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"THE SUPREME COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF"

Man lives in fear of war.

We live at a time when the world is on fire. Two great world-wars have harried the earth, and people live in constant fear that a further world conflagration may erupt in the shape of a war worse even than previous wars. Formerly, the effect of wars was to some extent limited to peoples and territories directly involved, while those in other parts of the world remained more or less unaffected and might even be unaware of what was happening elsewhere. Nowadays, war affects not only combatants at the centre of fighting itself but its dire consequences are experienced throughout the world. So it becomes quite natural that people, everywhere, should fear war and regard lasting peace as an utopian ideal. Repeatedly, we hear the opinion expressed that humanity cannot possibly be developing towards a higher stage since people's behaviour grows worse and worse, rather than better. One sinks into an abyss of pessimistic thought which finds expression in such words as "There have always been wars, and there always will be wars" (qualified perhaps by adding "Until mankind has blown itself to atoms, and the Earth with it")

Viewed in cosmic perspective, however, mankind's situation is not without hope.

Expressions as cited above may rightly be attributed to a "doomsday mentality" whereby human beings are sentenced to annihilation. And who is to carry out the sentence? Why, human beings themselves, of course. Can anything more absurd be imagined? Yet people still claim that they wage war only to create peace - which is akin to attempting to extinguish fire by fire. At the same time there are many people capable of understanding the absurdity of mankind's present position, and which may be likened to that of a ship's crew who, engaged in a mutual quarrel, tear the vessel asunder in order to use fragments as weapons against each other - thereby ensuring the destruction of the ship and themselves.

Unfortunately, those people who are aware of the foolishness and danger of the present world situation and who do their best to oppose the production and use of atomic and similar ghastly weapons, are proportionately so few that their voices are drowned by the noise of war preparation and the menace of the "cold war", etc., that everything seems without hope and meaning. It may seem that way when viewed from the narrow perspective employed by the majority of people, but it is possible to regard the situation of terrestrial man in another, broader perspective, and viewed in that way the situation is by no means hopeless. From a cosmic viewpoint it may be said that terrestrial humanity is experiencing the "last days of the World", but it is in quite another sense that one uses the term "annihilation". It is

a case of annihilation, but neither of the earth nor of humanity; no, it is the annihilation of war itself, it is the "last days" for the use of the killing, or destructive principle.

The cycle-principle normally manifests itself in four stages.

Here in the North we experience the most perfect example of the four-season cycle, and we have an ancient proverb, "As the day lengthens, so the cold strengthens". During February, and sometimes well into March, we may find that frost and ice dominate the scene, even though the daylight hours are lengthening. And does not this increase of brightness during lengthening daylight hours mean a great deal to us all? We long for it, and it seems easier for us to withstand the cold, the snow and the ice when the days are getting brighter. We realise that a new period is approaching and that, little by little, the sun will gather power to melt the snow and ice. Harbingers of Spring are everywhere to be seen and point to the time, soon to come, when nature will be dominated by forces other than those of winter. However, the cycles which we, in these northern latitudes, are permitted to experience in the full development of the changing seasons is but one of the ways in which the universal cycle-principle is made manifest to us.

All of the numberless cycles within the universe normally appear in four seasons or stages because they are based on the contrast-principle. This means that there are two stages when one or another contrasting principle is dominant, and two further stages where the intermediate conditions rule. Is not winter the period when the principle of cold and darkness is dominant? And spring the time when winter gives way towards the contrasting principle of summer? We have experienced this so often that we accept it as a matter of fact. In the same way it has become obvious to us that autumn is a transitional period when cold and darkness are gradually intensifying in order to culminate once again in the ice and snows of winter. During the twenty-four hour day-and-night cycle we experience precisely the same four stages in a lesser unfoldment which we term morning, noon, evening and night. All these matters are so familiar that we seldom give them a second thought; they have become habitual to us. Nor do people often reflect that the same cycle-principle manifests itself in the normal human life-cycle, with its four stages of childhood, youth, manhood and old age. Childhood represents night, or the winter zone, when all the abilities, soon to mature, remain dormant. In youth, those abilities commence to grow; this is the morning, or spring of the human being; during manhood ones abilities mature and man has reached his noontide, or the summer of his life. The gradual onset of age, with its greying hair and failing health is the evening of mans' life, or his autumn. Death is man's sunset - but his sun will rise again over new horizons for new lives or incarnations throughout his eternal existence and development. And so we return to our starting point, the old proverb which says "As the day lengthens, the cold strengthens"

