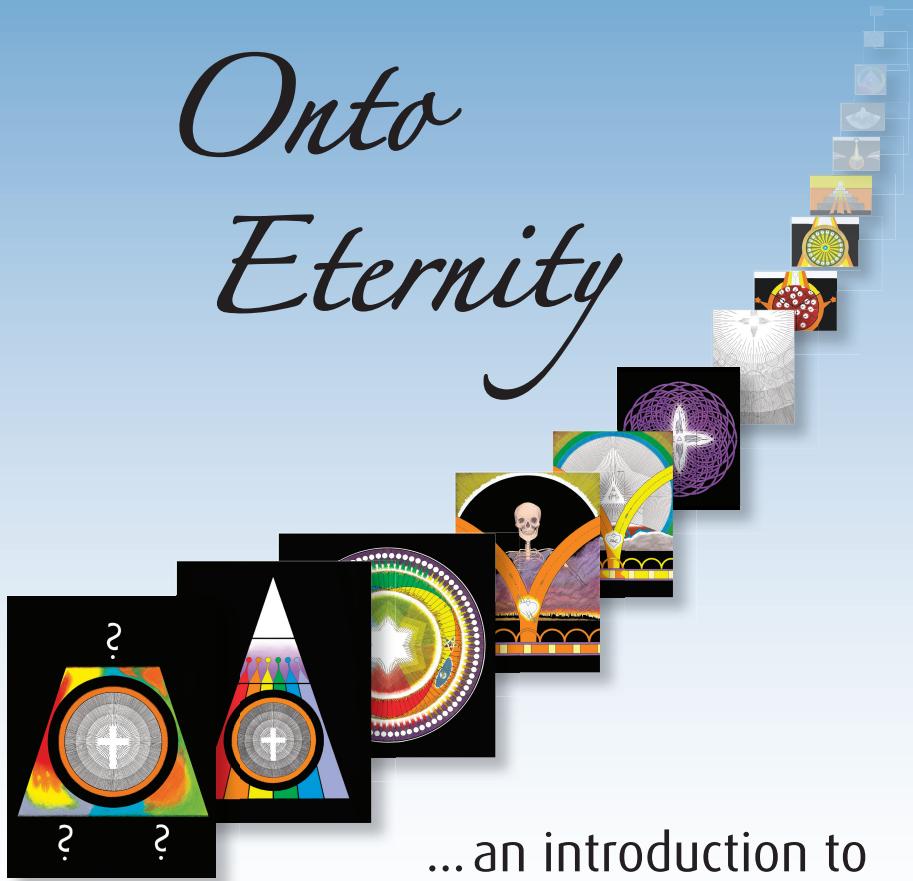


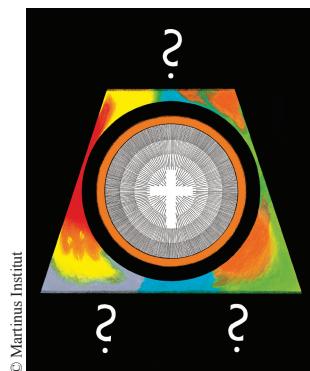
# *A Window Onto Eternity*



...an introduction to

**THE THIRD TESTAMENT**  
by Martinus

The main thread in The Third Testament is love for all living beings - an universal defence of everyone and everything. This introduction to the work of Martinus has not been written by the author himself, but his own explanations of the 44 cosmic symbols can be found in The Third Testament/The Eternal World Picture volumes 1 – 4. This publication has been compiled as a support to exhibitions and other presentations of the work.



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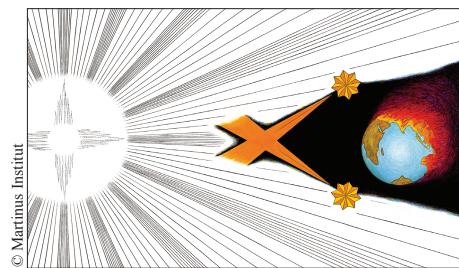
## Life as a mystery

### Cosmic unconsciousness – Symbol No. 5

Life is a puzzle for those who do not fully know themselves.

Knowledge of the physical world and our own organism is not enough to answer the eternal questions: Where from? Where to? Why?

## Intolerance – a symptom of ignorance



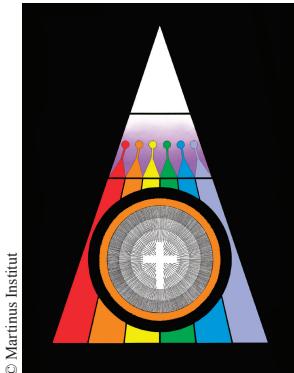
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### Intolerance – Symbol No. 3

Ignorance affects not just our experience of life and fate. It also makes it difficult to understand others' ideas and concepts when they diverge too greatly from our own.

Intolerance can easily arise between individuals, groups of people or nations (the two star figures) with conflict and war to follow (the world in flames).

To understand one's fellow beings, one must first be able to understand oneself. But this understanding – the solution to the mystery of life – requires an eternal world picture!



## All living beings are immortal

### The living being 1 – Symbol No. 6

"Behind" our physical organism is to be found the invisible consciousness, that is to say, our thoughts, feelings and conceptions. The consciousness is regulated by wishes, desire and will. Behind these is to be found life itself, our eternal infinite I.

#### The Creator

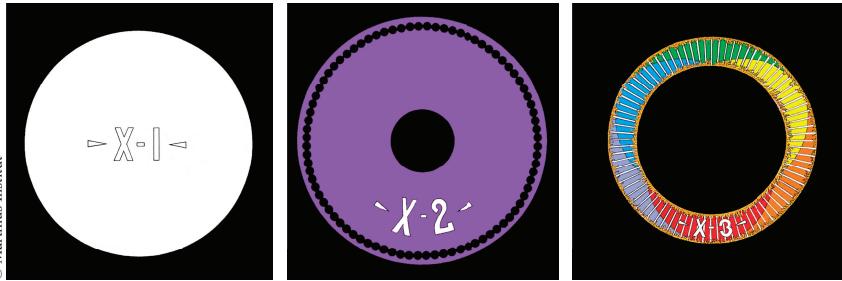
The eternal living part of us is not material. It is not composed of smaller parts, as is all that is created and transitory. It is indivisible, unlimited and eternal. The white triangle at the top symbolizes the source of the created – our innermost creator.

