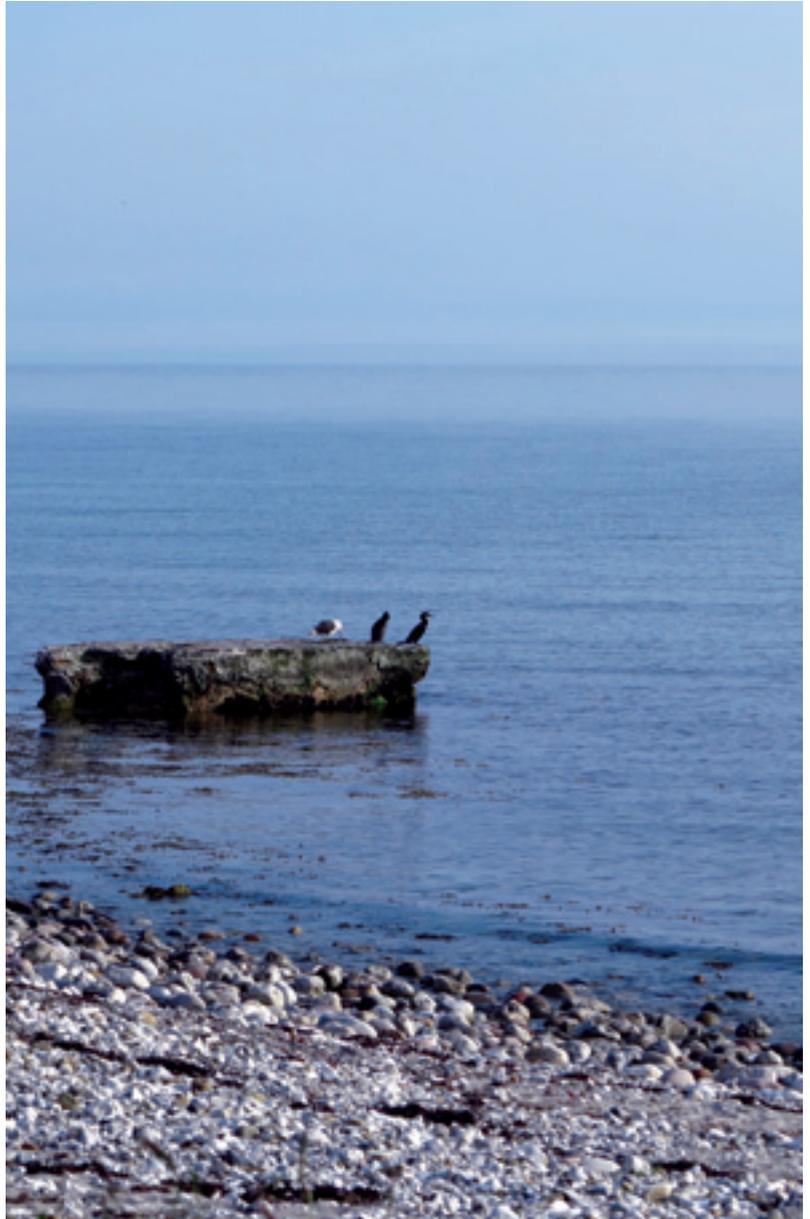




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The time span of Martinus's cause

In a world that is still full of conflict, war and enormous floods of refugees the thought that “if only the world knew about Martinus’s cosmic analyses” may well cross the Martinus enthusiast’s mind. Many people who encounter Martinus’s world picture for the first time, out of enthusiasm for their newly acquired insight, feel a desire to spread the news about this world picture far and wide. Since Martinus died – indeed, even during his lifetime – people could be impatient with how slowly the world received his cosmic analyses. “Why are things moving so slowly?”, people would exclaim. “Is it not just a matter of informing the world and convincing it about the cosmic analyses as quickly as possible so that peace can settle upon the world?” But God’s mill grinds slowly, as they say in Denmark.

Martinus often used the term *the cause* about his task or mission. With our local time perspective we do not know the scope of the world’s receptivity to the cosmic analyses and the time schedule for it. Let us hear what he himself said about his mission:

