then was a real deterrent. Now the pendulum has swung the other way. They have got television in prisons now and transistor radios in cells. There is a choice of grub and they get weekend leave to allow them to go home and breed more criminals." He proposed more vigorous measures if conditions weren't going to become like those in New York.

But how do lawbreakers appear from a cosmological point of view?

In his books, Martinus places the word "criminal" in quotation marks, and I guess he does so from the viewpoint that we are all imperfect and trespassers of the laws of life. Naturally, we are not all criminals in the ordinary, legal sense of the word. Martinus calls the law-breakers "younger souls within the civilization", and distinguishes further between real "criminals" and "sexual offenders", of which the first mentioned are fully normal individuals, who are only lacking in their evolutionary development, for the most part having entered civilization from more primitive societies or tribes via reincarnation, and, consequently, are unable to follow the legal systems adopted by civilized countries. "Sexual offenders", on the other hand, are quite wrongly thought of as belonging to the world of the "criminals". They are "sick or abnormal beings, which have to be treated by other methods than the "criminal", and they normally belong to a far higher level of consciousness". Accordingly, they must receive medical, psychiatric or cosmological aid, i.e. help from people who know the world plan and especially the analysis of the sexual pole-structure, while

the "common lawbreakers" perhaps should receive some special schooling. Usually, however, this latter category would have to be subjected to the natural growth and development of the society, and must, therefore, often be isolated from the community in reformatories or internment camps, inside of which they could live a life which is normal for their stage of development. Martinus writes in "Livets Bog"(The Book of Life), pg. 126-I, that in the world of the future an "international open - not secret - supreme law and judicial system will be developed. This system will be represented by the most exalted of human beings, morally and spiritually as well as scientifically. These people will be qualified to know the difference between 'abnormal behavior' and 'crime'; they will know the path of evolution and the eternal laws of existence, and, thereby, be guarantors of absolute justice for everyone."

This justice does not reign today. It is true that authorities are beginning to realize mistakes and deficiencies in the prevailing systems in this country as well as in other countries, and many changes and improvements have been made, and still more are planned. On the whole, however, it is the old mosaic law which prevails - "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." It is largely revenge, punishment, isolation and torment, with their indoctrinating effects, which are employed. Punishment may create a wish for an immediate but usually short lived change to a moral level which only a long evolution can permanently procure. If a man does not commit any offence, it is only because of his fear of punishment, which means that it is only a question of being exposed to indoctrination. The opinion of the British policeman about the earlier brutal methods of the Dartmoor prison clearly illustrate this attitude. But from a cosmological point of view, this merely amounts to postponing the inevitable.

When we discover and oftentimes feel tormented by the fact that "criminals" are exposed to a raw and inhuman treatment, it can be a difficult thing to understand that there is, in fact, no injustice

from a cosmic point of view. We must teach ourselves that it is presently impossible for society to comply fully with the christian and human ideals, forgiving "criminals", as "they do not know what they are doing". This would lead to catastrophies, and these "criminals" would be dangerous to other people if they were to continue their "crimes". Our existing judicial system can impossibly be perfect, but it nevertheless is, at this very moment, about at the height of its development relative to today's conditions. The situation is that imperfect humans - police, judges, prison guards - are taking into custody other imperfect humans, convicting them and imprisoning them. They bring about injustices to each other and are, thereby, gradually learning what real justice is, in accord with their gradual development of humane tendencies. Not until the time when the world-state has been established and humanity has become more widespread, will real justice become a reality,--not through force of a hard-handed judicial system--not because of training or indoctrination imposed on the individual from outside systems, but because every single world citizen will have acquired the laws as an intergal part of his own mental system. Then, it will be impossible for him to break the common rules of life or the community or those spiritual laws which he will have attained and gained full insight into.

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SUMMER SEMINAR IN DENMARK
July 22-29, 1972-

Dates and program for this year's seminar at Klint have now been established, and already at this time several people from the U. S., England, Holland and Germany have advised us of their coming.

The theme this year centers around A NEW UNIVERSAL PHILOSOPHY, which invariably will appear as a result of the studies of Martinus' logical world picture as schematically illustrated in his analytical diagrams.

