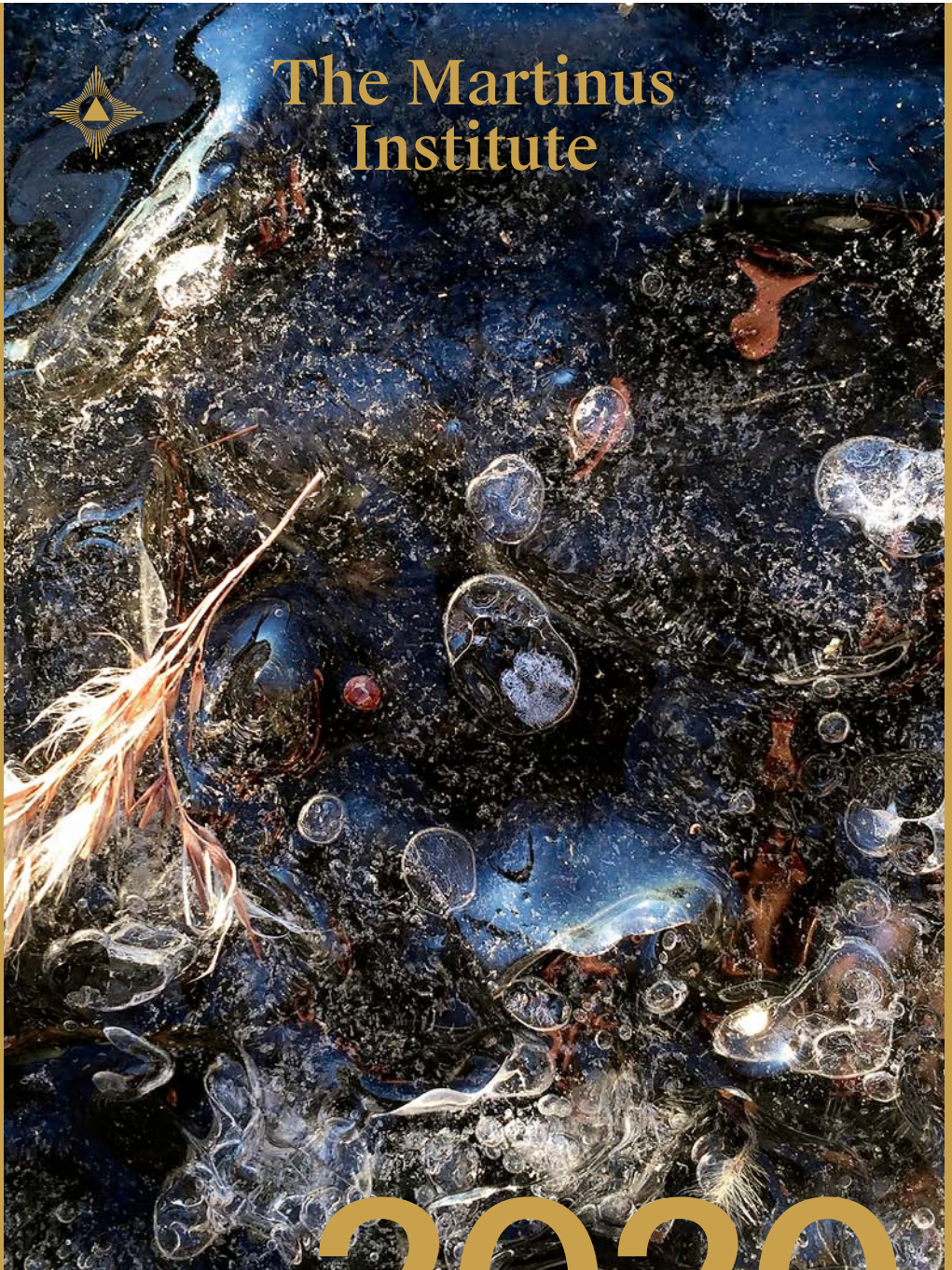




# The Martinus Institute



Christmas  
letter

# 2020

Once again, the end of the year is upon us and, for a moment over the Christmas period, life brightens up a little extra for children and adults alike. It has been an extraordinary year with the corona pandemic influencing daily life for all of us and our activities within Martinus's cause.

### The necessity of spiritual science

In times such as these the need for a spiritual science that can explain the meaning of life, a science about the central and growing role of love in human existence, is rather acute.

