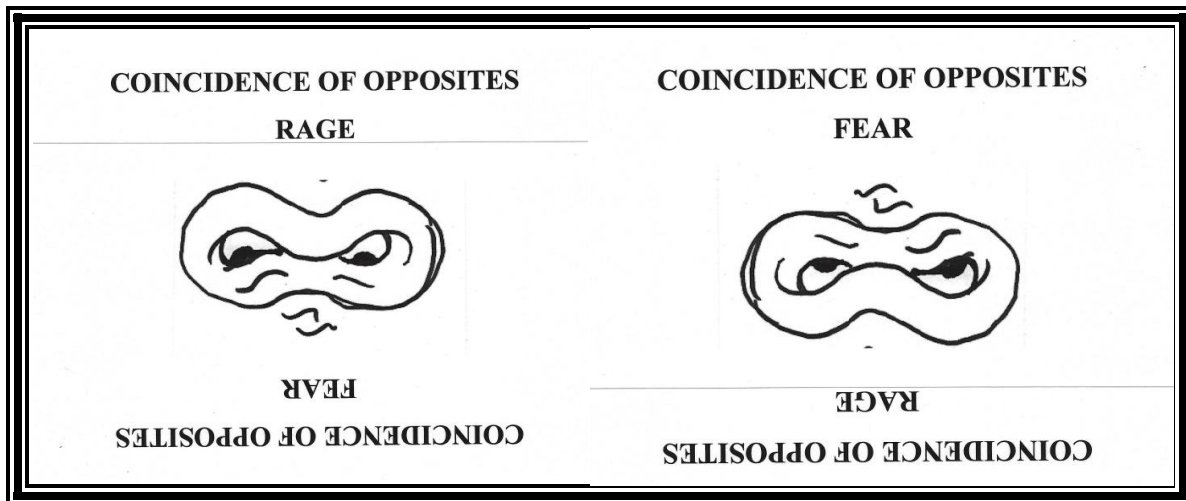


THE COINCIDENCE OF OPPOSITES

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In the face of the present nuclear danger, people are being forced to choose between rage and fear. That is not fair. My proposal is not to choose between those two, but to choose a third way instead, the way of Nicholas of Cusa's coincidence of opposites.

Russian President Putin said recently: "Sometimes, I get the impression that European politicians and representatives of the European bureaucracy are more afraid of falling out of favour with Washington than losing the trust of their own people."¹ Here, Putin has chosen a third way. What kind of face are you supposed to be making when you hear that? Rage or fear?



The opposition of rage and fear. Turn the image upside down and fear will become rage while rage will become fear.

Peace is opposed to war as rage is opposed to fear, but mankind requires that this opposition be resolved in such a way that fear and rage are no longer opposed to one another, but coincide with each other. How can you do that? Turn the image upside-down and the two images will coincide with their opposites! Ask yourself: who are you afraid to fall out of favor with?

This is not just a cute trick; this illustrates a real singularity which needs to be thought through and figured out because the future of mankind depends on it. A higher geometry of negative curvature is required in order to bring the world back to a New Peace of Westphalia. In other words, do not let yourself be manipulated into contradictions and paradoxes; look for ways to solve them!

¹ [Meeting with Foreign Ministry senior officials • President of Russia \(kremlin.ru\)](http://kremlin.ru)