The day-by-day program will be

as follows, with lectures each morning at 10 o'clock:

- Sat.: General information and introduction.
- Sun.: Lecture by Mogens Møller;
A LOGICAL WORLD-CONCEPTION
AS OUTLINED BY MARTINUS.
- Mon.: Lecture by Sv. Å. Rossen;
THE ETERNAL STRUCTURE OF THE
LIVING BEING.
- Tues: Lecture by Ben Saxe;
MAN'S EVOLUTION FROM THE LOW-
EST STATES OF DEVELOPMENT.
- Wed.: Lecture by Ben Saxe;
THE CREATION OF MAN IN THE
IMAGE OF GOD AFTER HIS
LIKENESS.
- Thur: Lecture by Tage Buch;
MAN AS THE MASTER OF HIS OWN
DESTINY.
- Fri.: Lecture by Mogens Møller;
LIFE, DEATH AND ETERNITY IN
A COSMIC PERSPECTIVE.
- Sat.: Departure.

After each lecture there will be a panel discussion.

On Friday afternoon, and at other times if necessary, any one of the participants wishing to comment on subjects related to the lectures during the week, or on any other subject of mutual interest, can take the chair.

As a special feature this year, Mrs. Stauffer of High Point Foundation, California, and her group, will give instructions on four afternoons. For those wishing to participate, a small fee will be charged.

For those not acquainted with the Martinus Center at Klint, it should be added that it is located by the sea(Kattegat), about 1 to 2 hours driving time northwest of Copenhagen. It has been an excellent place for the past 35 years for vacationing, with or without families, where facilities for listening to lectures or discussing common topics are available. About 400 people can be housed on the Center grounds, which sounds like a lot, but considering the wide area over which the small cottages are spread, it is really a very quiet, peaceful place.

Those either wishing to parti-

cipate this summer or simply wanting to obtain more detailed information as to accommodations, costs, etc., are welcome to write to us. The earlier you write, the better, since living accommodation is limited.

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HIGH POINT FOUNDATION-

A couple of years ago, when Mogens Møller visited California, he had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Edith Stauffer of High Point Foundation, where he held lectures. He was very impressed with their way of working, their ability to create an atmosphere of goodwill and a relaxed and creative relationship between people. It was thought that anyone having to do with spiritual matters in an active way would benefit from getting acquainted with High Point Foundation's ideals of gaining insight into one's own self through creative expression of many kinds. As a result, as mentioned in the foregoing program over this year's seminar at Klint, Mrs. Stauffer and her group will join the Center this summer and give instructions. High Point Foundation introduces themselves in this manner:

High Point Foundation is a non profit organization which provides retreat or holiday centers, near Los Angeles and Fresno, California and near Seattle, Washington in the U.S.A., for those who are seeking greater growth and understanding of themselves and others. High Point Foundation is founded on the belief that all persons have an innate capacity for spiritual unfoldment. That unfoldment is growth toward wholeness and fulfillment; to develop one's potentials, to relate harmoniously with other human beings and to relate oneself to the Cosmos. High Point Foundation's program of retreats, workshops and classes are designed to transmute the negative forces of depression, despair, anger, feelings of inferiority and loneliness, which block personal growth, into creative positive expression. Some of the methods and forms used to assist the individual in the discovery of his true identity and releasing the ne-

gative energies are: Psychodrama, Creative Rhythms, Sensitivity Training, Creative Expression, & Meditation. High Point Foundation leaders are especially chosen for their openness, their warmth, and acceptance in addition to being well-trained in the arts and skills of right human relations.

PSYCHODRAMA and CREATIVE DRAMA are techniques used to free individuals of emotional problems.

Psychodrama is a form of psychotherapy or the re-education or training of one's emotions. The participants in psychodrama enact or re-enact situations that are significant to them. The word psychodrama means the intellectual and emotional processes, not only through speech, but also through movement and gesture. Psychodrama is usually a group activity.

Creative Drama is the enactment of a story, usually a fairy tale, Bible story or a folk tale, a story which contains a basic truth of life. The fairy stories of the famous Danish author, Hans Christian Anderson, such as the Ugly Duckling, is a most striking example. For instance, as one plays the part of the Ugly Duckling, the mother duck or the role of the swans, one becomes aware of these same qualities within himself.

Creative Rhythm is body movement to music. Both large and small groups find benefit in movement to symbolic ideas with music. The releasing of tension and freeing of spirit are some of the benefits of this creative idea.

Creative Expression Through Color is one of the many ways one can express his inner feelings and awareness. The inner life that is expressed in dream and fantasy can often be captured in symbols and form in drawings which aid one in understanding one's deeper nature and values.

Meditation is one of the unique ways that High Pt. relates to the Universal Life and draws upon the universal energies for strength, guidance and as a source of light and love, which can be radiated out into one's outer life.

Positive Sensitivity Training: High Pt. specializes in teaching individuals to be sensitive of one's own body, feelings and emotions, and development of one's strengths, etc.