

# **“Nothing in excess” - The Oracle as an Agent of Social and Religious Cohesion in Ancient Greece**

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## **Abstract**

The Greek saying “nothing in excess”, engraved at the entrance of the great sanctuary in Delphi, highlights the role of “moderator” that religion was set to play in the political and social life of the Greek polis. The consultation of the will of the gods was a *sine qua non* for the ancient man and that is why sanctuaries like the one in Delphi played an important political role. Today, when there is division not only within the secular society, but especially within Christianity, it is necessary to rethink the way we interact with society.