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### **Abstract**

*This chapter deals with the ontology of the home. We propose to define the home as a lighted house. But what is a house? It has a particular structure within the parameters of the spatial, the temporal and the functional. It is within but open, it is always for now and it is care for human beings. It is the place for the free and peaceful actualization of what is human. 'Human' refers here to human nature in general and to the individual form of each person. Human nature includes at least three interwoven aspects, differentiated in each individual person: physico-biological, social, and spiritual. A house should be a space-time of care, in which each person can develop these three aspects, and so it becomes a lighted house, a real home.*

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