The way towards light passes through darkness.

Throughout millions of years the development of terrestrial man has been advanced through a long series of incarnations in physical matter, passing through mineral, vegetable and animal stages until the present stage has been attained. Such development takes place within a gigantic circuit which, in my cosmic analysis, I have called a Spiral-Cycle. Like all cycles, it has four stages. In its present spiral-cycle terrestrial humanity finds itself in the cosmic "season" characterized by the proverb mentioned earlier. We are living in a cosmic winter

zone and have progressed so far that the light has already become much brighter ("light" being here synonymous with spiritual light, or, in other words, knowledge of the laws of life.) We are speaking here of intelligence and the growing humanity of terrestrial man. But although the "days lengthen", we also find that the "winter strengthens", because the killing or destructive principle of winter is evident among human beings as never before. Now, humanity is in a position to utilise intelligence as a murder weapon, because intelligence is a neutral energy which can be used equally in the service of the life-giving and the killing principle.

Because terrestrial man's abilities and knowledge have not yet developed so far as to reach a truly human condition, mankind is therefore at a transitional stage which occupies a position between the animal kingdom and that of real humanity. From a cosmic point of view it may be said that man is a kind of "devil-being". He has begun to assume human form and his mind is adapting towards true humanity but he has not yet developed into a real humane human being. He is living in a zone of night, or winter, but has progressed so far towards the coming of spring that light is beginning to herald the dawn of his mentality. He yearns for more light in the form of knowledge, and he begins to long for peace. There is much talk of the United Nations and of "One World", of the liberation of man and the rights of all human beings, irrespective of nationality, religion or colour. Attempts are made to make admission to schools, universities, etc. open to all. There are hospitals, nursing homes, Red Cross societies and many such organizations to further the welfare of people generally. These and similar efforts are representative of "the lengthening days". But at the same time still more and more potentially destructive weapons are being produced; one threatens the other and thinks to create peace by out-rivalling the rest by the invention and stock-piling of even deadlier means of destruction. Why does all this occur? Because the road to Heaven passes through Hell i.e. the way towards light is through darkness, or the way to life passes through death. Use here of the word "death" is intended to refer to the materialistic state of mind which is currently prevalent throughout the greater part of civilized humanity. However, following this "death" a resurrection will occur and the full development of truly humane attributes will commence and the "springtime" of real humanity will blossom as it enters into the consciousness of each individual as a consequence of the experience gained in the zone of darkness, and with which man eventually becomes satiated.

Owing to the contrast-principle, man will eventually be satiated by war.

From this viewpoint it becomes obvious that all wars have been necessary, or "a necessary evil" as some will remark. I prefer to regard war as an "unpleasant good". It is, I know, difficult to regard war in this way, particularly for those who are closely involved and affected. However, if multitudes of people had not been killed and mutilated in the wars of their previous lives, those people would not today object, as they do, to warlike activity. Because such people living today are also those who had experience of war during earlier lives. You may well find it strange, that in view of the numberless wars from which people have had opportunities to learn, that they have not long ago come to abjure war. But much time is needed in order to create a real talent for peace within the consciousness of the human being. First comes the stage when man dreams only of revenge and retaliation. He hopes to become stronger than his enemy and to conquer him. His opponent, of course, holds similar views, and so war or the condition we call "hell" or the "kingdom of death" would reign eter-

nally were the principle of hunger and satiation not to exist. The contrast-principle is closely linked with the principle of hunger and satiation, and consequently peace will approach in strict relation to the speed with which terrestrial man becomes satiated with war and its effects and commences to create a new climate of "causes" which will not result in war.

