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Peace and Brotherhood around the Black Sea

These days there is inevitably to talk about the events that are happening in Ukraine and the states around the Black Sea.

I would like to talk about a past in which around the Black Sea there were Celtic tribes who lived in peace, while each maintaining its own peculiar characteristics. It was the first experience of European Union.

According to what is handed down, the first settlement of the populations that will later be identified in the Celtic culture was located in the area where the Black Sea now exists. According to myths this area represented the ancient cradle of humanity, an archaic hearth that had seen the splendor of a great civilization rise.

Traditions report that at the beginning of the history of the Celts, in the place of the current Black Sea there was a large freshwater lake entirely surrounded by incredibly fertile agricultural lands of black earth. According to these myths, the ancient civilization of the fertile basin of the Black Sea was a veritable Eden that had hosted humanity for thousands of years. A humanity made up of different ethnic groups who coexisted peacefully with each other.

Unfortunately, the melting of the ice of the last glaciation caused an inevitable rise in the sea level of the planet. It is estimated that around 5000 BC the Mediterranean Sea overflowed from the Bosphorus Strait and erupted into the vast depression of the Black Sea.

It had happened at other times in the millennial history of the Black Sea basin, but this time, unfortunately, the natural barrier existing on the Bosphorus was demolished and little by little the fertile basin was filled with the water of the Mediterranean, transforming itself into the current Black Sea.

The overflow caused a real flood with the force of two hundred Niagara Falls. A deluge that submerged everything and the ancient cultures of millennia that lived there were forced to flee to settle in other surrounding territories.

Around 4000-3500 BC, following the unstoppable flooding of the waters of the Black Sea, many ethnic groups began to emigrate from the ancient land to give continuity to their communities.

These ethnic groups then gradually gave birth to various nations and city-states in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Their common roots are still evident today and unite peoples such as the Druze, the Bretons, the Indians, the Scandinavians and the Ukrainians.

There is a find that can demonstrate that the Celts were not a single people, but a federation of ethnic groups: the Cauldron of Gundestrup. This precious find, preserved in the Danish National Museum in Copenhagen, is an imposing silver cup found in 1891 in a peat bog in the Himmerland, in Jutland and dates back to the third century BC, but its provenance is the region of the lower Danube, on the Black Sea.

What makes it important is the significance of the 13 silver plates that make it up: in fact, they are attributed to different ethnic groups that had joined together in a federation of nations.

Peoples who united in peace, under a common identity.

In this difficult time when we are witnessing a fratricidal war in the same territories, the contenders should remember their origins and learn from the ancient traditions based on peace and brotherhood. This is what we all hope for.

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