





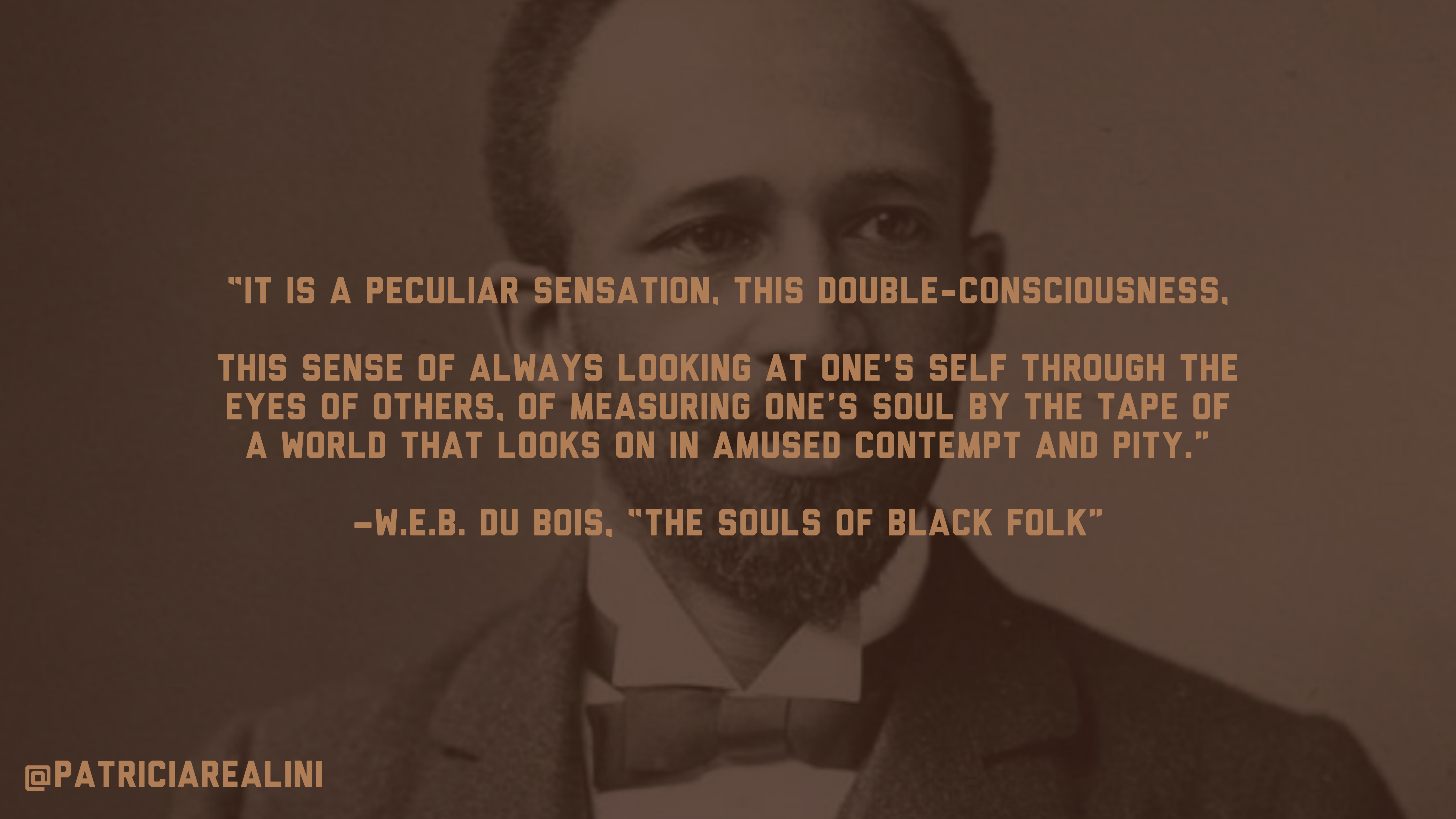
PARADISE

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A WORLD THAT LOOKS ON IN AMUSED CONTEMPT AND PITY."**

**—W.E.B. DU BOIS, "THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK"**

**"THE FIRST ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT PATRIARCHY DEMANDS OF MALES IS NOT VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN. INSTEAD PATRIARCHY DEMANDS OF ALL MALES THAT THEY ENGAGE IN ACTS OF PSYCHIC SELF MUTILATION, THAT THEY KILL OFF THE EMOTIONAL PARTS OF THEMSELVES. IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN EMOTIONALLY CRIPPLING HIMSELF, HE CAN COUNT ON PATRIARCHAL MEN TO ENACT RITUALS OF POWER THAT WILL ASSAULT HIS SELF ESTEEM."**

**—BELL HOOKS**

A sepia-toned portrait of W.E.B. Du Bois, a Black man with a full beard and mustache, wearing a suit and bow tie. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

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