#### The creative ability

The eternal ability of the I to make visible its unlimited nature in time and space is symbolized by the violet area in the middle.

#### The created

The lowest part with the vertical colored fields symbolizes our temporal tools for experiencing, that is to say, our organism and consciousness, which we develop from life to life. The created is by nature primarily of a spiritual, the physical body is just a temporary tool for the experiencing of life in the material world. We live thus in two worlds, but are at the moment only conscious in one – the physical world. When we sleep we experience primarily on the spiritual plan, when we are awake primarily on the physical plan. The upper parts of the symbol indicate in The Third Testament the superconsciousness and the lower part the subconsciousness, which consists of day- and night-consciousness.



## The universe is an eternal, infinite living being

### The triune principle – Symbols Nos. 8, 9 and 10

Life is formed as a universal, eternal principle which is the same everywhere. God and the eternal children of God share the same basic analysis – an eternal triune principle. When we know ourselves, we experience ourselves as one with the total eternal and infinite living universe, that is to say, God. The circle form symbolises that God and the sons of God are eternally united.

#### The white circle

Symbolizes this I – our eternal innermost essence and fixed point. It is the originator of all creation and change in the universe. God is to be found in everything and reveals Himself through everything. The eternal I is symbolized here with a circle. We all have the same Father. We, all without exception, live, move and have our being in God.

#### The violet disk

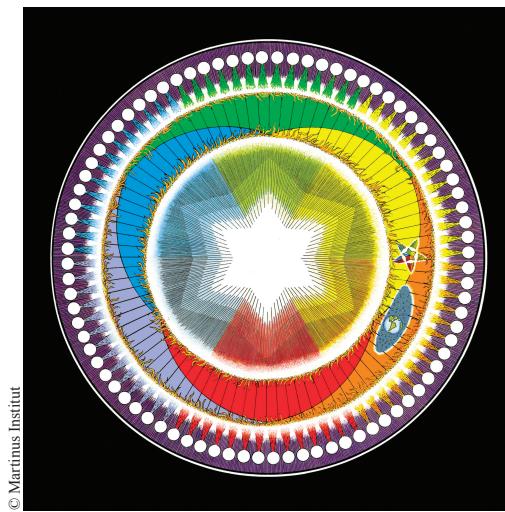
In the same way as the holes in a spherical shaped lampshade spread one and the same light in many rays, the mother energy (violet) appears to divide up 'the one' (eternal and infinite) into 'the many' (time and space).

#### The coloured circle

Symbolizes the eternally created, and eternally changing temporal in life. Here are consciousness and the material world.

The three eternal principles, the Creator, the creative ability and the created form an indivisible principle, as is seen in the next symbol. With the eternal aspect combined with the temporal aspect we can begin to see the divine plan of creation.

## The divine world plan



### **The eternal world picture**

**- the living being II, the eternal Godhead and the eternal sons of God – Symbol No. 11**

### **The eternal plan of creation**

All living beings have, just as God, an eternal I, which survives every created thing. As we are immortal, we can take advantage of all our experiences – life after life. All experiences show themselves – in the final reckoning – to be useful and beneficial for all and everyone.

The divine plan of creation unfolds itself as completely loving, logical and methodical.

### **The basic law of eternal life**

To be able to create experience requires contrast. The greatest contrasts in life within consciousness are pleasure and pain or good and evil. To be able to experience the one, one must also experience the other. Seen from the perspective of eternity, pain and suffering are an unpleasant good. We survive, as already mentioned, ►

all mental contrasts and ultimately derive advantage from them.

In the physical world contrast is created through darkness and unpleasantness. In the spiritual world we experience the contrast through light and universal love.

### **The stage of life**

This eternal experience happens via 6 principles of existence – the plant kingdom (red color), the animal kingdom (orange), the true human kingdom (yellow), the kingdom of wisdom (green), the divine world (blue) and the kingdom of bliss (light indigo). Here occurs life's eternal interaction between God (the white star and the radiating field) and the sons of God (the outermost circle).

### **The plant kingdom**

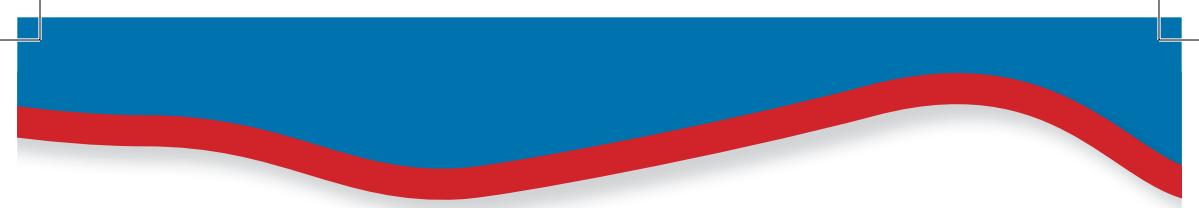
It is our satiation with the light and desire for contrast which leads us from the all-loving light zones to the physical world. The adaptation to life in the sphere of the killing principle begins in the plant kingdom. Here the new consciousness goes through its most primitive phase, having only the ability to faintly sense the difference between pleasant and unpleasant.

### **The animal kingdom**

Nature's effect on the plant being, over thousands of years, stimulates the creation of organs for day-consciousness experience on the physical plane. Thus the plant being becomes an animal (orange). Adaptation to the killing principle can clearly be noticed in the evolution from plant to animal organism with its attack and defense organs. The animal must either overcome or flee from its enemy. Its organism constitutes food and it must therefore protect itself with all means. The instinct for self-preservation gets stimulated.

### **The transition from animal to human being**

The terrestrial human being is still partly an animal and lives therefore still to a high degree under the animal conditions of life – might is right. Even though the humane world religions for thousands of years have stimulated human beings away from the use of the killing principle, the humane ability is still of a far younger date in evolution.



