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**BORDERLAND PERSPECTIVES  
ON DIVERSE WORLDVIEWS**

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**IN AWARENESS—ABOVE THE SURFACE**



**OUT OF AWARENESS  
DEEP CULTURE BELOW THE SURFACE**

# External/Internal Culture



**Behaviors**

**Language**

**Actions**

**Race**

**Gender**

**Style**

**Age**

**Physical abilities**

**Values**

**Life experiences**

**Thoughts / Perspectives**

**Religion**

**Sexual orientation**

**Culture**

Moctezuma meets Cortés, Malinche (Doña Marina)  
interprets, 1519

El Encuentro:

Spain encounters  
Mexico



# Cortés meets Moctezuma

## Juan O'Gorman



# BASIS FOR SALVATION

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**ONE DIED** that  
all might live



**MANY** had to  
DIE...that the **ONE**  
Soul of the nation  
might live

# ALL IMPORTANT VALUE

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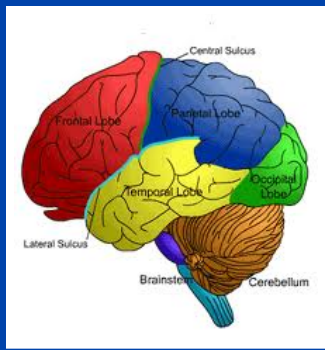
“Salvation of **MY soul**” for the hereafter and for this life, achieve greatness …



“Salvation of the **group**” = well-being of familia means preserving the way of the ancestors.  
We inherit traditions.



# KNOWLEDGE OF REALITY



The INTELLECT knows: (Logos)

- abstraction-concepts
- definition-judgments
- syllogism-conclusions

Best expressed as the Rational Faculty

The FACE sees:

- intuition-symbols
- inter-relationships-emblems

- movement – hieroglyphic

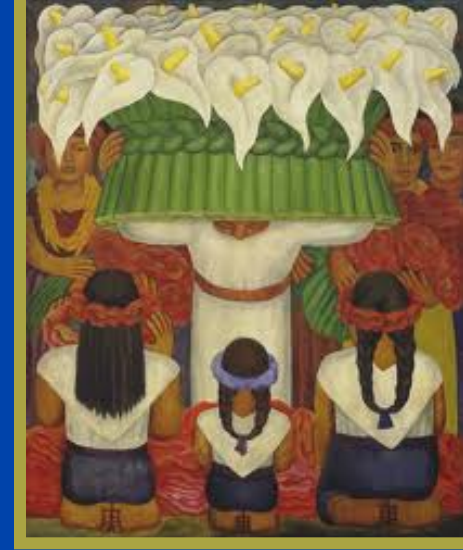
Best expressed through symbols; Another Form of Epistemology



# TRUTH

Through a process of abstraction, the intellect through Reason is capable of obtaining truth and communicating it through