Today, war is regarded as a means of creating peace.

Someone may object that wars are made by "the great ones", by those in power within the fields both of politics and finance - two areas intimately connected. Others may add, that had Hitler not arisen, the second world war would not have taken place, and that world history is a long repetition of a line of military commanders and the wars which they have waged entirely regardless of the loss of human lives. Some of these commanders entertained nothing more, perhaps, than a personal lust for power; others furthered national, religious or political aims in which war was merely an instrument for attaining such ends - a game of victory or defeat, with human beings regarded as expendable material. It was therefore essential to indoctrinate the soldier with the necessary fighting spirit in order that he was willing to die for "king and country" on the so-called "field of honour". Today, however, these ancient clichés are less effective, because the "human material" has changed. War is now regarded as a "dirty job" to be undertaken only to maintain peace. This change of attitude is also an indication that "the day lengthens". An even more conclusive proof of the change now taking place is the growing number of conscientious objectors and the young men who apply to undertake a term of service in non-combatant duties in order to avoid killing and maiming. Eventually, no Dictator or Commander-in-Chief will succeed in overcoming this change of mentality, in spite of propaganda and hypnotic suggestion.

Throughout the ages the great commanders have been but special instruments for the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, i.e. for God.

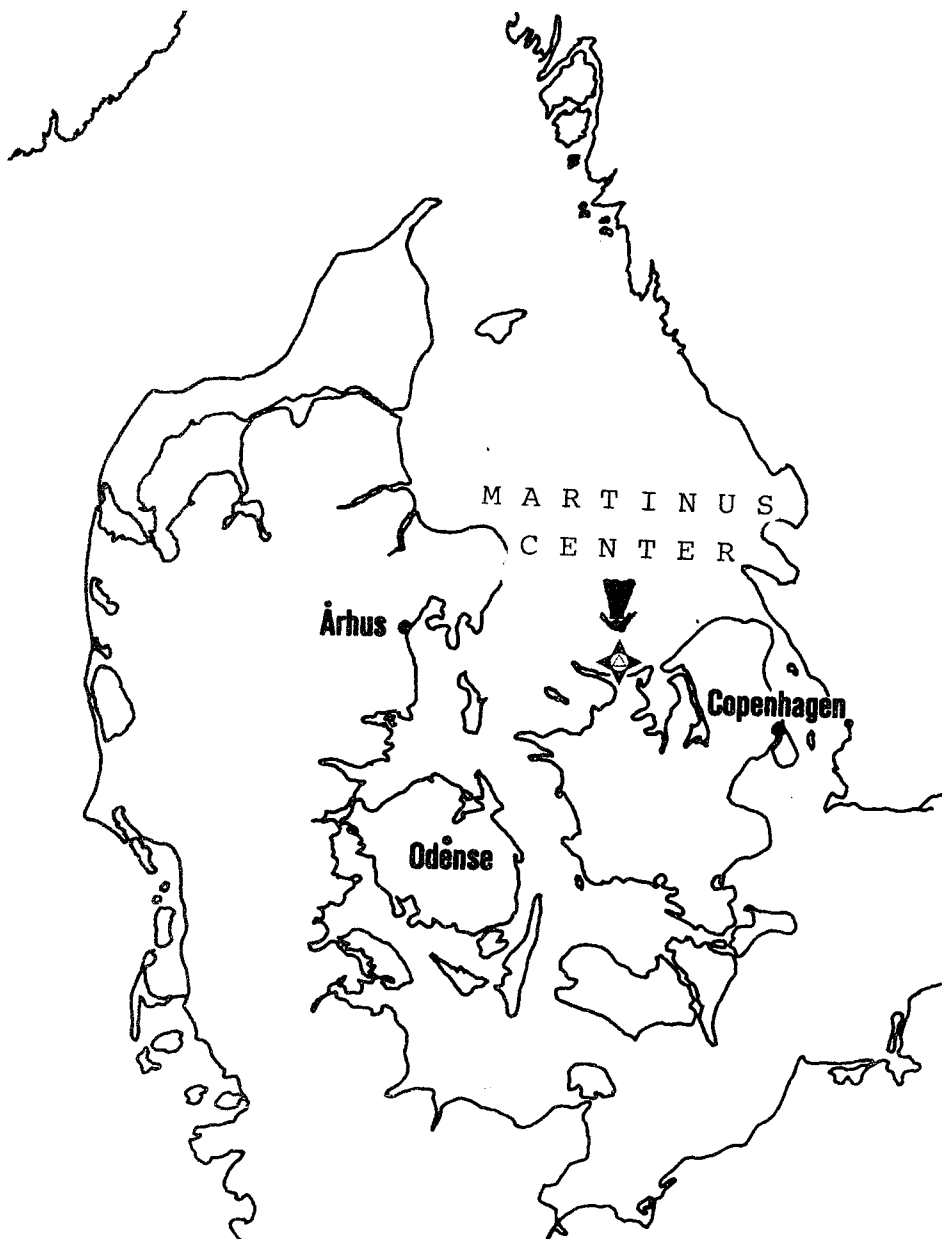
What part then, have all past statesmen, kings and commanders played in the development of terrestrial humanity? They have been special instruments for the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, i.e. the eternal Godhead, who is leading living beings through culminating death into culminating life. Without wars this divine world plan could not progress, nor would it be possible without the parts enacted by the great commanders and leaders throughout past ages. They are ordinary people, but who have experienced a special fate due to the special faculties and talents which they have built up during many incarnations. Like all others, these commanders must naturally reap the consequences of what they have sown, until they tire of war. They will then become just as good