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A Christmas greeting from the Martinus Institute

Keeping oneself on an even keel

As these lines are being written, violent events are unfolding over the Earth. Millions of adults and children are fleeing horrific wars and destruction. Europe is currently witnessing the most massive influx of refugees since the Second World War. The situation is creating unrest and concern – and not least many practical problems – in the various countries and their populations. At the same time we see in many people a desire to help, an inner need to see to it that no one in these painful situations goes hungry, that no one is cold, that no one lacks a roof over their heads or is without comfort and support. The spirit of Christmas is manifested in flesh and blood.

How can one keep oneself in balance when violence and war are raging? On 26th March 1978 one of the volunteers at the Martinus Centre in Klint asked Martinus the following question:

“What is the best thing we can do for the world at large when the war and the catastrophes come?”

Martinus answered: *“That remains to be seen; I can’t tell you at the moment. What one ought to do will become apparent for each and every one of you. But getting oneself onto an even keel and keeping oneself on an even keel is, of course, the best thing one can do.*

One must reach a point where one has to pray. People are not normally very willing to do so. When I gave my lectures to large audiences and many people came to me with their problems, I asked them, “Do you ever pray to God?”

“No, that is just fanciful nonsense!”

“But it isn’t at all!”

“I have never said the Lord’s Prayer.”

“But you don’t have to say the Lord’s Prayer. You need only think of what you want to have help with. Then you will get help! You will! It doesn’t matter whether you believe in it or not.”

Providence is not so small-minded that it says, “Would you please get down on your knees!” The beings that hear our prayers know very well how people are. Believing is not an act of will; either one believes or one does not. It is not something one can will oneself to do. One can certainly use one’s will, but one still does not believe. It does not help if I tell you that two plus two is twenty-seven. You may want to believe it but you cannot. You know all too well that it is not true. It does not matter that one does not believe; one can pray all the same.

I, for example, pray many times a day. Praying has nothing to do with joining one’s hands or kneeling. That just hurts one’s knees, and that is a pity for one’s microbeings. No, one should just be quite ordinary and talk to one another, to friends and acquaintances, and just think of God or what one wants help with. Every time I feel a dark impulse approaching I focus my thoughts on God, and I get help with everything. My cause had its anniversary last Friday [24th March 1978]; it was its 57th anniversary. It is 57 years since I had my cosmic experience, and since then I have had complete contact with God. I do not do anything that I do not receive impulses to do. I must receive impulses from above if I am to do something or not. Even if it seems foolish I do it, and later it turns out to have been the right thing to do.

People think praying is naive and primitive, but it certainly is not. We are surrounded by spiritual beings; they are not somewhere out in outer space. There can well be a large gathering of them here among us. Those who hear our prayers are Christ-beings. When a human being reaches the perfect double-poled state and attains cosmic consciousness, its consciousness melts together with the consciousnesses of all the other Christ-beings, and then they are at one. They are completely at one, and then one does not say, “No, it’s not like that! You are wrong about that! You don’t understand! That’s not right!” They are all absolutely identical, and when they are identical, they constitute one consciousness. This one consciousness is the consciousness of God. But all the I’s still exist. The beings’ I’s exist as God’s tools of consciousness; so we are just as important for God as God is for us. God could not exist and experience without the individual I’s that He experiences within us.” (English edition of Kosmos no. 2, 1993)

The new world impulse gains ground

Despite war and unrest around the world the influence of the new world impulse on the evolution of mankind can be felt. Our many sufferings make more and more people feel a loathing for darkness in all its shapes and forms, and a profound longing for lasting peace takes root in our souls. But a lasting peace demands a scientific foundation, a spiritual science that can explain the unpleasant yet divine purpose of darkness and show that the road to peace both in the world and in our innermost selves is neighbourly love.

At the Martinus Centre more people than ever are seeking answers to life's existential questions by attending our courses. In 2015 a record number of guests visited the centre. The centre has never had as many voluntary workers as it had in 2015. The Martinus Institute would like to express its enormous gratitude to all those who have contributed by working voluntarily to maintain and improve the centre and to make it an inviting teaching centre for our guests and the participants in our courses. We are aware that our volunteers contribute thousands of working hours per year to the centre. During the Easter voluntary work week in 2015 there were about 150 voluntary workers, and in the Autumn Holiday week there were about 120. There are also many people who help all year round.