It requires time to develop from selfishness and the survival instinct to the opposite – the loving, forgiving disposition. But the process occurs automatically as “we reap what we sow”. The moral of killing leads to suffering for us ourselves which creates a longing after the contrast, the humane. In time there arises for the ideal of universal love and for an intellectual explanation.

### **The human kingdom**

The purpose of The Third Testament’s eternal world picture is to guide humanity through the last stages of the transition from animal to human. We are on the point of being born into a new kingdom. Our intellect which was developed in the fight for existence makes it possible now to understand more and more advanced conceptions of ourselves and the world. With the harmonizing of heart and reason the infinite cosmic horizon of consciousness gradually opens up. We have then become “finished human beings in God’s image”, and are dwellers in the true human kingdom (yellow), where universal love is practiced.

### **The spiritual kingdoms**

From here the journey continues through the following eternal zones of love (green, blue and light indigo), where the eternal spiral cycle culminates in the contrast of light and happiness.

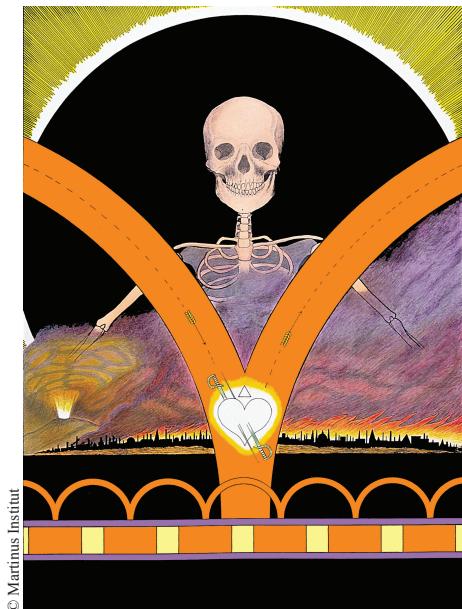
### **A universal world plan**

The eternal world plan applies to large as well as to small beings. The physical universe is built up with life within life, upwards and downwards into infinity. Everything fits together beautifully like the cogwheels in a clock.

The universe’s myriad of living beings in micro- meso- and macrocosmos have all the same simple, eternal fundamental analysis. The outer differences just reflect variations over life’s 6 principles of existence.

Our macrobeing, the Earth, is also on the way towards cosmic consciousness (the small star figure). Its “cosmic birth” within the next 3000 years forms the transition to the perfect human kingdom, the kingdom of God on the Earth. Henceforth it is right and not might which settles all matters.

It is not accidental that Martinus has chosen to place the following two symbols on the front and back covers of his work.



## Darkness

The symbol on the back cover is called:  
**Through the initiation of darkness**  
– Hell or Armageddon  
– Symbol No. 19

### The killing principle

The large orange arc and the sword from the left symbolize a dark action which is happening to the individual (the white triangle). Here the response is with the principle of revenge (the sword from the right), which we know as formulated in the Old Testament – an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

### We reap as we sow from life to life

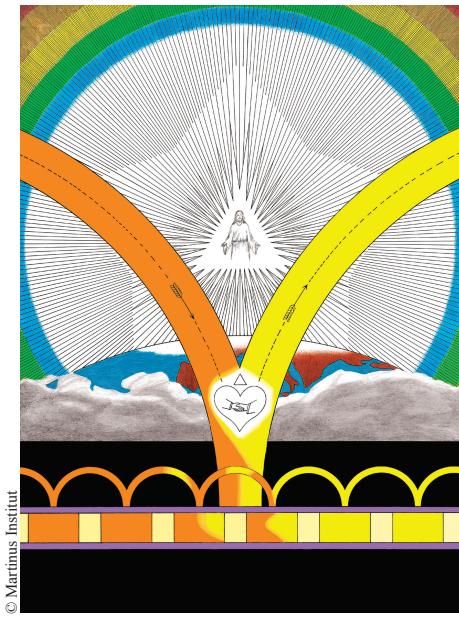
With cosmic sight it can be seen how we ourselves create our fate from life to life (the orange rectangles), interposed with resting periods in the spiritual worlds (the yellow rectangles).

### The consequences of the killing principle

War, political and religious conflict, poverty, illness and distress are due to ignorance about the eternal life and the law of karma. One believes that one can sow war and reap peace.

Only after we have harvested our sufferings is born an understanding of life's law of love "love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you".

Meat eating is also an example that human beings "know not what they do". All the sufferings we cause other living beings, large as well as small, return to ourselves. The volcano symbolizes natural catastrophes – and shows that we are not wholly protected in relation to our macrobeing, the Earth. We ourselves constitute a macrobeing in relation to our organism. If we provide it with poor conditions we are then born in outlying areas of wilderness which are correspondingly dangerous. But even during the initiation of darkness, in "the killing principle's sphere", we are surrounded by love (the radiant halo). The receptive soul can always find a guiding light which shows the way out of the darkness.



## Light

The symbol on the front cover is called:  
The fully-evolved human being  
in God's image after His likeness  
– Symbol No. 23

### The life-giving principle

This symbol illustrates the New Testament's moral principle of complete forgiveness – the goal of evolution.

The two clasped hands symbolize that the loving person meets hostility (the left orange arc) with friendship (the right yellow arc) and thereby creates a light

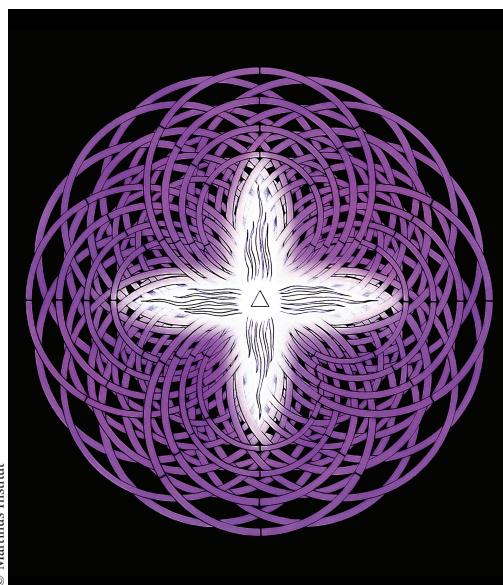
and joyful future for itself and its neighbour in this and future lives (the rectangle areas become more and more yellow colored).