“In March next year it will be thirty years since Providence called me to the mission or the work that today has made so many friends. Through a huge ray of light from one of the light processes through which Providence bound me to my mission, I saw an enormous task ahead of me. A divine message was to be sent out over all the continents and seas of the Earth. All the people of the world were to be helped to see the eternal light, the lasting peace, a zone of existence in which no hatred, war, persecution, illness, sorrow or need exists, but where an all-penetrating and all-understanding shining light of neighbourly love has long since removed these cold shadows of death. But such a radiant message cannot be taken into a culmination zone of war and hatred by ordinary postal delivery. It cannot possibly be done by any kind of force or dictatorship either. No act of government, no armies, no military force, indeed, not even dogmatically bound religious or political sects or societies can promote the above-mentioned divine view or message. The message is the world-saving ‘holy spirit’. Since spirit is the same as consciousness, the holy spirit is the same as ‘holy consciousness’. Since consciousness is the same as thoughts, ‘holy consciousness’ is the same as ‘holy thoughts’. Since thoughts in turn appear in two categories, ‘true thoughts’ and ‘false thoughts’, and the ‘true thoughts’ are expressive of reality, while the ‘false thoughts’ are expressive of unreality or falsehood, the ‘holy thoughts’ are thus expressive of the absolute and definitive knowledge of life, while the false thoughts are expressive of untruth or falsehood. Since the false thoughts cause false consciousness, a false experience of life, they lead the individual into disharmony with life, which in turn is the same as misfortune and suffering, war, hatred, death and destruction. The fact that only holy thoughts, the holy spirit or real spiritual science can save the individuals, and thereby the world, is here a matter of course. Formulating this science and clothing it in intelligible words and sentences so that it can become theoretical science about life itself within and outside the

living being, thus became my mission. Creating dogmas and sects, societies and parties was not to be my mission, but on the contrary exclusively the liberating of people from such phenomena and the binding of them to Nature's own speech, thereby bringing them in direct contact with Providence or the Godhead." (Martinus, "On my 60th birthday", a lecture given on Friday 11th August 1950. First published in the Danish edition of *Kosmos* no. 7, 2013.)

We sense here that this mission or work will be of great significance to the world and will have far-reaching consequences for many centuries to come. In a lecture given in 1937, Martinus says a little about the impulses that were partly responsible for him having the opportunity to write his cosmic analyses.

"Today 'the holy spirit' is shining with renewed force upon the world. This spirit is not a person but shining cosmic matter: it is the only thing that can provide the material for the creation of those thoughts in the brain and consciousness that are the highest knowledge of God, of the nature of the universe and of the highest laws of life. Today this matter, in the form of a cosmic wave of energy from the centre of our Milky Way system, is shining directly on the Scandinavian countries. And it is this that, for example, determines that I can manifest the highest cosmic knowledge." ("The Guardians of the Threshold", published in the English edition of *Kosmos* no. 4, 2002)

We find a little more about the subject in Martinus's 83rd birthday speech in 1973:

*"The new world epoch has begun and is stimulated by a system at the centre of the Milky Way. The first impulse came at the turn of the century and the next in 1920, and here in the summer of 1973 there is third impulse that is beginning to take effect. The latter impulse will to a considerable extent develop people towards becoming perfect human beings. Thus we understand that people of today are in a situation where they are partly in an epoch that is dying (the epoch of Moses or the epoch of marriage) and partly at the beginning of new epoch (the epoch of Christ or the epoch of love)." ("Martinus's 83rd birthday speech", the Danish edition of *Kosmos* no. 3, 2013)*

But back to our terrestrial human impatience! In a letter written in 1956 Martinus gives us quite a natural explanation.

"Because of its [the cause's] immensely great future perspective and its centuries-long life span, it can as yet be only at the moment of its birth. And the embryos at this stage must, as we know, have a lot of help. Compared with our cause, any kind of big business, absolutely regardless of which and of whether or not it is today a global business, is only a flash-in-the-pan cause. Compared with these our cause is a gigantic being that naturally, because of its correspondingly gigantic life span, must have correspondingly long embryonic, birth and childhood epochs. We cannot expect that it can go through both its birth and childhood and reach its mature stage in our present, short terrestrial life. This cause can therefore in fact be borne only by those who understand it and have the necessary patience. Such a gigantic cause is borne neither by you or me alone. A colossal worldwide preparatory work has gone before. And worldwide help exists behind us on the mystical plane. [...] We must just use our small brains and

hearts as well as we can so that the light can shine clearly through us.” (Excerpt from a letter from Martinus to Erik Gerner Larsson, 1st April 1956)

A special day has been given a new name –

11th August, anniversary, commemoration day, Martinus Fest

Celebrating Martinus’s birthday became a tradition during his lifetime. At the beginning it was the birthdays on which he reached a round number that were celebrated. The first “round” birthday that we know was celebrated on a large scale, and which we have photos of, was 11th August 1940, when Martinus reached the age of fifty.



This birthday was celebrated among other things by a collection organised by N. Christensen, an office manager, who asked the subscribers to the magazine *Kosmos* to make a contribution. The sum collected was presented to Martinus on the day itself for the advancement of his cause.

Martinus’s 60th birthday was celebrated outside Svinget (in Klint), where there once was a large hall.

Martinus did not like to arrange his own birthday parties, so others always did it. After a while Sam Zinglersen offered to arrange Martinus’s birthday gatherings.

