



Martinus Institut



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Dear all,

Almost no one would disagree about the fact that we are living in challenging times. Most of us agree on what the biggest challenges are. On the other hand, there is naturally no consensus on the causes of the current crisis in world society or on how best to address the problems and how to try to solve them.

Hope and inspiration in challenging times

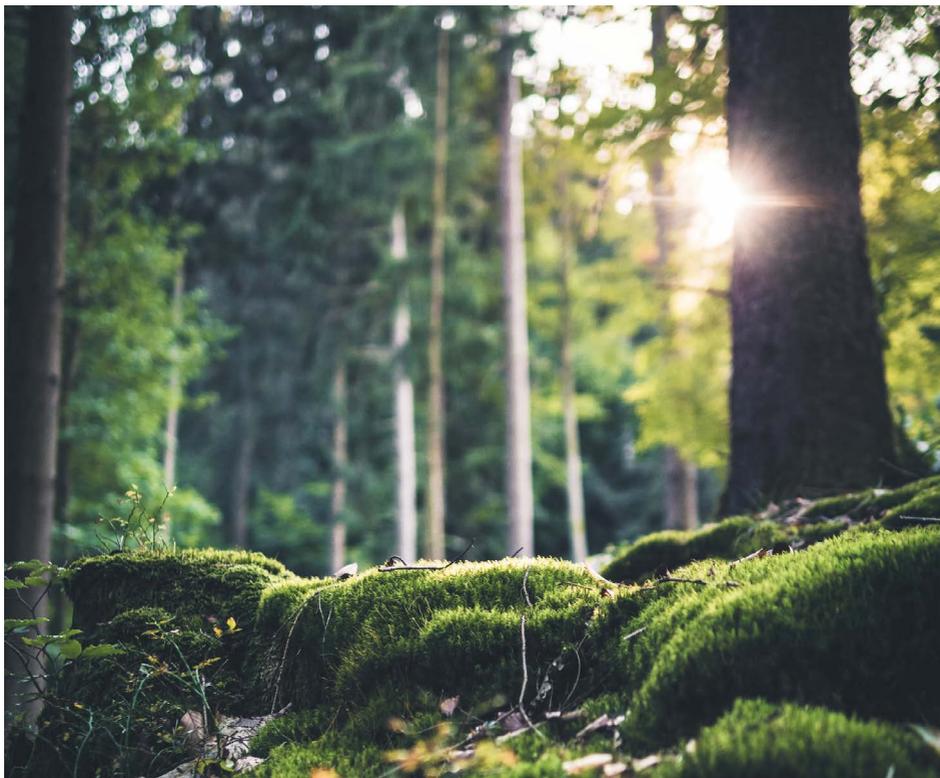
One of the great dividing lines is whether one can imagine the possibility of a spiritual reality behind and above physical reality – ‘above’ in the sense that spiritual reality governs physical reality. If one can operate with a spiritual dimension in one’s understanding of reality and of the world situation – if only theoretically or as a thought experiment – then new and greater opportunities for a more hopeful, optimistic and broad-spectrum view of things open up.

One of the main points in Martinus’s extensive work is that life is a living language, a direct communication directed to each individual living being from the infinite and all-encompassing living being that makes up the universe or cosmos. Seen in this way, each of us has the opportunity to explore our own experience of everyday life and of the world situation: What is it that life, the universe or the Godhead (or whatever

concept one may prefer) is saying to me through this situation?

Martinus would also like to argue that it can make very good sense, and give us more hope, joy in living and more depth to our lives, if we try to converse and cooperate more actively with the infinitely wise, infinitely powerful and infinitely loving living being that makes up the entire universe, both outside us and inside us. This makes good sense in general, but it certainly makes extra good sense in critical and challenging times.

In Martinus’s universe, we are always confronted directly with the Godhead in our daily lives. The world situation and everyday life are this infinite being’s direct communication with each of us, and we all have, by virtue of what he calls the prayer, a built-in organic connection to this being, through which we can get power, inspiration and patience to cope with everyday life and our onward path in the best way possible.



Light and warmth stand out appear more clearly in the dark and cold

When times get darker and colder, we can better see and appreciate the light and warmth in, for example, nature, culture and other people.

Some of us find great joy and are energised by an awareness of nature's many wonderful and beautiful beings and details: the lively, colorful tits in the winter garden, the luminous green bogs gleaming in the low winter sun or the ever-changing shapes of the clouds in the sky. All of this is pleasing here and now, but it can also be interpreted as pointing to a larger plan and reality behind the immediately visible aspects of nature. For Martinus nature is a great teacher

who, despite all seeming improbability, has things under control and a plan for everything, including the way to move forward towards brighter and happier times for unfinished beings like us.

Others find more light and warmth in culture, where, if one is a little observant, one can find traces of the mighty, luminous and warming new spiritual world impulse, which, according to Martinus, flows down over the Earth and inspires receptive people to cultivate and promote mentally luminous and warming characteristics such as understanding, tolerance, humaneness, and the wish to be a joy and a benefit for the whole.

