

## THE NECESSITY OF APPEAL TO CULTURE AND IDENTITY FOR THE STABILITY OF EUROPE

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**Abstract:** *When discussing the cultural and identity-value dimension of the European domain, more than ever it is important firmly to reiterate the idea that everything came into being thanks to an ontological unity of common faith and even common circumstance, a unity which sought to compare itself to the outside, but also (and especially) to defend itself from it. The distinctly European quality became observable through political, social, economic, and especially cultural and religious similarities. These various similarities were, at bottom, an emanation of an identity and of an already-consecrated Christian European culture.*

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