A new film

On 18th August a new 9-minute film entitled "*Martinus Cosmology – an Introduction*" by Lennart Pasborg was published on YouTube and Vimeo in Danish and English. The film has also been published on Amazon's Author Page on Martinus, where you can also see an overview of all the Institute's foreign e-book publications (34 publications in all). So far over 4,200 people have seen the film, which has been received very positively in Denmark and abroad. The Danish edition is called "*Martinus' Åndsvidenskab – en introduktion*".

A new initiative

For the moment Martinus's works are published in 21 languages. To produce the translations the Cause has over 50 translators, native informants, linguists and proof readers. Very few of them live in Denmark since they typically translate from Danish to their mother tongue. In order to strengthen the Translation Group's mutual friendship and cooperation and to give them time and peace and quiet to work in Klint away from their daily lives, the Institute is arranging a Translators' Week at the Martinus Centre in Klint in May 2016. For inspiration some talks and lectures on the art of translating Martinus will be arranged.

The Martinus Institute's building is 100 years old in 2016

On 1st October 1943 Martinus and "Livets Bog Bureau", as the Cause was called at that time, took over the property on Mariendalsvej 94-96 in Fred-

eriksberg (which is part of Copenhagen). “Livets Bogs Bureau” was established in April 1932 and had its first office on Joakim Larsensvej 31. Because of the continuous growth of the Cause more space was needed, and one of the friends of the Cause, wholesaler J. Jespersen, offered the Cause the property on Mariendalsvej under very moderate and favourable conditions and at a price that was far below what it would ordinarily cost.

The building was designed by the architect Viggo A. Thalbitzer (1869-1926) and was built in 1916 by the Theosophical Society. Thalbitzer is also known for Centre Sandholm in North Zealand, which is now an asylum centre. “Livets Bogs Bureau” took over the house on 1st October 1943.

Martinus wrote the following in the introduction to an article entitled “*Livets Bog’s Bureau*” gets its own Building (Danish edition of *Kosmos* no. 4, 1943):

“With this issue of ‘Kosmos’, which marks the magazine’s tenth anniversary, it having been published for the first time in April 1933, I have great pleasure in telling all the friends of my Cause that the Bureau, from 1st October this year, will have its own private building, since the Cause has been able to buy the property on Mariendalsvej 94-96.”



The picture on the left shows the building as it was when Martinus took it over. Instead of the present star symbol on the facade, there was a sun and the text: I.SOL. The statue in the flower bed in front of the house was placed there when Martinus took over the building. It was a gift from one of the friends of the Cause. At the same time the present star symbol was placed on the facade.

After purchasing the building, the lecture hall was inaugurated with a lecture on Sunday 3rd October. Because of the large numbers in attendance, Martinus gave the lecture twice – at 2pm and 5pm.

Martinus wrote in the Danish edition of *Kosmos* no. 10, 1943 about the inauguration of the building on 3rd October 1943:

The fact that the outer material structure of the Cause has been able to develop to the stage that it represents today is due not to any great financial surplus or profit from the sale of books, magazines and letters, even though the income from these, as the number printed increases, will eventually be able to support the Cause. But up to the present moment it has been completely impossible to



Martinus inaugurates the lecture hall on 3rd October 1943 by giving a lecture.

meet completely by these means the rapidly growing need for expansion that has perpetually been an issue in the Cause's as yet short history, the meeting of these needs having almost instantaneously given rise to new kinds of needs for development. When it has, nonetheless, been possible to meet these needs, it is due solely to the great understanding, helpfulness and confidence in me that I have met among various financially strong friends of my Cause. The love I have met from these faithful, but sometimes hidden, friends of the Cause in the form of spiritual as well as material support, together with the devotion of my close co-workers and the way they sacrifice themselves completely for the sake of meeting the Causes' sometimes rather difficult needs, has for me been the guiding hand of Providence, a hand that has brought my work to the beautiful and, for all of us, beneficial result, whose latest addition we today are gathered to inaugurate. I would therefore like to express my innermost, heartfelt thanks once more to all the close friends of my Cause and its faithful co-workers.