instruments in the service of the lifegiving principle as they were previously for the killing principle. They will become benefactors of mankind and will play a part in the construction of a civilization based on peace. Naturally, this belongs to the future, as do spring and summer while it is still winter. But the Supreme Commander-in-Chief has made his plan, and it is no plan for war but one leading to world peace and to a future humanity united by love in a "united states of the world".

Peace begins in terrestrial man's own mind.

It is part of this plan that people must of their own choice desire peace and create it by their efforts from the experiences they have themselves gathered. This would be impossible

had they not experienced victory as well as defeat. What they sow when victorious they reap in defeat, and the experiences of defeat will bring about a new sowing and a new harvest. War starts in the very mind of man, and peace must start in the same place. Judged merely from appearances it is obvious that in the case of major wars the individual has but little influence. The stage has been set by political situations in former lives, and the action resulting is in strict accordance with certain laws. The independence of the individual is governed by his reaction to the inevitable events, and places the future of all human beings in their own hands. The meaning and purpose of the future for mankind is to be found in the gospel for Christmas day: "Peace on Earth and good will towards all men". But are we capable of creating peace amidst a world of war and hatred? Yes, each single member of terrestrial humanity is in a position to do so, and in this he is not thrown upon himself. The Supreme Commander-in-Chief, or the eternal Godhead has at his disposal resources greater than those of humans. As a consequence they will never be permitted to destroy the earth and themselves in an atomic explosion, and a limit has been set to the destructive forces available to man. And if it seems that a limit has also been set upon the unfoldment and protection of life, this limit has only been determined by mankind's temporal moral and intellectual faculties. The human being who works on his own development for the benefit of all mankind will gradually go beyond those limits and he, or she, will become an instrument for the eternal Godhead in creating peace and brotherly love on earth.

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A HOLIDAY IN DENMARK

AT
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P.T.O.