Every experience of suffering makes us gradually more compassionate, until we only have the heart to do the good, like the Christ being in the symbol. ►

### The cosmic life view

The lowest part (with the black background) of the previous two symbols illustrates the cosmic life view with many terrestrial lives, the law of karma and evolution from animal to human. We see that the Third Testament supports the New Testament's moral principle.

The purpose of the many terrestrial lives is to teach us to "Love your God above all things and your neighbour as yourself". We have then become "human beings in God's image after his likeness".

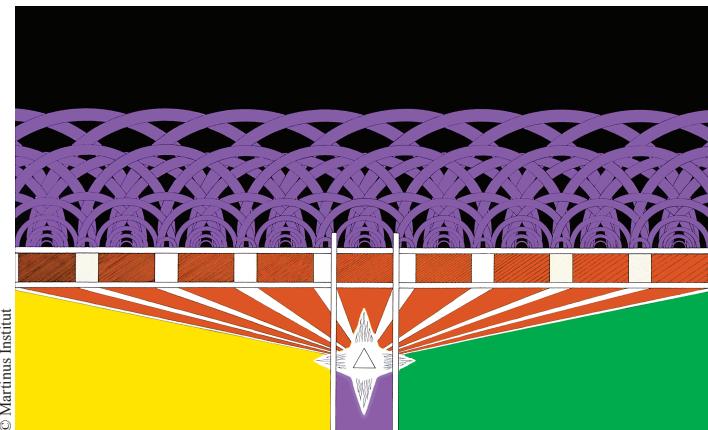


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### We reap what we sow

#### The eternity body – Symbol No. 16

This is a symbol of our cosmic ray-formed eternity body Always in perfect balance (the cross) unaffected by the death and mutilation of the temporarily created spiritual and physical bodies. All energy moves in law-bound cycles. Here is shown how every thought and action moves in small and large cycles back to ourselves (the triangle).



## The eternal now

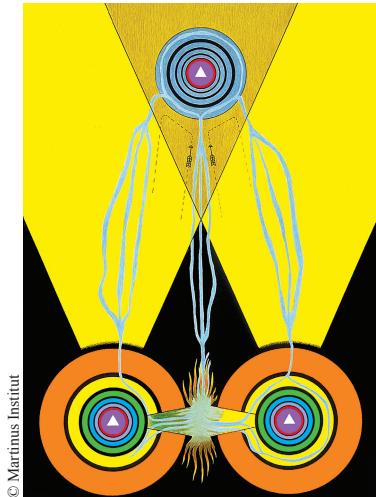
### The fate arcs of the living being – Symbol No. 18

In the symbol we see how the fate waves connect one life together with the following. Currently we live at the same time in the past, as well as the present and the future. Our actions today (the area in the middle under the triangle, the I) determines the quality of our future lives (green area) – just as our consciousness and organism today are the consequence of previous thoughts and actions. But we only come to experience the unpleasantness which we still can bear to inflict on others. The principle “The forgiveness of sins” is a true reality.

The physical organism is just a replaceable tool for the experience of life in the physical world. When this tool has been worn out – by natural or unnatural causes – it is no longer fit for experiencing life and is replaced through the process we call death. Death is in reality a birth onto the spiritual plane, where we are recharged with light experiences and rest, until we again incarnate. There is no death on the spiritual plane.

# The process of reincarnation

## The act of copulation or the spirit of God in the darkness – Symbol No. 34



It was not easy for people of earlier times to understand the idea of reincarnation.

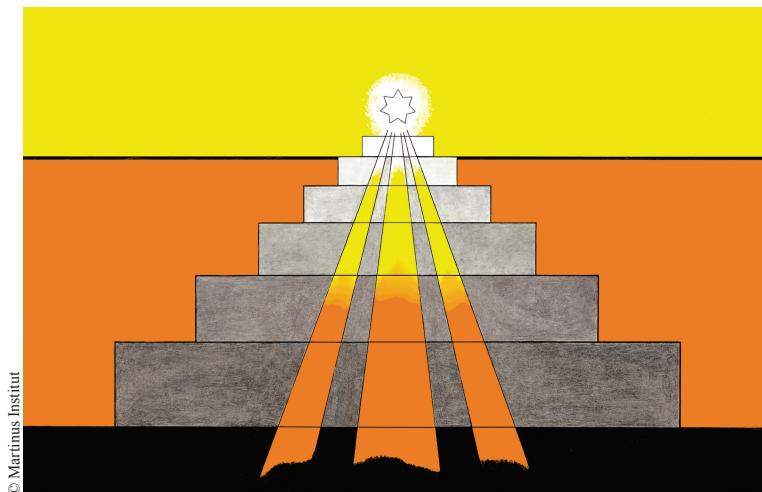
In the Bible we can read for example that Nicodemus asked Jesus the question: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" It took thousands of years before humans were sufficiently mature intellectually to be able to accept such analyses.

The large circles at the bottom of the symbol symbolize a man, on the left, and a woman, on the right, at the culmination of the act of copulation. During this temporary experience of

bliss (the blazing fire) the partners are on the wavelength with the higher vibrations of the spiritual plane. This creates a contact (the indigo lines) with an individual on the spiritual plane (topmost circle) whose fate fits in with these parents. The condition of falling in love brightens the sphere of darkness and guarantees at the same time rebirth into it.

This condition creates however conflict and rivalry for possession of the opposite sex. For an out-and-out male or female being universal love is organically impossible. Real neighbourly love is not a question of will, but concerns the being's sympathetic talent.

Christ is the example of the perfect loving and forgiving state. Despite his extreme suffering on the cross he could pray for his executioners: "forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The ability to love one's neighbour regardless of gender rests upon an organic foundation – on the correlation between the masculine and feminine poles of the living being. There are cosmic causes behind sexuality, with its paths and detours forward to the state of being a finished human being.

