

A war of civilisations?

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The power of religion –rather than civilisation– as a central element of many contemporary conflicts (as predicted by British historian Arnold Toynbee); and the challenge of a possible global code of ethics, a minimum of shared values, measures and attitudes, binding for all humankind, are the two cornerstones of an article which synthetically summarises some of the most important contributions of Hans Küng, one of the most internationally recognised Catholic theologians.

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