Further to our five weeks' Danish courses in Martinus Cosmology which we arrange at MARTINUS CENTER (earlier Kosmos Holiday Centre) at Klint near Nykøbing Sjælland, we hold an International Week for English speaking people from 23rd - 30th July.

There is a special programme for this week where five lecturers among other things will teach on the following subjects:

The Eternal Worldpicture - From Animal to Man - Reincarnation or the Cycle of Life - Egoism versus Altruism - From Religion to Spiritual Science - The Triune Principle of the Univers - A Cosmic Analysis of the Living Entity - Death, or the Second Birth - The Transformation of Sexual Polarity - The Cosmic spiral Cycle of Evolution.

Ask for the special programme for this week. The prices for accomodation varies from Dkr. 235 to 315 per week for single rooms and Dkr. 125.00 to 190 per week per person if you live two or more in Double rooms or flats. Cheapest is of course the camping area at Dkr. 56.00 per person per the week. Fee for tuition Dkr. 50.- (£ 1.00 is abt. Dkr. 10.50, 1 \$ is abt. Dkr. 6.00).

MARTINUS CENTER was founded in 1935 in a beautiful, unspoiled countryside at northwest Sjælland, 60 miles from Copenhagen. It was founded in order that people interested in Martinus Worldpicture could meet, go to lectures, ask questions about spiritual problems and exchange views about everything in life, and at the same time, spend an enjoyable holiday.

The Center is situated at the sea named Kattegat in an area which shows every aspect of Danish nature - miles of seashore; lakes and fiords, heath and fragrant woods of pine and spruce, beech woods, rich farming land next to poor and sandy soil. There are interesting old churches with fine frescoes. More than 400 Barrows of yore prove that the area was populated long before the Christian aera and gods have been worshipped there for thousands of years.

MARTINUS CENTER covers an area approximately 70 acres and can provide accomodation for about 400 persons. It is divided in sections with pavillions with rooms and flats, each with a kitchen, a solarium decorated with flowers in between, and a lecture hall with about 300 seats, library and studyroom. There is a Swedish section containing an old farm house and six one-room flats with kitchens. Altogether there are 24 flats for 2 - 4 persons. 28 single bed-sittings rooms with cooking facilities, and 8 bungalows. There are showers with hot and cold water in each section, and there is a camping area with modern facilities.

Guests can provide for themselves if so they wish, and almost everything needed can be found in a nearby shop. On the other hand meals can be taken in the vegetarian restaurant, Terrassen, at most reasonable prices.

There are also about 100 private houses belonging to people interested in Martinus work. All buildings are surrounded by wild-flower lawns and protected from the wind by hedgerows. The long beach is free to all in the center.

MARTINUS INSTITUTE in Copenhagen and MARTINUS CENTER at Klint are educational centres dealing with spiritual problems in a scientific way and the lectures given here are mainly based on Martinus Cosmic Analyses contained in his many works. No sect or organization is based on Martinus works and no kind of restraint is imposed on anyone at the Institute or the Center.

You will find just as many Swedes as Danes in the Center, but people are coming from many other parts of the world, and also you will be most welcome.

An attempt has been made in order to arrange lectures in the London area in May, but this has proven not to be possible this year. Another attempt will be made as to arrange gatherings in October/November 1977, and in case you have suggestions as to groups or organizations which would be interested in hearing about Martinus thoughts, please contact Mr. Jack Sanderson, 58, Deyncourt Gdns, Upminster, Essex RM14-IDG. Phone 01-8623846.

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MARTINUS is a Danish philosopher and author born in 1890, who, after undergoing a spiritual experience which included a perfected intuitive capacity, was able to describe the spiritual principles and laws of the universe and map these out in both written form and drawn symbols.