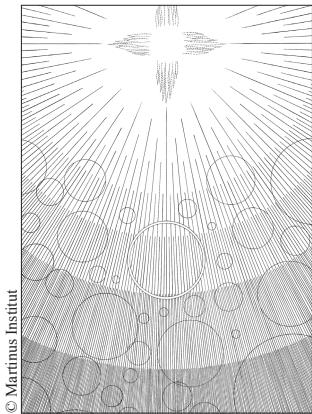


## The spiritual parent-principle

### The principle of world redemption – Symbol No. 2

Humankind is not left alone during the evolution from animal (orange) to human being (yellow). Just as children are lovingly cared for and brought up until they can look after themselves, so humans are guided from above through a spiritual parent-principle – the principle of world redemption.

The Godhead (white star) leads all living beings onwards and upwards with help of this spiritual parent-principle (the rays). As we evolve from lower to higher consciousness (the step figure) we have the ideals and precepts which ingeniously fit the step in evolution in question.



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## The spirit of God upon the face of the waters

### The spirit of God upon the face of the waters – Symbol No. 1

God's almighty and all-loving consciousness permeates throughout the universe with its perfect manifestation and creation (the blazing cross). The universe is living and thinking! Everything is pervaded with life and thought. These thoughts appear as cosmic world

impulses, which provide the foundation for different cultural epochs. The double circle symbolizes the Earth and its peoples. It is in contact with three cosmic thought or world impulses:

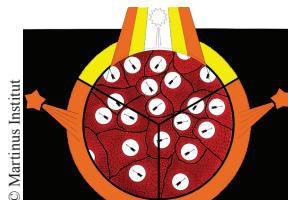
**Lowermost** – primitive human beings' consciousness and culture.

**Middle** – the next impulse gives nourishment to people who are at the stage of being believers and stimulates the cultural manifestations of humanity during that period. The traditional understanding of the Old and the New Testament belong to this old world impulse.

**Topmost** – materialistic and spiritual science, internationalism, modern art, architecture, technique and music as well as unhappy marriages, mental illness, sexual abnormalities and political upheavals are witness to a steadily accelerating process of spiritual evolution – at the start marked by irreligiousness.

But this materialism is only an initial phenomenon. With neighbourly love's intellectual basis in the form of spiritual science, the conflict between belief and science will gradually disappear and humanity will again, with its hearts as well as its reason, have contact with the spiritual side of life.

The following three symbols show how the evolution of consciousness from animal to finished human being is reflected in the evolution from nationalism to internationalism.



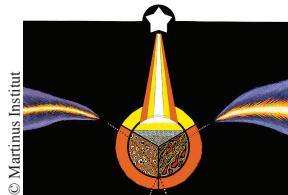
## The way to the kingdom of peace 1: Nationalism

### The unfinished human kingdom – Symbol No. 24

In the animal kingdom might is right. This talent has through practice become automatic in the animal kingdom and permeates the relations between peoples and nations at all levels.

The world is divided into nations (the various red fields), which collectively monopolize nature's wealth. The governments in the various countries (the arrows) strive principally after economic and military might. They still practice to a high degree the killing principle in the form of revenge and punishment (the orange stars) in their external as well as internal judicial practice.

We shall now see how the world is guided forward to true humanism and peace (the rays and the white star at the top).



## The way to the kingdom of peace 2: Consequences

### The karma of mankind – Symbol No. 25

The actions of nations are also subject to the law of karma. The animal tendencies strengthen a special spiritual radiation (the thick orange crust) which attracts a corresponding dark karma (the flames). We reap what we sow.

The fields to the right and the left symbolize the different quality of this karma. On the left, sudden "death", which can happen as the result of our killing of animals and other individuals. On the right, slow suffering karma in the form of life-long sufferings, disablement, illness etc. ►

The five-pointed star symbolizes the religious principle whereby God guides humans from these conditions to universal love, via humane religions (the yellow field) and eventually the pure spiritual science (white field). We see already many humane results of this process – welfare, art, architecture, literature, science and technology (the circle's blue colored field).

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## The way to the kingdom of peace 3: The united states of the world, “one shepherd and one flock”

The perfect human kingdom of the future  
– Symbol No. 26

### The goal of evolution on the Earth

Through the teachings of Christianity we have learnt about “a new heaven and a new Earth”; that a peaceful and loving kingdom shall arise on the Earth.

The Third Testament confirms that this will happen – not miraculously from the one day to the next, but via gradual evolution.

In the coming perfect kingdom of love on Earth the nations have become regions each with their distinctive character (the green fields). Previous religious ideas (yellow and orange) have been replaced by the knowledge of God and the course of evolution (white color). This knowledge unites humanity in all their differences and is therefore the spiritual foundation for the kingdom of love on Earth.

The world government (the yellow sun) will initially be supervised by the highest representatives in their own special field of competence, being chosen by free election. Eventually this government can be made up of cosmic conscious beings (the blue star).

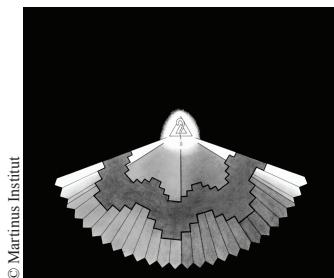
### Other factors include:

- Disarmament. With a one world state all challenges become of an internal political nature. At the start a world police force will guarantee internal law and order.

- An open supreme law and judicial system which recognizes the difference between criminality and abnormality and acknowledges the path of evolution and therefore only applies humane reformatory methods.
- The abolition of money and the private ownership of common natural resources. The principle of business, which in the past made it possible, perfectly lawfully, to obtain by deception something of greater value for something of lesser value, is replaced by the divine business principle – equal value for equal value. Receipts for work done as a means of payment will be introduced.
- A fund to pay for the periods of childhood, old age and sickness.
- Machines free humanity from the curse, “in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread”. We have time for the development of mind, art and human culture.
- Right prevails over might in all areas. The world state is guided by intellectualized feeling and humanised intelligence – neighbourly love.

The words in the Bible about one shepherd and one flock – one people with one God and one true religion – are thus fulfilled here on Earth.

