## **Frontiers of Civilisations** ©



The world is predominantly divided into four civilisations: European/Western, Islamic, Buddhist and Hindu. Sub-Sahara Africa is still developing.

*European/Western* civilisation is the advent of Classical Greece (510 BC to 323 BC). It later amalgamated with the Roman World and formed the Greco-Roman stratum followed by Christianity, the Medieval Period, the Renaissance, and the Age of Reason. <u>Frontiers of Europe: Union of Cultures within a Civilisation</u>.

This strata formation is the most widespread globally. Its four components are Western and Central Europe, with its numerous cultures as nation states, to these can be added Armenia and Georgia. <u>Greater Europe</u>.

In Eastern Europe the second component comprises the Slavonic speaking nations of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Latin America, extending to Mexico and North America is a further component. The final component is comprised of the English speaking / Anglo-Saxon nation states of United States and Canada, British Isles and in the South Pacific – Australia and New Zealand.

The advent of *Islamic* civilisation corresponds to Prophet Mohammed (570-632). Islam rapidly spread after Prophet Mohammed's death, mainly through the means of fire and sword. It was formed predominantly upon its broadly theological aspects. The law and basic fundamentals remained Arabic but lacked civilisational foundations. These foundations were acquired by way of invasions into Persia / Iran, from where the missing fundamentals of art, architecture and urban lifestyle were acquired. It was only then that Islam acquired the status of a civilisation. Presently it extends from North Africa to the Middle East and to Central Asia, further South to Pakistan and Bangladesh and to Indonesia. It has destroyed the Nestorian / Eastern Church that historically extended from the Eastern Mediterranean through Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Iran into Central Asia and the Sinkiang district of Western China, where today the ruined churches can still be seen. The destruction of Byzantine Anatolia is an additional catastrophe. The forceful development of Islam has had most adverse effects upon European / Western civilisations. In terms of geography, the Islamic civilisation is the second most widespread.

The advent of the *Buddhist* civilisation corresponds to the life-time of Buddha (6-5 BC), who was a Hindu theologian. Its current geography includes China, Korea, Japan and Indo-China. China can be considered a separate civilisation, because over time, Confucianism has amalgamated with Buddhism, consequently China has established dejure frontiers around its civilisation, thus it currently presents as a civilisation state of a population 1.4 billion. However, this evaluation does not certify that these frontiers are entirely correct.

*Hindu* civilisation (starting from 2300 BC) geographically is the most compact out of the civilisations under consideration. It is predominantly represented by India and Nepal. It has lost significant territories from its subcontinent to Islam, such as Pakistan and Bangladesh, as well as certain regions in Indo-China. However, India is based on its Hindu civilisation and similar to China, it is a civilisational state of 1.4 billion, incorporating numerous languages and subcultures.

It would be perfectly reasonable for the components of the European Western Civilisation to establish a loose confederation, in order to be able to compete with the two aforementioned civilisational states. The European Union is such an example. This can be achieved by Latin America and the English speakers / Anglo-Saxons. The future of the Slavonic group can be classified with the European Union. Such a combination would have avoided the war in Ukraine. <u>European Security Integration</u>. The Islamic world's primary component is the Arab world and a broad confederation amongst them can be looked upon to be reasonable.

Thus, in order to avoid conflicts and upheavals, unification amongst the components of the civilisations is the only reasonable way forward. Moreover, eventually that process will be the only permanent way for the disunited civilisations to be able to compete – economically and militarily – with the two aforementioned civilisational states.

## **European Civilisation: the Grand Tour**

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