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Anzaldua's La conciencia de la mestiza

The article's title, "La conciencia de la mestiza", translates to "Towards a New Consciousness". "Mestiza" in the title simply means a woman of mixed ethnic ancestry or race. Therefore, based on the title, in this chapter, the author, Gloria Anzaldua, is trying to show what it means to her by being a mestiza and showing how she moves from one culture to another. At the beginning of the article, Anzaldua says, "From this racial, ideological, cultural and biological cross-pollination, an alien consciousness is presently in the making-a new *mestiza* consciousness *una conciencia de mujer*". From this statement, it is more likely that in this chapter, Anzaldua aims to talk more about borderlands being the reason why she has created multiple identities.

From the article, it seems that Anzaldua is stuck between the cultures in which she belongs, and she tries every way possible to fit in and please all the cultures where she belongs. In my view, it seems as if Anzaldua is not sure of where she belongs, and she feels that she does not belong to a specific culture since she doesn't fit into the activities classified in the cultures. From the author's explanation, it is clear that she also tries to explain how people try to blend multiple cultures whenever they find themselves in a mix of two or more cultures.

With reference to this article, while different cultures exist in society, it is necessary and beneficial to only choose the different ideas, values, and traditions that are important and positive to work with an individual's set of beliefs and values. Apparently, there exist some activities in

my Egyptian culture that I find difficult to agree with, and others in the American culture that also do not seem to fit well with me. However, that does not mean that I cannot take the two cultures with me. What matters is the impact and context of a culture's idea rather than the idea itself.

In summary, this article is well-relating to the individuals with multiple cultures and those who find it hard adjusting to both cultures. The article shows the constant fighting that Anzaldua undergoes to have a happy and peaceful life. As evident in many parts of the world, most people come from diverse backgrounds with different cultures, and sometimes, it becomes a major challenge trying to blend the cultures.

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