As regards finding the light and warmth in other people, it emanates

from every single one of Martinus's Christmas letters from 1933 until 1980. Year after year, he expresses his sincere warmth and thanks for what the people who find joy and inspiration in his work have done for the good cause during the year, for example: "Here I would also like here to express my sincere and most heartfelt thanks to each and every one of those who, with their particular contribution, have helped during the past year to advance my mission and our common great cause in the service of mankind for the benefit and joy of human beings." (Christmas Letter, 1959)

The council thanks and informs

We, the members of the Council, would also like to express our great joy and gratitude for all the interest and practical and financial support that the Cause has received from various people throughout the year – from both volunteers and other people who are interested in Martinus's work. Without your warmth, backing and support in countless ways, the spiritual light and warmth that Martinus has sown through a long life of service on our somewhat dark planet could not be preserved, bud and grow to be a benefit and a joy to the world here and now



in the year 2022 and in the longer term for those who come after us.

As for the future, we members of the Council had a strategy seminar in September, where we worked on developing ideas and visions about how one could envision the Martinus Centre in Klint and the Martinus Institute being in one year, in five years and in fifteen years. We had a very inspiring weekend where, among other things, we decided to inject more life and activity into the Martinus Institute in Frederiksberg, for example, through the setting up of a warm and welcoming café as the first thing you meet when you enter the building. We would also like to build a small library adjoining this, so that people can come by and read books by or about Martinus, have a little something to eat and drink and maybe have a philosophical chat.

This was the first time the new council was assembled physically. Anne Pullar has taken office as a substitute member of the Council, Pernilla Rosell having stepped down. Ingvar Haubjerg Nielsen joined the Council as a substitute on 9th June and is now a full member after Pernilla's resignation. In addition to the two mentioned above, the Council now consists of: Willy Kuijper, Jens Christian Hermansen, Micael Söderberg and Kenneth Ibsen.

Pernilla is now part of the day-to-day management along with Lasse Vogelsang and Jens Christian Hermansen.

The task of the day-to-day management is, among other things, to implement the Council's overall ideas and visions through strategy plans and so on, and you will be able to see some of the things we are working on at the Institute and the Centre during the coming year.

If you visit Klint, you will even now be able to see the new office that has been set up in the building behind reception. We decided to remodel the rooms so that there will be an all-year-round, pleasant, practical and comfortable office landscape for the benefit of the day-to-day management and other permanent and volunteer staff to work in.

As for staff: we have appointed Mathias Dalmose as the coordinator of volunteers and as a member of reception staff, and in the new year Finn Elmegaard-Flammild will take over responsibility for most of the practical work on the maintenance of buildings and so on at the Martinus Centre, as our long-standing centre manager, Eigil Kristensen, will retire on 1st May. Finally, Irene Lundbjerg Larsen takes up a position as chef at the Martinus Centre on 1st February.

We believe that we have now created a new, strong team of employees who, with the indispensable efforts of our many volunteers, can lead the work and the Cause into the future. As for the Council: we are in the midst of a renewal and a strengthening of the entire organisation that the Cause also is in order to be well equipped to deal with the many opportunities, challenges, legal requirements and so on that we have to deal with in the best possible way.

We would like to express our warmest thanks to Eigil Kristensen and Charlotte Anderson, who have been key employees at Martinus Centre for over 20 years. Thanks too to Per Jan Neergaard, who retired on 1st October. And, of course, a huge thank you to all the co-workers who do extremely important and valuable work at the Institute

and the Centre as well as at Martinus's childhood home in Sindal.

Inspiration and support in the New Year

In December 1933, Martinus wrote a long Christmas greeting to the readers of *Kosmos*, in which he, among other things, encourages the people who work to promote love and peace in the midst of dark times with these words:

There is something festive, something magnificently celestial about these tones or vibrations of Christmas, something that softens even the most robust and hardest of minds. They create the urge in everyone to be good, to give gifts, to send greetings to near and far. But all this goodness, all this divine atmosphere, which thus inevitably reaches into almost all minds, is not so strange, for the vibrations of Christmas have, after all, gradually gained so much power that, for cosmic sight, they constitute a few hours' visit of nothing less than the real, great "*peace on Earth*". For a short while, from the chiming of the Christmas bells to a little after midnight on Christmas Eve, the world is really visited by something of the *great peace*. During these few hours, the atmosphere of a higher world really gets closer. This celestial atmosphere embraces, permeates and inspires all those who have an open and loving mind, all those who, in contact with the old and new world impulses, work to transform the Earth into a permanent dwelling for love, for peace, for true harmony. But even though this atmosphere is not directly visible to the physical eye, it is nevertheless the one that is identical to the real and true "Christmas atmosphere" in every rightful, spiritual-

ly-inclined mind; it also constitutes the wonderful atmosphere that can be felt pervading town and country on Christmas Eve." (*A Christmas greeting to my readers*, Kosmos 1933)

In the new year, in addition to meeting the many people who are interested in Martinus's cause in Klint, at the Institute, at Martinus's childhood home and online, we look forward to new book releases, to putting into use the many exciting items and archival material that we received from Mischa Lim at Christmas in 2021, as well as a wide range of lectures and courses that hopefully in many ways can enliven, enlighten and interest the many people who have gradually become interested in spiritual science.

There are several ways in which those that are interested can support the Institute's continued work: by making a financial donation; by participating in courses; by buying books and subscribing to our magazine *Kosmos*; and by helping out at the Institute's and the Centre's many activities. (You can read more about volunteering here: www.martinus.dk/en/the-martinus-centre/voluntary-work/.)

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2023!

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