One of the birthdays Sam organised was Martinus’s 70th, which was celebrated on the day itself (11th August 1960) with almost 400 participants in a large tent on the lawn in front of Pavilion B (in Klint), where Pavilion C is now situated.

Then there was Martinus's 75th birthday in 1965, and from 1969 onwards his birthday was celebrated every year, but then the arrangement was moved to Copenhagen, where the party was held in various places, including Restaurant Josty, *Ingeniørforeningen* (The Association of Engineers) and the Hotel Sheraton. Finally, as "la grande finale", his last birthday on the earthly plane was celebrated on 11th August 1980 in the Falkoner Centre's great hall with about 1200 participants. Here Martinus gave his last speech and said goodbye to those who were interested in his work. He ended with these words: "And so I must say that even if I do not give lectures any more, I am not dead yet, and even if I were dead, you can be sure that I will be with you. I will be with you! But in another way than today."

After Martinus's passing and after his funeral service in The Tivoli Concert Hall in March 1981, the question "What now?" arose. Could the Institute continue calling it a birthday party? There was and is nothing wrong with gathering those interested in Martinus's work for a festive occasion and using the occasion to collect money in support of the dissemination of Martinus's analyses. However, within what framework could it take place? At any rate, it was established that the Institute should be responsible for organising the event.

In 1983 it was decided that in the future the day would be called *Mindedagen* (Commemoration Day) and be held on 11th August or the Saturday that was closest to 11th August. At first the arrangement continued being held in Copenhagen, at the Hotel Sheraton.



In 1988 it was decided, mostly because of the relatively high expense involved in renting the venue and paying for the catering, to move the Commemoration Day to the Martinus Centre in Klint. The Commemoration Day could then also be used to mark the end of the summer season in Klint, and during the first years, a tent was hired since the old restaurant *Terrassen* (The Terrace) could not seat enough people. When the renovation of *Terrassen* was completed in the spring of 1994, there was sufficient indoor seating. In 1990 it was decided that Commemoration Day, the 100th anniversary of Martinus's birth, should be held in Sindal, the town of Martinus's birth in the north of Jutland.

In 2001 the first Commemoration Day letter was sent out with general information and the Commemoration Day programme – a practise that has continued to this day.

Today (2017) the council feels that the title “Commemoration Day” is a little outdated and have decided to rename it *Martinus Festdag* (Martinus Fest).

Welcome to a new member of the council!

The Martinus Institute would like to welcome Lennart Pasborg who joined the council in May as a substitute member. Lennart has a long-standing background in Martinus Cosmology and made the short introductory film about Martinus that was released in 2015.



News from the Martinus Centre, Klint

Since its beginning in 1935 the Institute's residential educational centre in Klint has become a large and modern place for courses, teaching and the dissemination of Martinus's thoughts. The centre's many building and facilities need continuous maintenance. Many volunteers do a very great amount of work every year. Running such a large centre would be impossible without the help of the volunteers. The Institute would like to thank the volunteers for their invaluable help in the upkeep and maintenance of the Martinus Centre, Klint.

Of the many maintenance projects that have been carried out since last summer, we can mention a few: the kitchen in the restaurant *Terrassen* has been given a facelift with new flooring and new kitchen cupboards; the fitted carpets in Pavilion A have been cleaned; the floor in the common room in Pavilion C has been sanded and revarnished; and the lecture hall has been painted and is now light and fresh and ready for the new summer season.



On the teaching front there is continued success with the “Conversations on a Theme”, which began in January. Sixty people took part in the two-day conference in May on “New Perspectives for Health, Disease and Treatment”. In May a Translators' Week was held with focus on a scientific approach to

translating Martinus and with the aim of developing cooperation and friendship between the various translators.

Donations and the inestimable importance of voluntary work

A special feature of Martinus's cause is that most of the work is carried out by voluntary, unpaid staff. Since the beginning, donations and a voluntary workforce have been the principal elements in the running and upkeep of both the Martinus Institute and the Martinus Centre, Klint. Without these generous donations of money and the enormous contribution of the many volunteers over the years, the cause could not have developed in the way it has.

We are therefore very grateful for the great contribution that so many have made and welcome others who would like to take part in the voluntary work.

Donations are the mainstay for the Institute's work and ensure, year after year, the continuance of our many activities at the Martinus Centre, Klint and at the Institute in Frederiksberg. The donated resources contribute to accomplishing a wide range of ongoing tasks, such as the publishing of books in Denmark and abroad, translations, information, teaching, the digitalisation of Martinus's works and much more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both the many volunteers who make such a great contribution and the many generous people who give us donations.

The Martinus Institute and the Council wish you all a very pleasant summer!

With best wishes,

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