

Europeanism, Conformity, Youth – A Philosophical Outlook –

Abstract

The concept of Europeanism implies, first of all, the historical appearance of the individual, the cohesion force, culture, moral value system that has an impact on the movement of world history and whose essence is that the individual is freed from all previous historical boundaries, the bonds of birth, order, education, profession, religion and nationality. The autonomous personality appears with many abilities, talents, moral carriage and duties and responsibilities and dares to take responsibility for oneself, becoming therefore what one has created one. When we, Hungarians, learn Europeanism, we must not fall into “worship of the West”, renouncing our personal dignity, characteristics and culture. Neither the West, nor Europe has an intellectual-moral right to expect bowing and conformity from us, since conformist accommodation, although it may have certain advantages, has a rather high price – the loss of freedom. Because of that, I do not accept the new, in essence manipulative, slogan: “Be EU-conform!” Obviously, we can and must comply with the processes of Europeanism, however, we secure that this compliance incorporates respect of the individual and personal dignity. Youth, undoubtedly, carries the desire and ability of self-creation “in its blood”. The self-creating and freedom-searching activity of youth harmonizes with the myth of the individual.

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