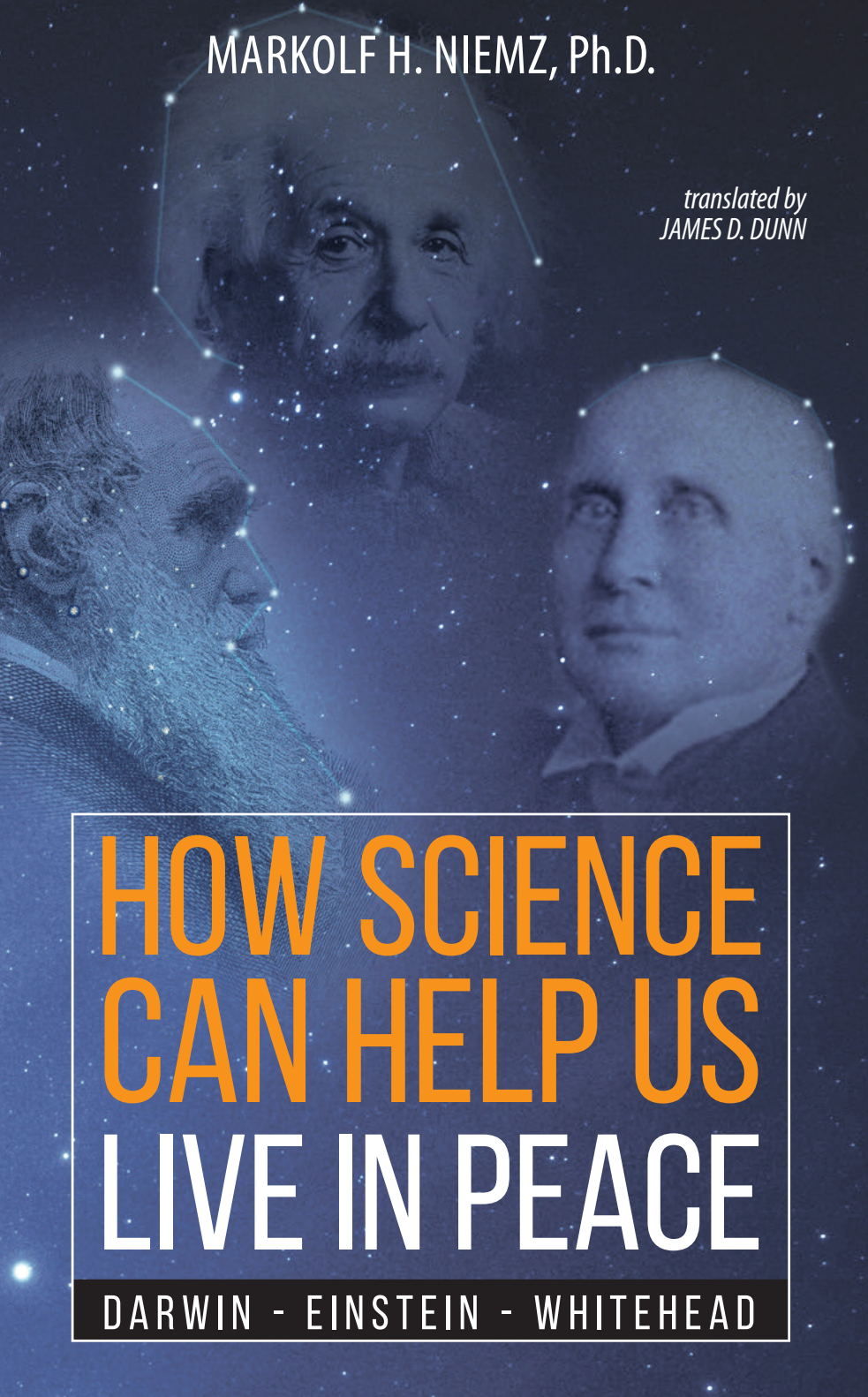


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**HOW SCIENCE
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10th Anniversary Lucy's Children Foundation

Non-profit foundations can beat self-delusion—without the red tape. They promote projects that benefit society. Who can pass on love and understanding to others? Only those who have experienced love and understanding themselves! The willingness to commit yourself for the benefit of others must start at a young age—in the schools! *Lucy's Children Foundation* wants to open doors to love and understanding for poor children too: Love through affection, understanding through education. If these children think in the same way when they are older, even the smallest contribution will multiply and bear fruit for the future.



Fig. 66: Night school for children in India



Fig. 67: Understanding through education

Thinking holistically is good—living holistically is even better! I consider this to be the greatest challenge for all of humanity: to establish schools worldwide—schools that guarantee a thorough general education for all of us. “General” means that instruction would not be permitted to be influenced by any ideology, but it would compare political and religious convictions objectively. To fulfill this high aspiration in good faith, public and clerical school officials must renounce all political and missionary doctrines or goals. Only in this way can the young generation recognize for itself how valuable democracy and freedom of religion really are. And only in this way will things succeed to abolish hatred in the world and to strengthen our sense of community. Education should always be about experiencing things for oneself. This is why I do *not* offer any new religion in my books, but I encourage you to thresh out your own world view to discover any inconsistencies.

I founded *Lucy's Children Foundation* in May 2007 and provided an endowment of 100,000 Euros that came from proceeds of my Lucy book publications. Thanks to all of your generous contributions and interest earnings accrued to April 2018, already more than 92,000 Euros could be provided for two deserving charity projects: a school for impoverished children was built in Jhabua-District in central India, and since 2013 we have financed night schools in the federal state of Rajasthan for children who can't go to regular schools during the day. The children voluntarily attend school six nights per week from 6-9 PM (in the summer from 7-10 PM). Most of the students are girls. They learn reading, arithmetic, writing and dealing with everyday situations: Why is clean drinking water so important? How do banks and post offices work? How to care and raise farm animals? The children also receive regular medical care and are escorted home after school each night.



Fig. 68: Love through affection

Social studies, science, math, Hindi and English are all taught. The children's progress is checked every month. Additional courses prepare the children for transition to public schools. One special feature is the establishment of a *children's parliament* which is re-elected every two to three years. This parliament benefits understanding of democracy for the children, and it takes on the important task of carrying out quality control for the school in regular intervals with a committee of villagers.



Fig. 69: The children's parliament

Lucy's Children Foundation is devoted to investing in loving lives and into the education of children: Wholesome food is purchased; a rainwater tank was constructed; sanitary installations were built; plenty of teaching materials were provided—even a private school bus for the children. Hundreds of beaming children's eyes say: "Thank you!"



Fig. 70: All donations go directly to the children

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Dagmar von Tschurtschenhaler. She is personally responsible for the tremendous success of the night schools in Rajasthan. She visits the children regularly and was kind enough to provide the color pictures. This project has the same aim as my books: Build love and understanding in the world without attaching political or religious beliefs. *Lucy's Children Foundation* is recognized by the Revenue Office Munich as a charitable and non-profit organization.

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