

Our understanding of this begins, to the best of our present knowledge, in ancient Greece, typified by the dialogues of Plato. However, in Plato's commitment to the Good and the Beautiful, something was lacking, as St. Augustine emphasized, and as did other Christian and Jewish theologians before him. In Philo's view of the Messiah and in New Testament Christianity, there is a specific conception celebrated in the Latin Christian's Credo and such derived versions of that as we encounter in the Anglican Creed of the seventeenth century. It is this feature, the Latin *Filioque* of the Christian Creed, against which the fanatical, satanic hatred of the Muscovites is directed with most specific and concentrated force.

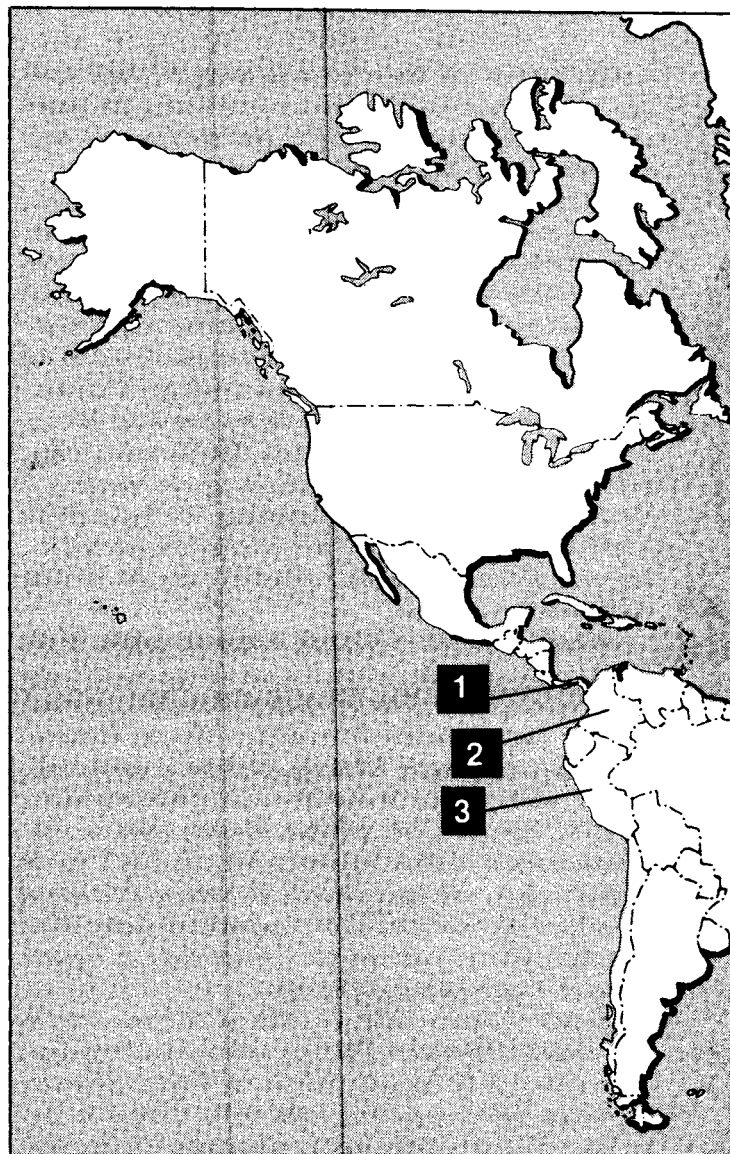
It is that within the individual which corresponds to the potential creative powers, which is the essence of the individual personality, the aspect of the individual which is in the image of the living God. All that is best within Western European civilization, the essence of Western culture, is the notion of organizing the affairs of the family and society in such a fashion that the freedom of this part of us in the image of the living God is nurtured, given opportunity for expression, and the good produced thus by the individual protected to the advantage of present and future generations.

Hence, our culture hates all forms of racism as were these the devil himself. Inasmuch as all persons are born with the divine spark of the potential for creative reasoning, that quality within them, which is in the image of the living God, renders all persons equal before God and under natural law. All persons, since they possess this essential capability, are alike, whatever the color of the skin or other superficial biological distinctions of the same sort. All persons have the same essential needs, the right to the same kinds of education, the same kind of opportunity for doing good, and the right to stand equally before the same natural law, to be judged by that law in the same way, and no differently.

Hence, the great importance of the fifteenth-century Golden Renaissance was that it provided modern European culture with a less imperfect form of society: the institution of the sovereign nation-state, based on common moral principles and a common sharing of a literate form of language, dedicated to fostering the development and opportunities for useful expression of the creative mental powers of the individual. This could be nothing other than a form of society dedicated to promotion of the highest possible rates of scientific and technological progress in a capital-intensive, energy-intensive mode. The moral form of society is an anti-malthusian society, and so the moral form of law is an anti-malthusian principle efficiently expressed in the shaping and application of positive law.

To foster this result, Cosimo de' Medici's Florence projected, and France's King Louis XI established the modern form of sovereign nation-state. The Erasmians of England, as typified by Sir Thomas More, sought to perfect the same conception of society there.

