



The Martinus Institute

2021

Christmas letter

Dear friends of Martinus's cause,

Over 2000 years ago, a cosmic impulse swept across the planet and the creation of a new world culture began. It would, however, take a long time before people began to really understand the extent of the coming changes. They had to make do with believing what the world redeemer had told them and be inspired by his forgiving way of being towards his fellow human beings.

During a long epoch of darkness, Christianity and the other world religions have contributed to keeping the hope of a brighter life alive. But Christianity has not yet outplayed its role. On the contrary, Martinus says that it will grow stronger and appear in an intellectualised form that will explain that God is a reality and the we are all deeply linked to one another through our cosmic interconnectedness with this all-embracing being. Martinus's mission was born 100 years ago, when he experienced his cosmic initiation, an initiation that we will all experience at some point. The cosmic analyses, *The Third Testament*, constitute the "helper, the holy spirit", which is the continuation of Christ's teaching.

Those of us who have encountered Martinus's analyses feel enormous gratitude for being able to get explanations and guidance in a time of individual challenges and global, societal ones. Martinus, however, did not want

us to direct this gratitude to him personally. He writes:

When I have acquired the abilities that enabled me to reveal to mankind in cosmic analyses the solution to the mystery of their own lives and their relationship to the all-penetrating or omnipresent eternal Godhead, it is absolutely not due to me being in any way favoured by the Godhead. God favours absolutely no one. Everyone is equal in his universal love. The abilities I have managed to develop are, absolutely without exception, only what everyone before me has attained and what everyone after me will attain. There is thus actually nothing to either worship or thank me for. (Intellectualised Christianity, sect. 5)

To the extent that we are inspired to do so and are capable of doing so, we can, however, take part in lifting the legacy by spreading universal love and creating the culture of peace that is the goal of the future.

A compassionate meeting

As we know, Martinus did not want us to go out onto the highways and byways and proselytise or recruit “converts” to Martinus’s cause, as Christian communities have otherwise done for centuries. This does not of course prevent us from providing information about Martinus’s world picture by selling his books and teaching the cosmic analyses. The influence we can have on other people is, however, always dependent mainly upon the way in which we meet them.

Martinus writes in *Livets Bog (The Book of Life)*, vol. 1: *[The individual’s] manifestation of theoretical influence on other beings is thus only a secondary factor compared with its practical behaviour. One must therefore understand that one’s true sphere of activity is only where one can please and inspire one’s fellow beings with one’s knowledge and behaviour, and absolutely there alone can one sow the seeds of wisdom and love.* (sect. 170)

During holidays and in everyday life the most important thing is that we can be friends and learn to love one another despite differences of opinion and different values. We often experience that our words and our way of conversing puts up a barrier between us, even if we all basically belong together, want the same things and develop towards the same goals. In every encounter with another human being we have, to a greater or lesser extent, a choice between acting on the basis of our inherited animal faculties or on the basis of our incipient human consciousness. When we react with irritation or intolerance, envy or meanness, it is the animal within us that is set free for a moment. Often we get a bad conscience or feelings of guilt,

which, in the best case, contribute to us acting differently the next time we are in the same situation.

The importance of friendship can hardly be exaggerated. In a lecture in 1955 Martinus says: *I would never dream of beginning to convert a strongly evangelical person, a Mormon or another believer; I don’t do it. Everyone must of course have his or her beliefs and ideas. The most important thing is that one can be good friends. That is the point, and that is what spiritual science will teach people. Many people think that the others ought to be different than they are. It is this situation that is the great superstition, the great mistake. One must always remember that the human being is as it should be today. It cannot be otherwise, but the human being will be different later.* (*The Eternal World Picture*, vol. 6, symbol 88)

Basically, it’s about anchoring Martinus’s mission in our own lives, as far as we each can.





Jens Christian Hermansen welcomes guests to the Open House at the Martinus Centre, Klint on 6th August.