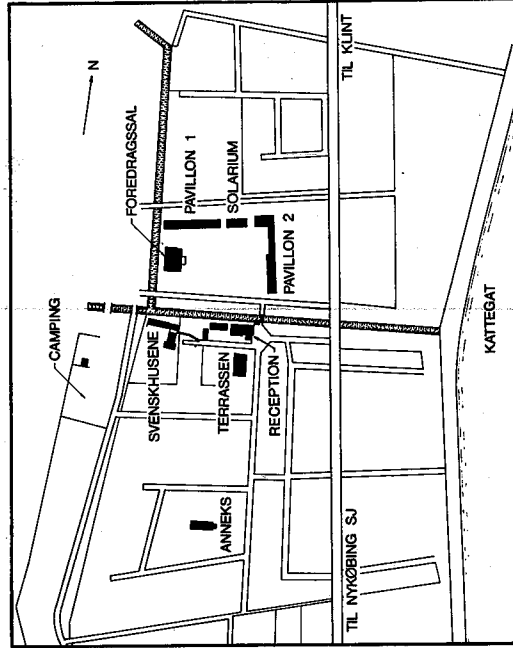
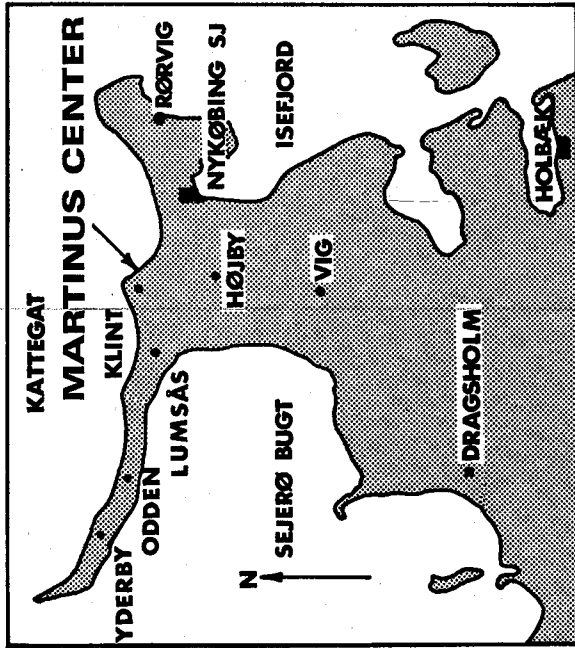
Sages have explained these laws and many are conscious of their existence, but Martinus has analysed the structure of life and the universe in logical chains of thought accessible to the intelligence.

Martinus has thus produced a universal world picture, which comprises the external physical and the internal mental universe in One all-encompassing whole. Humans are depicted as eternal living units who are presently in a period of development between animal and true, fully developed beings. This stage of development is being accomplished by the experience of what could be termed life's own Word in the form of each individual's daily experience. The individual thereby learns life's fundamental laws which will ultimately culminate in his becoming an altruistic, creative spiritual being. In his cosmic analysis, Martinus deals with all aspects of life, physical as well as spiritual. Eternal life, reincarnation, karma, evolution, also ideal food, prayer, the principle of sexual polarity, etc. are covered in his long string of books. His two main works are "Livets Bog" (The Book of Life, I - VII) and "The Eternal World Picture". Periodicals are also published in Danish, Swedish, German and an English newsletter.

THE MARTINUS INSTITUT was established in order to make Martinus' literature available, and during the winter lectures are given on Martinus Cosmology. The Institut is a tax-exempt, private foundation.

Martinus Center at the seaside was founded in 1935, and lectures and courses are given each summer in the month of July. Accommodation is available in furnished rooms and chalets for up to 400 guests, and a restaurant serves vegetarian meals. Guests speakers from other humanitarian groups are invited occasionally. There is a special week for English speaking people every year at the end of July.