A great master once said to his disciples: 'By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples: if ye have love one for another.' As I have said to you, this love is the principal or main factor behind the strong vital force of my Cause. As long as there is mutual love between a great Cause's disciples or co-workers, this Cause can never die, for it will then fulfil life's very highest law for the

creation of perfection; indeed, it will be the very underpinning of the stability of life itself. My entire Cause is based upon underpinning this “mutual love” by creating the very greatest, all-pervading cosmic analyses of life. The above-mentioned analyses shall turn this “mutual love” into logical, cohesive rows of thought that are evident or acceptable to the intelligence, so that the law for the purification of the heart can become a science for everyone and thereby become the practical habitual way of thinking that will remove all war, mutilation, weeping and sorrow from the continents and seas of the world. And for this mission we now take possession of our new building. It is the first school for the new cosmic science. It is admittedly as yet merely a little mustard seed, but nonetheless love’s special science will sparkle unrestrainedly from its halls as it greets all honest seekers after truth. Our mutual love will create in the world a temple of intellectuality, a home of humaneness, a centre of culture for the development of neighbourly love. And from today this building is inaugurated and dedicated to this divine purpose.

I have hereby expressed some of the thoughts that I particularly wanted to make clear at this inauguration.

The Martinus Institute requests help from friends of the Cause to pay for a new roof



During the autumn a group of volunteers renovated and painted part of the Institute’s facade. The building has thus been given a tremendous face-lift.

But the 100-year-old roof of our aging building is in poor condition and needs replacing. The Martinus Institute would therefore like to ask the friends of the Cause for financial help to replace the roof with a new one made of glazed black tiles. The Institute hopes to start work on the roof in 2016, which is the building's 100th anniversary year. Please mark donations "New roof". The Institute has opened a special building account for this purpose.

We would like to close this year's Christmas letter with an excerpt from Martinus's Christmas greeting from 1953.

Once again the darkest month is upon us. It is the winter solstice. Wondrous Christmas, winter's or darkness's festival of light with its promise of a future sunlit life of peace and delight for people, is upon us. In the midst of a dark and sad world where people feel it is necessary to create the most ingenious murder weapons and means of destruction in order to annihilate their neighbour, who they believe is the evil genius of their fate (this often holding true between one man and another as well as between countries), it is wonderful to see that a reflection of the heavenly light in which all the families of the Earth shall be blessed is revealed. From the poor child in Bethlehem in particular the light began to sparkle and shine for the shepherds of the field and the wise men. Its light spread out beyond the mountains of Judea; it shone through epochs and distances and now illuminates the twentieth century's sleety, cold and dark winter days with its superterrestrial light. On our streets and alleys an intense orgy of coloured lights in many shapes and forms accompany enormous campaigns to get us to support Christmas collections to help provide free Christmas dinners, to help distribute clothes, shoes, shelter and warmth and so on to the poor and homeless. And the heavenly light in the form of the request for neighbourly love is not without result. Thousands of people receive help to have a temporary joyful Christmas; they receive help with food, clothing and shelter. Millions of Christmas letters are sent between family members and friends all over the world, each sealed with a Christmas seal or stamp from which a small beam of heavenly light also emanates. And millions of such Christmas letters together make up a flood of light that is strongly manifested in the unfinished human being's mentality, and strongly influences it to build nursing homes and hospitals to promote the recovery and healing of sick and frail children. The heavenly light with its gifts and its helping hand goes a long way. The sick are restored to health, the lame are made to walk, the poor and lonely are helped and encouraged. In a flash of light we see here the Good Samaritan revealed in flesh and blood. And behind the rays of this celestial light the encouraging eternal voice resounds: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The Institute and the Board (the Council) wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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www.martinus.dk/en/martinus-institute/gifts-and-legacies/

What will the money be used for?

This year we are making a special collection for a new roof for the Martinus Institute, but donations are very much the principal foundation of the Institute's work. Donations help us carry out a great number of ongoing tasks, such as publishing books in Denmark and abroad, translating Martinus's works, providing information and education, digitalising Martinus's works, and much more.