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Dynamic

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Recurring terms such as “new beginning”, “culture,” “beginning,” and “transition” do not indicate the mere repetition or reproduction of what was already there, albeit in a different context. At the social level, the convergence of robotics, genomics, artificial intelligence and neuroscience, the “universalization” of collective phenomena, globalization with its pros and cons, the “anthropological” question with its challenges and crises (starting with human and environmental sustainability), the ethical responsibility of the human being over his fellow human beings (synchronously and diachronically, including future generations), etc., urgently call for a new approach to existence, an increasingly comprehensive and dynamic outlook.

Our time thus becomes a valuable “lab-oratory” for rediscovering and manifesting the meaning of being with the support of a “dynamic thinking”. The experience of Christian faith in the triune God provides us with a precious heritage to draw on for this purpose (...)

Guardini recognized the historical responsibility of Christianity to flourish today what is already there beneath things, beyond crisis: “A new kind of human must be formed, endowed with a deeper spirituality, a new freedom and interiority, an ability to take on new forms and to create new forms. Their formation must be such, that they must feel the new world with every fiber of their being and in the very way they grasp its structures” (Letters from Lake Como).

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