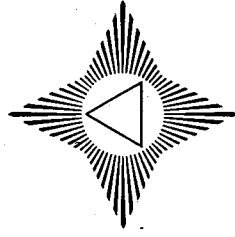
LECTURES AND INFORMATION. Through some forty years lectures have been given by Martinus and other knowledgeable lecturers at the Institut and at Martinus Center at the sea north-west of Copenhagen. Lectures have, however, also been given regularly in many Scandinavian towns in the same period and during the later years this work has been extended to Germany, Holland, England and U.S.A. Free brochures and information about literature, courses and lectures from the Martinus Institut, 94/96 Mariendalsvej, DK-2000 Copenhagen F, Denmark.



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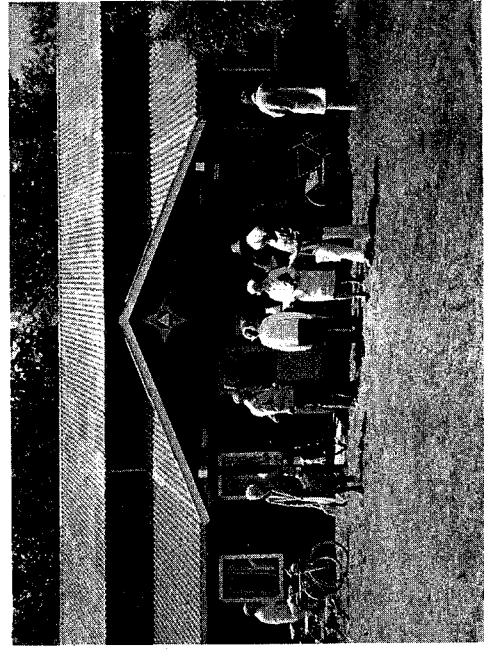
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Course in

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SATURDAY July 23rd

4 p.m. Get-together-tea and a few words of welcome. Information about the week's programme.

SUNDAY July 24th

10 a.m. THE ETERNAL WORLD-PICTURE

by Mogens Møller

What is a world-picture? A solution to the basic problems of life which is equally satisfactory to man's intelligence and to the emotional side of his nature. Martinus world-picture. Man's present need for a deeper spiritual insight. The failure of materialism owing to its knowledge of matter, but utter ignorance of the spiritual aspect of life. The stagnation of the Christian belief into narrow doctrinarism. The original source of inspiration to Christianity.

4 p.m. FROM MINERAL TO MAN

by Karin Brant Nielsen

The evolution of plant and animal into man. The mineral kingdom not an inanimate world. The vegetable kingdom a transitional stage of evolution. The intermediate stage between the vegetable kingdom and the animal kingdom. Intelligence as a dominant factor in our present phase of development. The emergence of religion, the ultimate outcome of which will be a state of universal love and charity among all men.

MONDAY July 25th

10 a.m. REINCARNATION OR THE CYCLE OF LIFE

by Tage Buch

The principle of circularity in the eternal rhythm of nature. The cycle of thought and action. The cycle of day and night as a diurnal rhythm. The cycle of the year. The cosmic spiral cycle of evolution. The stages of human life as a cycle. Reincarnation in connection with karma as the logical explanation of the seemingly unjust conditions under which most people have to live and work.

4 p.m. EGOISM VERSUS ALTRUISM

by Mogens Møller

Modern man in the midst of an evolutionary process, the trend of which is a general realization of the fact that working together for the common good will not only be for the benefit of the single individual, but also for humanity as such. This change of attitude will stimulate the will of the individual to overcome the animal instincts which are an inheritance from the kingdom from which terrestrial man now is rapidly emerging.

TUESDAY July 26th

10 a.m. FROM RELIGION TO SPIRITUAL SCIENCE

by Ben Saxe

From a state of unintellectual primitiveness and blind faith terrestrial man passes into a period of atheism and intellectual materialism, which in course of time will be superseded by a high-intellectual stage of civilization, in which each and everyone will gradually attain cosmic consciousness. The principle of prayer as the indispensable link between the Godhead and his children. Parapsychology the stepping-stone to the science of the future? Spiritual science an extension of the science of today.