Martinus has manifested such a science, a science that sheds a super-terrestrial light on life. As he himself expresses it in his little book *On the Birth of My Mission: From my hands and my lips it has already shone, and it will continue to shine in other brains, to vibrate in other spines, to scintillate in other eyes, and to be perceived by other minds. My word is the torch of life.*

Martinus believes we have good reason to celebrate Christmas because it reminds us of the eternal light that

meets us all. With this light comes the tolerance, understanding and humility in relation to life and existence that can be summed up in the term "universal love". The Christmas gospel is, according to Martinus, a symbolic description of our evolution towards this universal love, and the way we celebrate Christmas will increasingly reflect this.

Or as Martinus writes in his Christmas letter of 1933: *Thus the Christmas traditions in many different areas will become more and more refined thereby ultimately becoming expressive of such a clear conscience that Christmas will be a really true and perfect celebration in honour of universal love and respect for the right of every living being to live.*

## A happy Christmas memory

Christmas time is not merely a spending spree. It is also a time for reflection, fellow-feeling, joy and a cosy, homely atmosphere. It is an interruption from the routines of daily life that perhaps, if we are receptive, can make us ponder on what is important in our lives and what we perhaps would like to change.

What then is the most important thing for us here and now? Well, regardless of what light and dark experiences fate has in store for each of us, being a joy and blessing for one another is the most important thing – our talent for this permitting! It is to avoid taking part in killing the courage and joy of others; it is to live in order to serve rather than to be served. It does not need to be any great deed; it can be merely being friendly and tolerant on one's way home from work, in the supermarket and so on.

We can all contribute to this loving atmosphere gaining a foothold wherever we might be. In his Christmas letter of 1947 Martinus writes: *To get people to shape their lives so that every single day of the year becomes a joyful "Christmas memory" for the people they have been in contact with is the task of spiritual science, the manifestation of which has become my mission.*

## The year that has passed

For the Martinus Institute the corona situation has, as in other places, limited our possibilities for meeting physically. Instead, some of our teaching has been transferred to a digital platform. We are very grateful for the fact that so many participants have taken part in our courses, in voluntary work and have contributed to and supported the Institute in other ways during these exceptional circumstances, and we are delighted that so many have also taken up our offer of online teaching.

Despite the challenges of corona, we were able to run our summer season with many inspiring lectures and conversations in the study groups. All the lectures were simultaneously live-streamed via the internet and can still be watched on [crowdcast.io/martinusinstitut](https://crowdcast.io/martinusinstitut).

During the year, our publishing house has published several of Martinus's books in English, French and German.

In addition to volumes 1, 2, 4 and 5, which were already available, volume 3 of *Livets Bog (The Book of Life)* is now available in English and can, like our other books, be purchased from [shop.martinus.dk](https://shop.martinus.dk). Twelve books in Russian and seven in Polish have also been published. They can now be read online on [martinus.dk](https://martinus.dk).

We are particularly happy that we have already sold over 1000 copies of *Grand Kursus (The Grand Course)*, which was published in Danish in 2018. The book has become a very popular introduction to Martinus's world picture and world of symbols.





Martinus in his flat on Jagtvej 52A, Copenhagen in about 1921.

### 2021 – an anniversary year

Preparations for next year, which will be an anniversary year, are in full swing. Throughout 2021, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the “cosmic initiation” that formed the basis for Martinus’s life’s work. We hope that as many of you as possible will celebrate the anniversary with us at the institute. The final programme will be published soon but you can already read more in Kosmos and the new teaching programme for 2021.

### Thank you to all donors!

We would like to close by expressing our heartfelt thanks to all our voluntary and paid members of staff as well as to our many generous donors.

Most of the work at the Martinus Institute and the Martinus Centre, Klint is done on a voluntary, unpaid basis, and everything we do depends on the donations we receive, both in the form of financial contributions and the unpaid work done by our many skilled volunteers. We are very grateful for the

donations, big and small, that we have received throughout the year and we hope that it is possible for those of you who feel you have benefitted from the Cause and the work of the Institute to send us a contribution during this Christmas season.

You can of course also support us by subscribing to Kosmos or buying one of Martinus's books.

Digital evolution is taking place at a breath-taking pace and we are planning further initiatives so that anyone who would like to may be able to study the cosmic analyses regardless of where on Earth they live. But there is also a need to further boost teaching opportunities by expanding and modernising the existing accommodation and facilities at Martinus Centre, Klint. In addition to focussing on new digital initiatives, we of course want to do as much as possible to offer courses where people have the opportunity to meet physically, share experiences and study the analyses in an inspiring social environment.