WORDS



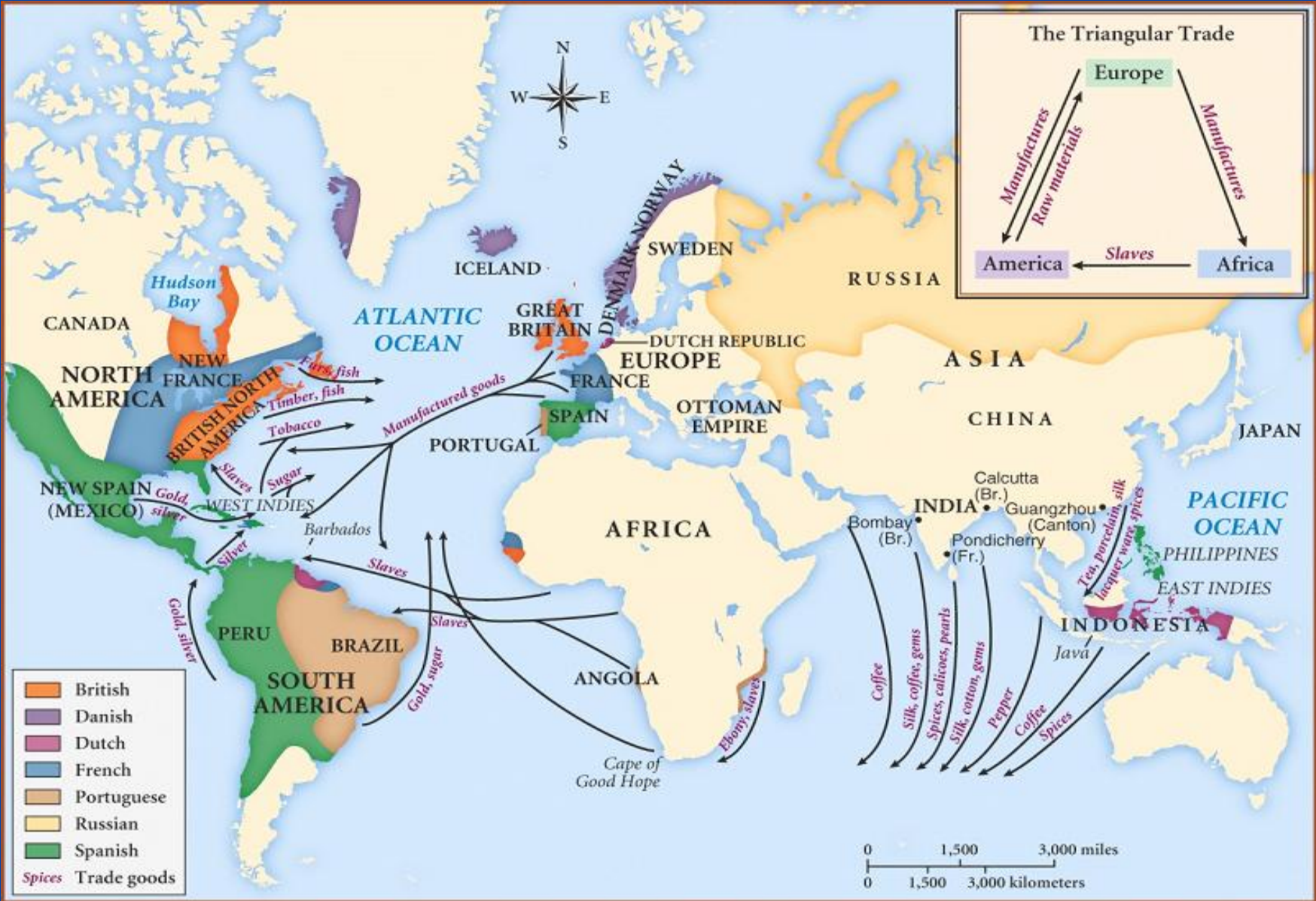
Only the heart is capable of obtaining truth. It can never fully get it through words... only through “flower and song”: poetry, beauty, music are human constructs that convey truth