4 p.m. THE TRUINE PRINCIPLE OF THE UNIVERSE

by Svend Age Rossen

The universe as consisting of three inseparable principles: The Creator, the Creative Power, and Creation. The chief characteristics of Creation: Movement, time, space, symmetry in the structure of matter, bearing witness to an underlying purpose and plan. Reasons for the existence of the Creative Power. Reasons for the existence of the Creator. The infinity and immobility of the Creator. A true concept of God.

WEDNESDAY July 27th

10 a.m. A COSMIC ANALYSIS OF THE LIVING ENTITY

by Svend Age Rossen

The same three cosmic principles apparent in the living being: Its organic structure is equivalent to CREATION. The physical and superphysical bodies. Day- and night-consciousness. Next we have THE CREATIVE POWER, comprising various components, such as the Primeval Urge, the Mother Energy, the Fate Element, and the eight Creational Principles. As for THE CREATOR this innermost principle is identical with the ego proper of the individual and is the common basis of universal love, brotherhood and charity among all men. The eternal nature of the three cosmic aspects of the living being.

4 p.m. DEATH - OR THE SECOND BIRTH

by Karin Brant Nielsen

Sleep as the younger brother of death. Are there any reasons for a belief in a life hereafter? The perfectly groundless fear of death. Ought we to keep trying to prolongate life artificially? What takes place at the so-called death, and what are the experiences after the second birth? What factors determine where and when we will be born again? Reincarnation as the basis for a renewal of life. By rebirth we gradually qualify ourselves as consummate masters in the art of living.

THURSDAY July 28th

10 a.m. THE TRANSFORMATION OF SEXUALITY

by Tage Buch

The sleeping Adam and God's making of Eve. Single-poled creatures and their falling in love. The origin and eventual culmination of jealousy, hatred, war, strife and disaster. Darkness broods over the earth. The present transformation of humans into double-poled beings heralds the coming of a new era with the return of light. Egoism replaced by the all-loving state of mind.

Afternoon free.

FRIDAY July 29th

10 a.m. THE COSMIC SPIRAL CYCLE OF EVOLUTION

by Ben Saxe

The living being's passage through the eternal realms of the spiral cycles. God's secondary and primary consciousness. The principle of the unity of life. Many people experience a feeling of revulsion when confronted with the idea of "going back into darkness" because they haven't fully grasped the meaning of the cosmic principle of contrast, of hunger and satiation. This basic law of alternating light and darkness, happiness and sorrow, wisdom and ignorance, is - according to Martinus - the ultimate guarantee to every living being of an everlasting life in Our Heavenly Father's house of many mansions.

4 p.m. QUESTION HOUR WITH PANEL DISCUSSION

All lectures will be accompanied by colour slides with Martinus' symbolic diagrams and other illustrating material. The afternoon sessions will consist of a short introductory lecture followed by group talk and discussion.

This programme is subject to alteration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rooms and flats are available from Saturday 3 p.m. If you kindly inform our office in Copenhagen about your arrival (Central Station or Air Terminal), we shall meet you and arrange for your conveyance to the Martinus Center or take you to your hotel. We may also assist you as to booking of hotel if so wished.

PRICES OF ROOMS AND FLATS PER WEEK (excl. meals)

Single rooms	from Dkr. 235 - 315
Double rooms or two-rooms flat (two pers.)	- - 285 - 420
Two-room flats or cottages (four pers.)	- - 495 - 750
Camping area, per person	- - 55

The rate exchange is now about Dkr. 10,00 to £ 1,00.

Sheets, towels etc. can be hired at the center. Our guests may prepare their own food as there are cooking facilities in all rooms and flats, or take their hot meals at our vegetarian restaurant TERRASSEN.

As it appears from the programme the evenings will generally be at your disposal. However, there will - as previously - be informal social gatherings with Danish families either at the TERRASSEN or in private houses. We shall do our utmost in order that you may feel at home with us at Martinus Center.