We shall now see the difference between the materialistic and the cosmic eternal world picture:

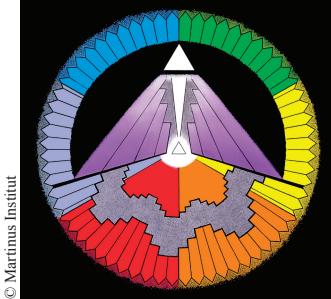


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## The materialistic or dead world picture

### The materialistic or incomplete world picture – Symbol No. 22A

The prevailing contemporary view about the universe is a cult of death. More and more people see only the materialistic aspect of reality. With this materialistic perspective we can create brilliant practical, technical aids, but it gives us only little, not to say any, knowledge about the living and the mental aspects of life. Many believe that life is identical with matter, people believe in death. With this physical perspective upon life it seems of course naive to pray, and this function has therefore nearly completely stagnated.



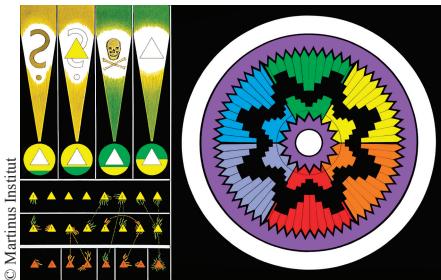
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## The living spiritual universe

**The eternal, cosmic, organic connection between God and the son of God II – Symbol No. 22**

We see that the question mark with respect to the existence of spiritual worlds is replaced by the symbols for our superconsciousness, that is to say, the eternal immaterial I (triangle) and its equally eternal ability to create. The spiritual worlds are taken into account and marked with the yellow, green, blue and light indigo colors. They constitute God's primary consciousness. All the beings here have been through the culmination of darkness in the physical world (red and orange colors). This maintains God's consciousness in eternal culminating omnipotence and love.

The finished human being in God's image is God's highest tool for steering and leading the formation of fate in the underlying as yet imperfect physical worlds.



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## Prayer

**The eternal, cosmic, organic connection between God and the son of God I – Symbol No. 21**

## Spiritual dialogue

The symbol to the right expresses again the cosmic perspective on the universe, that is to say, God. We find us, all, in the center of this all-embracing organism's consciousness, and are always unshakeably organically connected to God. So we can therefore always communicate with the spiritual world – also when we find ourselves in a physical organism.

## **Prayer's process of development**

This dialogue with the spiritual world develops from the animal's cry out to the unknown, all the way forward to the conscious dialogue with God, which we know from Christ, who said, "You shall pray and never be tired". The uppermost drawings on the left symbolize the evolution from the worship of many gods, monotheism, the atheistic state and forward to the finished human being's day-conscious contact with God. The equal green and yellow colors behind the triangle symbolize this human being's perfect balance between intelligence and feeling.

## **How does the communication happen?**

The lowermost drawings on the left symbolize the spiritual guardian angels (the yellow triangles), God's listening organs, which pick up even the slightest sigh on the physical plane and arrange replies and help. To the degree that our abilities reach, we can all act as guardian angels for our fellow beings in between incarnations. Here are shown different aspects of the unbroken interaction with the spiritual plane – prayer, creative human beings gaining inspiration, the use of mediums and the day-conscious perfect communication of the finished human being at one with God.

## **One with the Father**

The Third Testament explains that life is a dialogue between the eternal, all-loving and omnipresent Father and his likewise eternal son/daughter – in the inner as well as the outer. The unselfish thought climate makes humans one with God. With the words, "not my will, but thy will be done" the praying person becomes one with God's will and therefore experiences the mental magic of prayer. God answers all prayers via outer, as well as inner, events, new understanding or streams of vitality into the consciousness. With this help to take "the rough with the smooth" there gradually develops the state of universal love.

The completely evolved human being is in harmony with the whole of life and can therefore say as Christ, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

## A brief overview of the books of The Third Testament

The Third Testament comprises all of Martinus' writings and symbols.

### LIVETS BOG – The Book of Life 1 – 7 (see table of contents on pages 22 – 23 of this booklet)

The Third Testament provides an explanation of life's own religion. We all of us already exist as members of this religion, bad as well as good, believers as well as non-believers, animals and plants included – in this religion there is therefore no need for initiation ceremonies. Everyone has vital roles to play in the gigantic theatrical performances taking place in nature, and in what we call the universe. As the universe is being described here as something alive, it can be likened to a book – "the book of life" that everyone is reading – every single moment. "The Book of Life" will help us to understand "life's speech", so that we can realize who we are, where we have come from and where we are going.

### THE ETERNAL WORLD PICTURE

The cosmic symbols are gathered together in the 4 volumes entitled, "The Eternal World Picture". With the help of the symbols the reader can easily form an overview of the eternal world picture. Several symbols are also described and explained in "Livets Bog" and in some of the small books.

The Eternal World Picture 1 – comprises symbols 1-16

The Eternal World Picture 2 – comprises symbols 17-26

The Eternal World Picture 3 – comprises symbols 27-33

The Eternal World Picture 4\* – comprises symbols 34-44

### LOGIC

Love and logic are being explained as one and the same thing. Materialistic science and the mystery of life. An illogical view of the world. The Bible contains conclusive answers about eternity, in a form that can be understood by those with less critical faculties but also by those with wisdom. The Biblical account of creation is explained. Reincarnation. The way out of the animal kingdom, the perfect Man at one with God.

Eternal life and the understanding of light and darkness. God's elevated view of the world: "Everything is very good". This book is intended as an introduction to the The Third Testament.

### FUNERAL RITES (Not yet printed in English)

Here a new and important aspect of the commandment to love is explained: our relationship to the living microcosmos. Sleep, nutrition, thought, health, vital force, cremation, the picking of flowers, vivisection, poisoning, herd consciousness, materialistic and cosmic science. (Danish title: "Bisættelse").

## FURTHER BOOKS AND ARTICLES

Hundreds of articles exist – below some of these articles are listed and sorted by content. Some have been translated and published in the English edition of the magazine "Kosmos" and some are collected in books. Please note that the articles that have not yet been printed in English are written in parenthesis.