The year that has passed and the year to come

Just as in 2020, activities at the Martinus Institute this year have been influenced by the corona situation, and on several occasions we have had to move our activities online instead of carrying them out physically. This also affected the anniversary day on 24th March – the 100th anniversary of Martinus’s cosmic consciousness – which was originally planned to take place at the Martinus Institute but was instead broadcast live from our studio at the Martinus Centre in Klint. This also meant that many more people could take part, and the day was well attended with over 400 online participants.

During 2021 we have focussed particularly on the anniversary, and the first issue of Kosmos in 2021 was thus dedicated to the anniversary. On the

front page of the Danish part of our website martinus.dk you will find an overview of all the anniversary activities in Danish that you can see online, some of which are free of charge. You can see our online celebration of the anniversary in English free of charge here: www.crowdcast.io/e/2021-06-04-martinus-cosmology-100-years?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile

2021 was also the year in which we had an Open House at the Martinus Centre in Klint. About 200–300 people took part on 6th–8th August, where there was, among other things, a popular exhibition about Martinus’s life and works. On the Saturday we opened the lecture hall with an anniversary conference, and in the evening we screened a new biographical film about Martinus with an introduction by film director

Lennart Pasborg. We hope that the film will later be shown on nationwide television. The good experiences of 2021 have prompted us to have an Open Day at the Martinus Institute on Saturday 2nd April 2022. Make a note of the date in your diary!

We will also arrange a summer conference 2022 for those interested in Martinus in both Scandinavia and the rest of the world at the end of the summer season at the Martinus Centre, Klint. It will replace the Martinus Fest; you can read more about it in our teaching programme.

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all the friends of Martinus's cause who – despite the common challenges that corona has presented us with – have contributed to making the anniversary year such a festive and uplifting event. We look forward to many good experiences in 2022 and to welcoming Danish and foreign guests to Klint once again.

New book releases

We live in a digital reality in which more and more people ask for online access to Martinus's works. The Institute has therefore in recent years published several audio books and e-books. At the end of 2020 *Påske (Easter)* and *Blade af Guds billedbog (Pages of God's Picture Book)* (books nos. 2 and 6 respectively) were published as audio books in Danish, and *Livets Bog 1* and *2* are now also available as audio books in Danish. (They were previously available only on audio cd's.) *Den ideelle føde (The Ideal Food)* (book no. 5) has been published as an e-book in both Danish and Norwegian, and the English translation of *Livets Bog (The Book of Life)*,

vol. 3 has now been made available on martinus.dk/en, where those who are interested can use our read-and-search function.

E-books and audio books can be purchased at reasonable prices from saxo.com, amazon.com and other e-book retailers. The above-mentioned books and others can also be read or listened to via the Danish libraries' app: eReolen.

End of the copyright case

As most of those interested in our work already know, the Martinus Institute has been involved in a copyright case since 2013. The case was provisionally closed on 8th June this year, when the Danish High Court upheld the judgment of Copenhagen City Court, which ruled in favour of the Institute in all matters pertaining to the case. The copyright case has been a lengthy and trying process, and we now look forward to focussing on more uplifting activities for the benefit of the many friends of our cause.

Thank you to all contributors!

In a newsletter written on 25th June 1969 Martinus asks why his mission and cause cannot exist without people's financial help and support, to which he himself replies: *Here I must point out that our mission or cause promotes a production of products that are not bestsellers. It is not a commodity that the general public feels a great need for. It nonetheless constitutes a product whose creation God has set in motion, because this "product" will be quite indispensable for the general public as it gradually matures and becomes open to it through its collective*

releases of karma, wars, catastrophes and illnesses.

For the same reason we cannot yet create a turnover that would mean that the Institute's finances can be self-supporting. Right from the beginning Martinus therefore accepted a tradition of collections in connection with his birthday in August and at Christmas.

