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IS RUSSIA A COUNTRY OF EAST OR WEST

From ancient times our country was influenced by two absolutely discrepant Civilizations: Eastern and Western. As all other countries Russia constantly had to and has to solve a question: with whom we need to fight, and with whom we need to unite? What make this question difficult are large territories of the country, hundreds of nations and peoples on these territories, different religions. How Russia manages to unite Eastern and Western cultures?

Nowadays when the world integration of economy and culture comes, the problem “with whom to be” becomes increasingly significant for Russia.

Russia can be the “center” of integration may be not of economy, but of culture! Probably no other country has so many mergers of the most different cultures. On the one hand, many cultures – or it would be right to say “religious” – mergers are trying to be together. But on the other hand they are fighting against each other for their own being, for their privileged being! The Great War against cultures of East (Iraq) and West (USA) are going on not only in Iraq.

In Russia, as in Iraq, the great confrontation of different religions takes place: the bloody war in Chechnya and more and more cold relations with Baltic countries, and increasing number of conflicts with Ukraine. Russia is becoming the location for collision of two counteractive cultures: Eastern and Western. May by this fight is going to make Russia a “unique” Civilization unlike both Civilizations of East and Civilization of West. Some scientists are discussing the possibility of Russia’s development as an “intercultural” country. They consider Russia can be the country that wouldn’t permit the war against religions and cultures, but Russia would unite them on its territory.