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what event that did more than anything else to shape the future of European culture and history
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a root of the hopelessness that assails many people today
explanations for the success of Solidarity vs. what really made Solidarity work.
why it is dangerous to deny that Christianity had anything to do with Europe’s development
what accounts for the radicalization of Islam in contemporary, secularized Europe.
reasons why Americans should care about the “Europe problem”
the nightmare scenario for the future of Europe
what the failure to create a human future means in the most elemental sense
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