# THE MANY AMERICAS



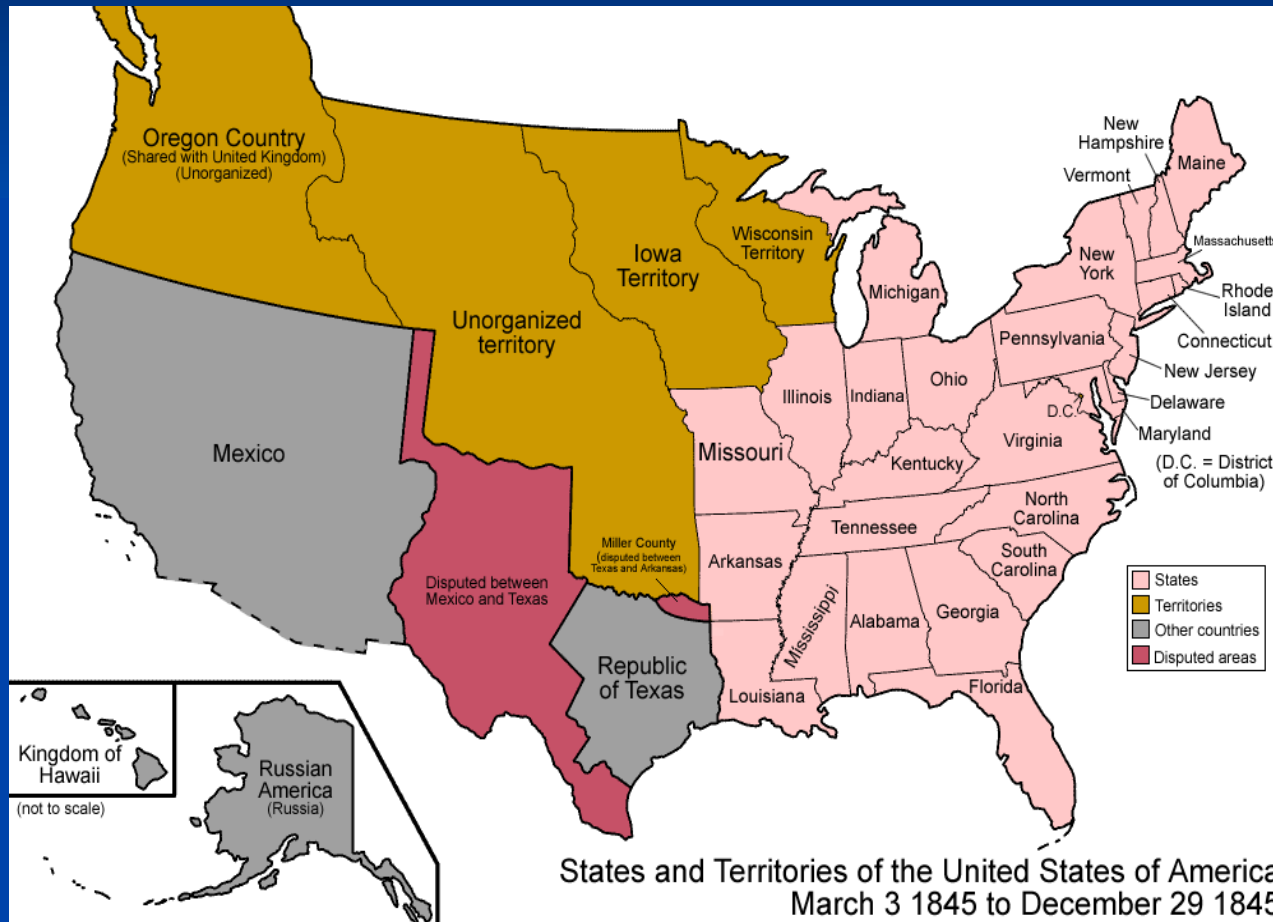
# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES





# 1845

# Manifest Destiny



# 1830s - 1860s

## GERMAN IMMIGRANTS AND THE FISHER-MILLER LAND GRANT



# Meusebach-Comanche Treaty

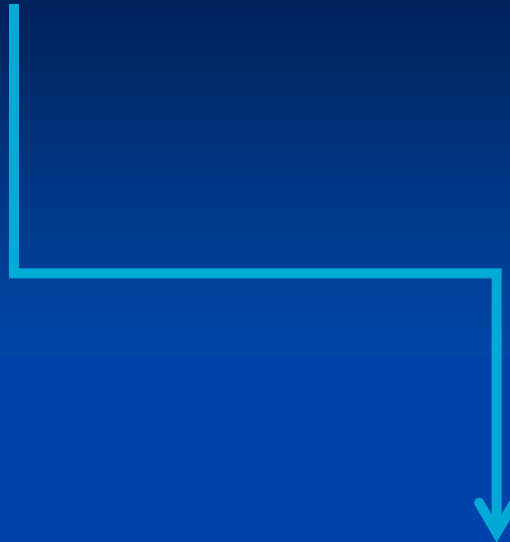




# Texas - Mexico



# Ancestors



# Current Generation

**(Mexican and German Immigrants)**



**MY FAMILY:  
MEXICAN REVOLUTION  
1910-1920**

***REFUGEES CROSS*** □  
***THE BORDER***



# ANCESTORS TO CURRENT GENERATION

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## Two Distinct Cultural Worldviews

- Historical
- Linguistic
- Theological
  - Traditions
  - Rituals
  - Community



**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY in our “LIFE TOGETHER”**



# The Treviño Sisters – 1915

## Lutheran Women of Grace



# ALANIS FAMILY CIRCA 1917





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# LAURA MELLENBRUCH, MOTHER OF MEXICAN MISSIONS





**Tearing  
down  
walls...  
building  
bridges!**



**“For He is our peace; in His flesh He has made both groups into one and broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ~ Ephesians 2:14**



