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I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world (Socrates, IV century BC)

O meu amigo não é senão a metade de mim mesmo (Matteo Ricci, XVI century)

(My friend is none other than the half of myself)

Deus quer, o homem sonha e a obra nasce (Fernando Pessoa, XX century)

(God wills, the man dreams, and the work is born)

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