On the Birth of my Mission – (Christmas Gospel) – (Christmas Candles) – Easter – (What is Truth?) – Pilate, Christ and Barabbas – (The Way, the Truth and the Life) – (Judge not) – Why One Should Forgive One's Neighbour – (Thoughts concerning Easter) – On the Altar of Love – Marriage and Universal Love – (A Glimpse of World Redemption) – (The Garden of Gethsemane) – The Second and the First Resurrection – (The Glory of Whitsuntide shining over Life) – (Pages from God's Picture Book) – The Principle of Reincarnation – The "I" and Eternity – (Immortality) – The Immortality of Living Beings – Through the Empty Space of the Universe – The Galaxies of the Universe – Cosmic Consciousness – Concerning my Cosmic Analyses (The Psychic Temple) – (The Great Baptism of Fire) – (Mental Sovereignty) – The Road to Initiation – The Mystery of Prayer – Meditation – (The Sixth Commandment) – The culture of giving – (Out of Darkness) – (In "the image of the animal" and in "the image of God") – (The Creation of Consciousness) – (The World Situation and "the image of God") – (God's Creation of the Human Being) – (Devil consciousness and Christ consciousness) – (High Intellectuality and Low Intellectuality) – (Primitive and Intellectual Divine Worship) – (The Longest surviving Idol) – (Mankind and the World Picture) – (Between two World Epochs) – The Fate of Mankind – Life's Theater of Fate – The Cause of the Fate of Terrestrial man – World Religion and World Politics – (The Creation of World Peace) – The Road to Paradise – Mankind at One with God – (Two kinds of Love) – The Necessity of Spiritual Science – (The Creation of Culture) – (Beyond the Fear of Death) – The Ideal Food – Primitivity and Superstition – Unnatural Fatigue and Depression – Mental Prisons – The Road of Life.

### The Third Testament – The Intellectualized Christianity<sup>\*</sup> (Not yet printed in English)

Danish title: "Det Tredje Testamente – Den intellektualiserede kristendom"

An edited publication of the manuscripts that Martinus left unfinished and which underline the connections between the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Third Testament.

### Collected articles 1 (Not yet printed in English)

\* Based on unfinished manuscripts.

# Livets Bog – the principal work in The Third Testament

Chapters and contents in Livets Bog volumes 1 – 7.

## LIVETS BOG 1

(All versions are published under this Danish title)

In the Preface, Martinus explains about the source from which he gained his knowledge and presents the freedom and tolerance that is afforded the readers on the part of the author. There then follow 6 chapters, which make up the Introduction to the 7 volumes of Livets Bog.

Livets Bog 1 contains the following chapters:

1. The world situation
2. The divine creative principle
3. The new world impulse
4. An international world kingdom under creation
5. Terrestrial Mankind's receptivity to the new world impulse
6. From animal to human being
7. The basic energies and the planes of existence
8. Evolution

As an aid to understanding the analyses, 8 cosmic symbols are reproduced and explained.

## LIVETS BOG 2

The section entitled "Cosmic Chemistry" begins. This volume focuses on our thought world, mentality or soul. Our fate is exclusively the result of how we use the forces of our consciousness. In order to think and act perfectly we also have to know the laws governing thought. With this knowledge it becomes possible to create a perfect fate for ourselves and a perfect world in the future. Livets Bog 2 contains the following chapters:

9. The law governing the reaction of substances
10. The eternal sources of power of the I
11. Thought climates

The symbol: "The combination of the basic energies" is explained.

## LIVETS BOG 3 (Not yet printed in English)

The continuation and conclusion of the section, "Cosmic Chemistry". In chapter 12, entitled "Life substances", the basic principles of eternal life are catalogued and described. The symbols entitled

"The principle of cycles" and "The solution to the mystery of life" are explained. This volume concludes with a comparison between the logical structure of the number system and the eternal basic structure of the universe.

#### **LIVETS BOG 4**

The section entitled, "Eternal life" begins. Chapter 13 deals with the subject of "the living being". God is revealed in the living being and vice versa. The unity of eternity and time. Spiritual worlds. Initiated beings and "dead" beings. The purpose of the physical world. The Bible and spiritual science. Politics and religion. Criminal law and Christianity. Democracy, dictatorship, capitalism, communism and the united states of the world. The history and fate of the Jews. The difference between the Old and the New Testament. Marriage and universal love. The symbol "Life and death" is explained.

#### **LIVETS BOG 5 (Not yet printed in English)**

Chapter 14 deals with the subject of "the highest fire" or sexuality in all its forms. The organic structure of neighbourly love. The transformation of sexuality. The creation of Adam and Eve – a cosmic explanation. Belief in the virgin birth. Attraction stimulated by the desire to mate and universal love. Darkness, suffering and the state of being in love. The combining of the male and the female in the human being's psyche. The creation of Man in God's image. From animal to Man. Various stages of sexuality from "A" to "K". The paths – and mistaken paths – of sexuality are analysed. In the perfect human kingdom of the future one does not marry.

#### **LIVETS BOG 6 (Not yet printed in English)**

Chapter 15 analyses "The kingdom of God or the adventure of life". The inner psychic temple symbolized by the temple of the Jews. The outer courtyard, the inner "Holy Place" and the "Holy of Holies" are symbols of psychic realities that occur on the road to initiation. Meditation, cosmic glimpses, the principle of prayer, electricity and the "guardians of the threshold". The opening of the "Holy of Holies", the experience of being one with God. God talks to his beloved son. God's consciousness; "The Holy Spirit". The Father and the son, the creators of time and space. God as the Father and protector of all living beings.

#### **LIVETS BOG 7 (Not yet printed in English)**

The conclusion of the section, "Eternal life". Chapter 16 looks into the consequences of the eternal world picture and deals with "The cosmic world morality", which will form the foundation of the new world civilization. The purpose of the world government. An economic system without money. The abolition of punishment and torture. Cosmic science and the limitations of materialistic science. The world picture, summed up in 41 key points. Out of darkness. All living beings will become active cells in God's consciousness. Postscript: "The son of God at one with his Father". This offering of thanks to God was the first thing that Martinus wrote after his cosmic initiation of fire in 1921.

# Quotations from The Third Testament

## The fulfilment of Christ's prophecies

"The manifestation of world redemption in our time is to give people knowledge, not belief. But giving people knowledge is of course giving them spirit. And if this knowledge constitutes the solution to the mystery of life itself, and is a perfect analysis of the universe, the Godhead and the living being that together form a unit, it cannot but constitute or be anything other than one hundred percent identical to "the holy spirit". And this alone can be the fulfilment of what the Bible, through Christ, promised people."