We close this Christmas greeting with some inspiring words from Martinus about his own cause: *If understanding and loving people within the circle of people who find it of interest had not supported it, there would not have been any cause today. And our cosmic or spiritual knowledge – which thousands of people now benefit from, people whose lives it has aligned and brought into contact with reality – would not have been manifested. And many of these people would thus still have wandered in the darkness.* (1969)

Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year

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## Council report for 2019

The income statement for the period 1st January – 31st December 2019 shows a deficit of DKK 737,000, while the balance sheet shows an equity of DKK 38,127,000. We consider the result for the year to be less than satisfactory.

The income from our publishing house, Kosmos and courses etc. has in the recent years been fairly constant, but, since a significant part of the Institute's income comes from donations and inheritances, we obviously experience large annual fluctuations in the final result.

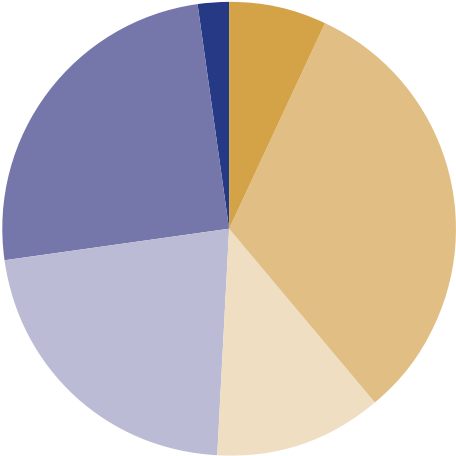
We have therefore for a long time wanted to improve our economy so as to achieve a better balance between our primary operating income and expenditure. In the spring we therefore decided to launch a number of initiatives to improve both services and income over the following years. The plan broadly covers the following areas:

- First and foremost, we would like to increase awareness of and interest in Martinus's world picture by furthering the development of communication and dissemination, which has already begun through, among other things, the digitalisation of education (online courses and lectures), a Martinus app that can be freely downloaded to computers, tablets and phones and a new website –[martinus.dk](http://martinus.dk) – which also includes the Martinus Centre, Klint and Moskildvad, Martinus's childhood home.
- An extension of the use of Martinus Centre, Klint in the form of new types of residencies – including retreats – and an extension of the summer season so that we utilise the resources of the centre better. Our accommodation and course facilities have to be insulated and brought up to standard, just as our restaurant *Terrassen* (The Terrace) and Café Klint has to be modernised both with regard to the buildings themselves and with regard to a new restaurant and kitchen concept.
- A general modernisation of the organisation with a focus on staff care and the furthering of voluntary work.

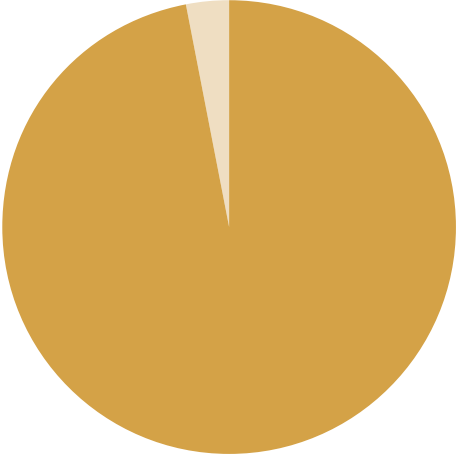
The goal is to balance our primary activities within 5 years, so that we can use income from inheritances and donations for improvements to our buildings, furnishings and equipment, among other things.

This was a brief account of our economic situation and future plans. The official annual report for 2019 is available in Danish at: [martinus.dk](http://martinus.dk) → støt sagen → det går pengene til.

Income 2019



- Publishing house and the magazine Kosmos (7%)
- Tuition fees and rental income (32%)
- Restaurant and café (12%)
- Inheritances and donations (22%)
- Sale of properties etc. (25%)
- Interest income (2%)



- Equity (97%)
- Debt (3%)

## Donations to Martinus Institut

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## Tax deduction for donations

The Martinus Institute of Spiritual Science Foundation has been approved by the Danish Tax Assessment Act §8A. This means that you can deduct your donation from Danish tax. You can deduct a maximum donation of DKK 16,600 for 2020 (the sum of all your contributions to all organisations).

We inform the Danish tax authorities of any donations received (from residents of Denmark only) and the deduction will automatically appear on your tax return under "Gaver til foreninger mv.". Married couples can deduct their donations individually. To deduct your donation from tax, you must state your name and CPR number when donating.

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