# First Lutheran Baptism in South Texas, 1923



*Pastor Wm. Durkop  
and the Cantu Family*

# PASTOR ALMA MORALES (2003) & PASTOR SYLVIA DE LA GARZA (2004) FIRST LATINAS ORDAINED IN THE SWTX SYNOD



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# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29



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# CRISTO REY, EL PASO, TEXAS



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# BASIS OF ALL REALITY

The **INDIVIDUAL**  
soul/spirit  
One God creates  
one soul for each  
individual



The **COSMIC**  
COMMUNITY

From the one couple  
emanates everything which  
is and is sustained in  
existence through the One  
spirit/soul



# PEOPLES OF THE LAND



# THE PERSON

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Individual as an  
indivisible unity...

A Being unto oneself



The individual as  
indivisibly united to  
the group... perfect  
communicability:

*Mitákuye Oyási'n*

“We are all related”

# FLOR Y CANTO: DIEGO RIVERA

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# TIME

*How Important is it?*

A value of logic...  
only the NOW exists  
(el presente)... “no  
*hay prisa*” we have  
all the time in the  
world or

A value:  
Time is  
Money!



*Most Important*

It is the “footprints” we have  
left behind that is measurable;  
Our actions stretch out in time  
and space... Time is measured  
by our legacy... what we  
leave behind...for others ...

# SPACES - EARTH

Was given to humankind... human beings have a RIGHT to claim it for themselves... to use it for their own good...private property by divine right.



Belonged to the gods...held as sacred. Humankind could only use it for sustenance...had to live in harmony with it. The concept of private property is sacrilegious and incomprehensible. The Earth is our mother: Pachamama.

**INDIAN LAND FOR SALE**

GET A HOME OF YOUR OWN WITH EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE OF POSSESSION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

**FINE LANDS IN THE WEST**  
IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE    GRAZING    AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

In 1910 the Department of the Interior has Done Great Good Allowed more Land as follows:

State	Acres	Value	State	Acres	Value
Colorado	5,211,271	\$7.37	Oklahoma	34,004,000	\$18.14
Idaho	11,053,000	14.85	Oregon	1,030,000	15.43
Kansas	1,584,500	31.45	South Dakota	130,445,000	16.53
Montana	11,254,000	9.85	Washington	4,879,000	42.37
Nebraska	3,945,000	36.95	Wisconsin	1,000,000	12.98
North Dakota	22,416,700	9.93	Wyoming	865,000	29.64

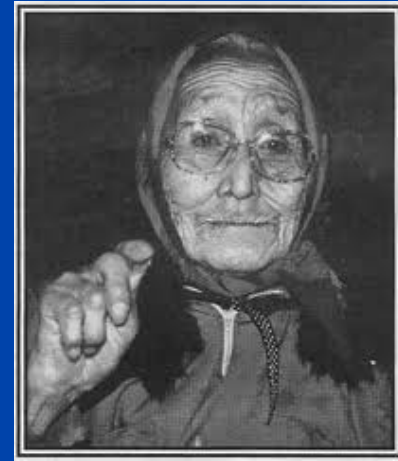
**FOR THE YEAR 1910 IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 350,000 ACRES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE**

The information is for the purpose of the land sale for 1910, "INDIAN LAND FOR SALE" is the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D.C.

WALTER L. FISHER,      ROBERT G. VALENTINE,

# LIVED VALUE

- Missioners: gospel values: poverty, charity, and great zeal for saving ...
- Conquistador: gold and silver



- For **All**: moderation, respect for others, simplicity,
- good conduct
- continuing the tradition of the ancestors

# GREATEST SIN

- Heresy
- Apostasy
- Idolatry



- Greed
- Perversion = Turning away from the ways of elders
- Disrespect for human life

# DEATH

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- Time of judgment
- “eternal rest”
- They now sleep...
- Reward & punishment



- No concept of judgment
- Time of AWAKENING from the dream-like existence of this life
- No reward or punishment; simply a different form of existence