

# The homeland in José Martí: Cuba, Our America and the world

**In Cuba, there will never be race wars**

**Our America: The Awakening of the Natural Man**

**"Peoples who do not know each other must hurry to know each other"**

**The natural man:** The one who, after recognizing his authentic needs, assumes and values the heterogeneity of his cultural origins.

From the Rio Bravo to Patagonia

**Identity of Our America:** A distinct cultural and political reality, mestizo roots, and a history of resistance.

**The 'natural man' vs. the 'exotic Creole':** Defense of the man who knows his country against foreign laws.

**Agony of the building:** The integration of all patriotic forces.

**Patriotism:** the essential virtue from which all virtues are possible.

**Homeland is humanity**

- **Man and his alienated universe:** the vain provincial, the seven-month men, the defeated pedants, the artificial men of letters, and the scrawny, lamp-lit thinkers—alongside the exotic Creole.

- **Notion of a Latin American homeland:** the community of interests and the unity of traditions.

- **Revolutionary Cosmopolitanism:** Homeland as the 'portion of humanity we see most closely'.

- **Cuban Independence:** The battle for the independence of thought.

- **Citizenship of the universe:** Conscience is true citizenship—internationalism based on respect.

**Highest expression:** The idea of sacrifice as purification of the National Being.

**Education for freedom:** Independence of thought, a tool against spiritual colonialism.