"My work is not a new form of dogma or a new object of belief, but is exclusively a science. True enough, it does not have its professors and doctors, but that does not alter the fact that it can never ever be invalidated, since it contains the absolute basis for the exact correspondence of everything with the great conclusion, "everything is very good", the dark as well as the light, the evil as well as the good.

A better analysis and thereby a better foundation for life cannot be created and cannot exist. A greater basis for neighbourly love cannot thus be given, and a greater basis for the creation of the being's own liberation could thus never be revealed either, since such a basis would be totally impossible.

But since my work is an analysis of the truth, a scientific explanation of how it can be that everything is very good, and is thus the analysis of life itself, it is not anything that I can be the originator of. It has no originator; it is the analysis of life itself and exists from eternity to eternity.

Quoted from "Spiritual science" – English Kosmos No. 3 – 2000.



## **No association, sect or body of believers**

"As my work, that is to say, the first volume of "Livets Bog" (The Book of Life), my lectures and the study groups throughout the country that are based on them, has begun to awaken an interest and create a movement, it is, in this respect, absolutely necessary that this movement is not led astray into limiting, encasing or crystallizing itself in an association, sect or body of believers, thereby having a narrow-minded monopoly on "the one and only road to salvation".

This was written in 1933 and is a quotation from an article entitled "To the readers" in the first issue of Kosmos – the official magazine of the Martinus Institute of Spiritual Science.

## **God talks through all things**

"Terrestrial mankind has now reached the stage in its evolution where it has to learn that divine wisdom pours forth in abundance all around. God talks to human beings through all things, both pleasant and unpleasant, through crises, poverty and unemployment, through war, revolution and suffering just as much as through good health, strength and well-being, through love, tolerance and wisdom. Everything is a radiant expression of the same being. Everything is a speech, a speech that resonates over the whole world, throughout the whole universe, throughout microcosmos and macrocosmos. It vibrates in the twinkling of the stars. It shines in the orbiting of the planets. It is heard whispering in the gentle breezes and murmuring in the depth of the forest. It whistles in the factory sirens and is felt in the roaring of the machines. It is sung over the cradle and is spoken at the graveside. It is the ability to sense only vaguely, as well as being certainty and belief. It is knowledge, recognition and hope. It is death, resurrection and life. It is color, vibration and light. It is absolutely everything that can be sensed, thought and experienced. And because this speech, the more it is understood by the individual, proves to be a confirmation of the words "everything is very good", it is therefore identical to the very highest manifestation of love and proclamation of wisdom."



Martinus - 30 years old in 1921, the year of his cosmic birth.



Martinus 44 years old

## Who was Martinus?

**Martinus lived in the country of the great storyteller, Hans Christian Andersen. H. C. Andersen had the ability to make a fairy tale out of reality. One might say the opposite about Martinus; he made the “fairy tale” into reality. He transformed the eternal essence of the religions, the message of limitless love, into spiritual science!**

Martinus was born in 1890 in Sindal, North Jutland, Denmark where he grew up with his foster parents on a small farm. He received no education apart from elementary schooling. His wish to become a school teacher could not be fulfilled because of poor economic circumstances. Instead, he became a farm hand, a dairy worker, a steward, a night watchman, a postman and an office clerk in Copenhagen. The following are Martinus' own words from the manuscript to the book, "Intellectualized Christianity":

"In my thirty-first year I experienced a spiritual process that led me to a cosmic mission. It was an evening in March 1921, and I was sitting in complete darkness in my room at Nørrebros Runddel in Copenhagen with my attention concentrated on God. It was while I was concentrating on God in this total darkness that I

experienced, in an awake day-conscious cosmic vision, my divine calling, which was totally incomprehensible to me at that time. This calling was to use intuition to explain and manifest as cosmic science the "much" that Jesus could have told his disciples, but which neither they nor the official authorities of the time were evolved enough to understand." "...The vision of Christ that I experienced was not a dream or a hallucination, but a fully awake, day-conscious, cosmic experience, and it contained a distinct declaration of a mission that I was to carry out." "...The very next morning, I felt that I had to meditate once again.

After having made myself comfortable in my wicker-chair, which I now found to be charged with a form of powerful spiritual energy, I tied a towel over my eyes and found myself thus in complete darkness, but in an absolutely awake, day-conscious state. At once it was as if I saw into a semi-darkened sky over which a dark shadow was moving, leaving the sky brighter. This shadow passed over the sky several times, each time the sky becoming ever brighter until it was a blinding ocean of light, the color of purest gold, brighter than any other light in existence. It took the form of thousands of vibrating, vertical golden threads that totally filled the space. I found myself alone in the midst of this divine, living expanse of golden light, but without myself having any visible appearance whatsoever. I had no organism, just as all created things around me, my room, my furniture, indeed, the entire material world, had completely disappeared or were beyond the reach of my senses.

Despite the fact that the blinding golden light, with its vibrating radiant threads of gold, had absorbed into itself everything that is otherwise accessible to the senses or the experience of life, I could nevertheless through this dazzling golden light experience in a day-conscious way that I had a living existence beyond the physical world, beyond everything that would normally appear to be created phenomena. I was outside time and space. I was one with infinity and eternity. I was in the element of my immortal I, the immortal I that together with the immortal I's of all living beings in existence is one with the I or eternal origin of the universe. I was one with what had been sought and worshipped, both consciously and unconsciously, by all the world's cultures, religions, races and peoples since time immemorial - the eternal, almighty, all-wise and all-loving Godhead."

### **Everyone is a teacher and a student**

Spiritual science cannot be enclosed within societies or sects with subordinates and superiors. Life itself, which is synonymous with God, is the supreme teacher in humankind's evolution towards a higher consciousness – universal love.

### **Available to anyone**

The Third Testament is available to anyone who may be interested. Anyone inspired by The Third Testament can arrange study groups or give lectures. Likewise anyone can download and use this publication, for non-profit use, providing that text and form is unaltered. It has been produced in co-operation with Rolf Elving, Martinus' last student. Comments on this material and wishes for this publication to be translated into further languages should be directed to the Publisher at:  
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