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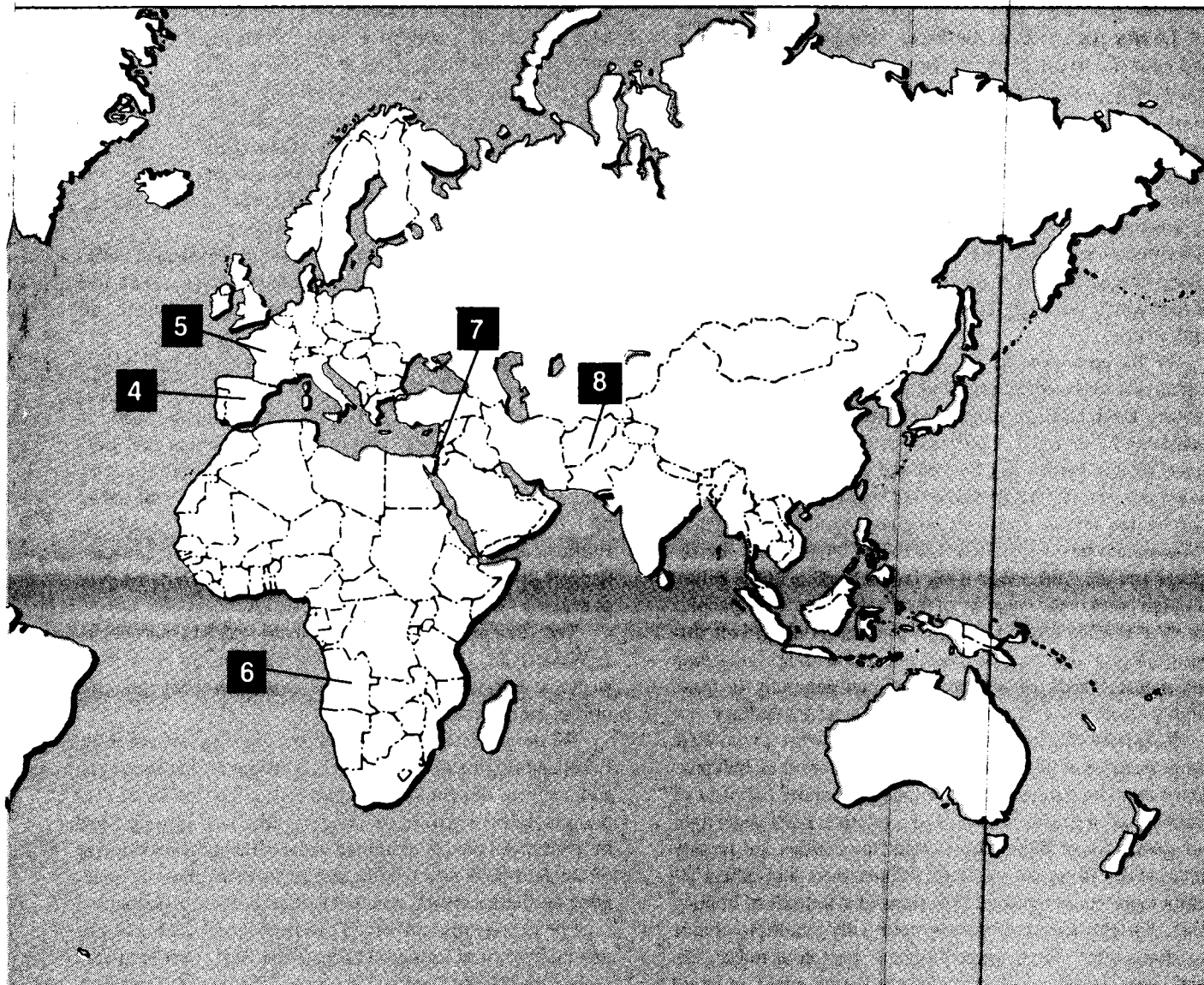
## Strategic Map

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# The hot spots around the world

**1. Panama:** Mounting pressure from the United States against Gen. Manuel Noriega, commander of the Panamanian Defense Forces, to force him to resign.

**2. Colombia:** Narco-terrorist offensive against the State intensifies with the kidnaping of Andrés Pastrana, mayoral candidate in Bogota and son of a former President. The government is increasingly immobilized.



**3. Peru:** Communist Party chief Jorge del Prado endorses Shining Path terrorism, calls for coup against President Alan García.

**4. Spain:** U.S. officials say on Jan. 14 that Washington is bowing to pressure from Spain to withdraw 72 F-16 fighter bombers from their base in Spain. The Soviet daily *Pravda* hails this under the headline, "Fighters Lose Their Residence Permit."

**5. West Germany:** Labor militancy in the Ruhr industrial region continues, with steel workers on strike. German Communist Party and Iranian government representatives intervene to spread the strikes. Anarchist elements seek to create zones outside government control.

**6. Angola:** UNITA guerrillas inflict serious defeats on

Cuban and government troops in Angola, as UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi prepares for a European tour.

**7. Israel:** Escalating crisis on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. The Jan. 15 intrusion of Israeli troops into Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque, one of the holiest sites of Islam, fans the flames of Islamic fundamentalism, while Jewish and Christian fundamentalist groups vow that they will destroy the mosque and rebuild Solomon's Temple. Israel orders a cut-off of food supplies to the Palestinian camps, as strikes and riots intensify.

**8. Afghanistan:** Fighting continues between rebel forces and Soviet troops. Moscow's international diplomacy claims readiness to withdraw under terms of a peace settlement, but rebels are skeptical. The Soviets are demanding destruction of 30 guerrilla bases in Iran, and 120 in Pakistan.