Martinus continues in the same letter: *This cooperation between my mission and those free, faithful followers who are interested ... has become – not a sect – but a “cause”, which to a great extent is borne by the freely given support of interested and loving people who are filled with the desire to work in the service of world redemption in a purely unselfish way.*

On the occasion of Christmas, the Council would like to express its heartfelt thanks for the many extra financial contributions that we have received in connection with the corona situation, which has meant a significant drop in income particularly in 2020 but also partly in 2021. At the same time we would like to express an equally

heartfelt thanks for the assistance we have received at both the Martinus Institute and the Martinus Centre in Klint in the form of help in the garden, the kitchen and reception, help with the maintenance of buildings, teaching, cleaning, translation and so on. And not least from our co-workers at Martinus's childhood home Moskilvad in Sindal as well as our staff, who have all made an enormous effort during this difficult corona period.

There are three ways in which those who are interested can support the Institute's work: by making a monetary donation; by participating in courses, buying books and subscribing to our magazine Kosmos; and by lending a helping hand during the Institute's and Centre's many activities (read more about being a volunteer here:

www.martinus.dk/en/the-martinus-centre/voluntary-work/.

We will conclude with a quotation from Martinus's newsletter from 1969: *These people who are thus connected to the cause solely through their sympathy and interest constitute the soil in which the new world culture can be planted; the mankind of the Earth can thereby be fertilised by the continually expanded and complete Christianity or the prophesied holy spirit of God in its purest form.*

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Annual Financial Report 2020

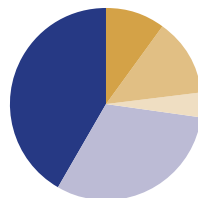
2020 was the year in which corona impacted the world and thereby also most of the Martinus Institute's activities. It was an expensive year for us, and the final report for the 2020 accounting year shows a deficit of 3.1 million Danish kroner. The balance on 31.12.2020 shows an equity capital of DKK 34.3 million. You can read the annual reports for the past 5 years (in Danish) under *Støt sagen* → *Det går pengene til* on martinus.dk.

The Council considers the result for 2020 to be unsatisfactory. The corona situation meant greatly reduced income from lectures, courses, accommodation rentals and the restaurant and café at the Martinus Centre, Klint as well as from the activities at the Martinus Institute. The periods of lockdown during the spring, autumn and winter of 2020 (which extended into 2021) caused cancellations of activities, and the summer travel ban in 2020 meant that only very few foreign course participants could take part. Furthermore, the Martinus Institute has not received any form of corona compensation from the government.

The expenditure side has also been characterised by extra conversion costs for new digital systems, the establishing of a media studio at the Martinus Centre, Klint and an internet streaming portal for courses and lectures. In addition, there have been significant legal expenses in connection with the copyright case.

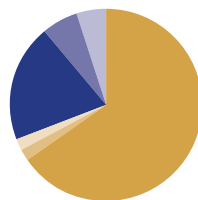
In 2020, the Council adopted a plan of action to create a balance between income and expenditure over the next 5 years; the plan's various initiatives are now well under way. Accelerated by the corona lockdown on physical activities

during the spring, we were able to present our new online teaching platform (crowdcast.io/martinusinstitut) by the spring of 2020. It has been particularly well received by those who are interested, and in 2020 alone we sold 1,670 lectures and courses, and many also benefited from the free (donation-based) online offers.



Income 2020

- Publishing house and the magazine Kosmos (10%)
- Restaurant and café (13%)
- Interest income (4%)
- Tuition and income from accommodation rental (31%)
- Inheritances and donations (41%)



Assets

- Land and buildings (66%)
- Outstanding amounts (2%)
- Operating equipment and fixtures (2%)
- Securities (20%)
- Stock (6%)
- Cash and cash equivalents (5%)

Donations to the Martinus Institute

If you would like to support us, you can do so by sending a donation to Fonden Martinus Åndsvidenskabelige Institut (The Martinus Institute of Spiritual Science Foundation) in one of the following ways:

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