

Islam, Europe, and the  
Riches of Asia



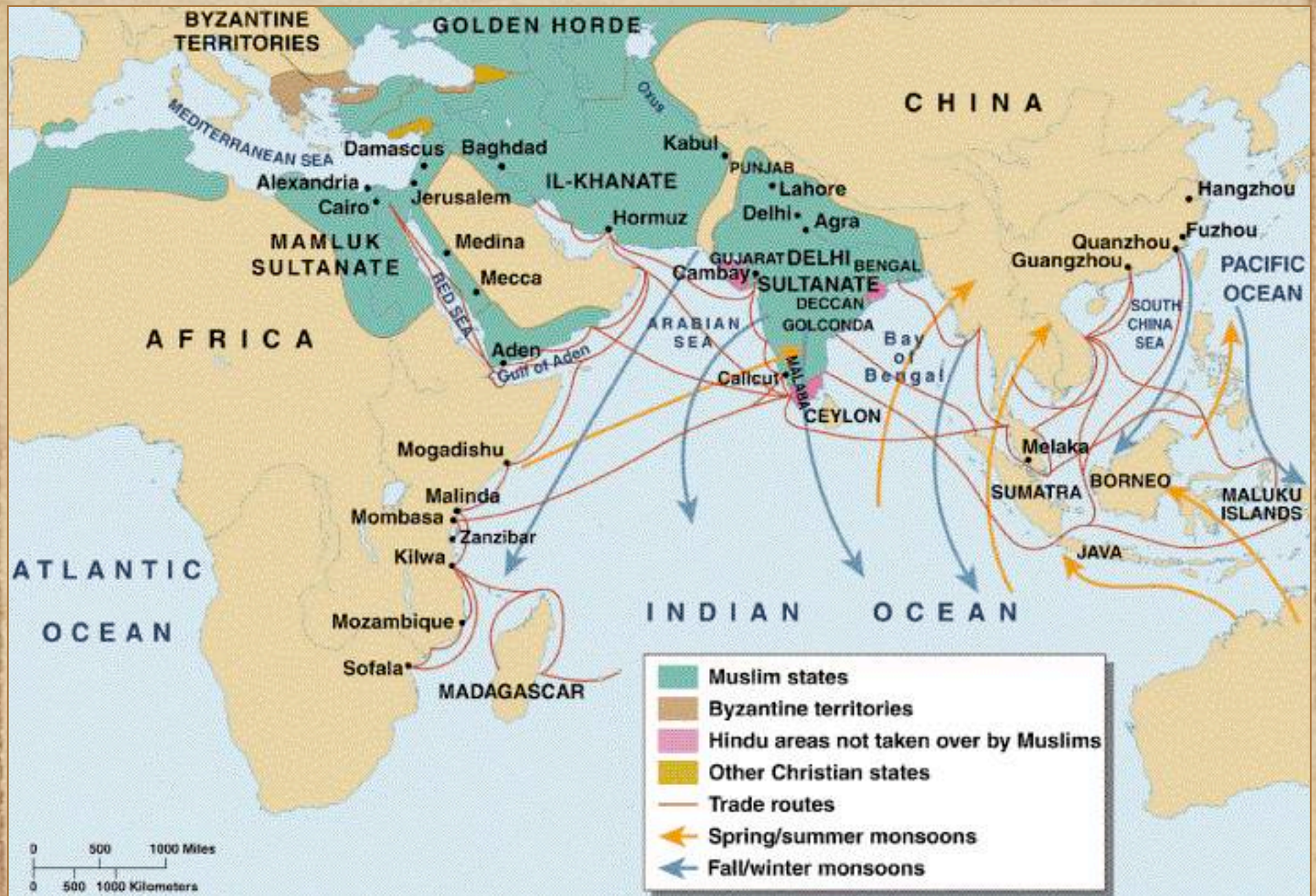
# Dar al-Islam, "The Abode of Islam"

## The Five Pillars of Islam:

- ◆ Faith (shahada) in God, Muhammed as his prophet; Qur'an as his revelations
- ◆ Prayer (salaat) at mosque, 5 times/day
- ◆ Charity (zakaat) of 10% of income
- ◆ Fasting (siyaam) during Ramadan
- ◆ Pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca

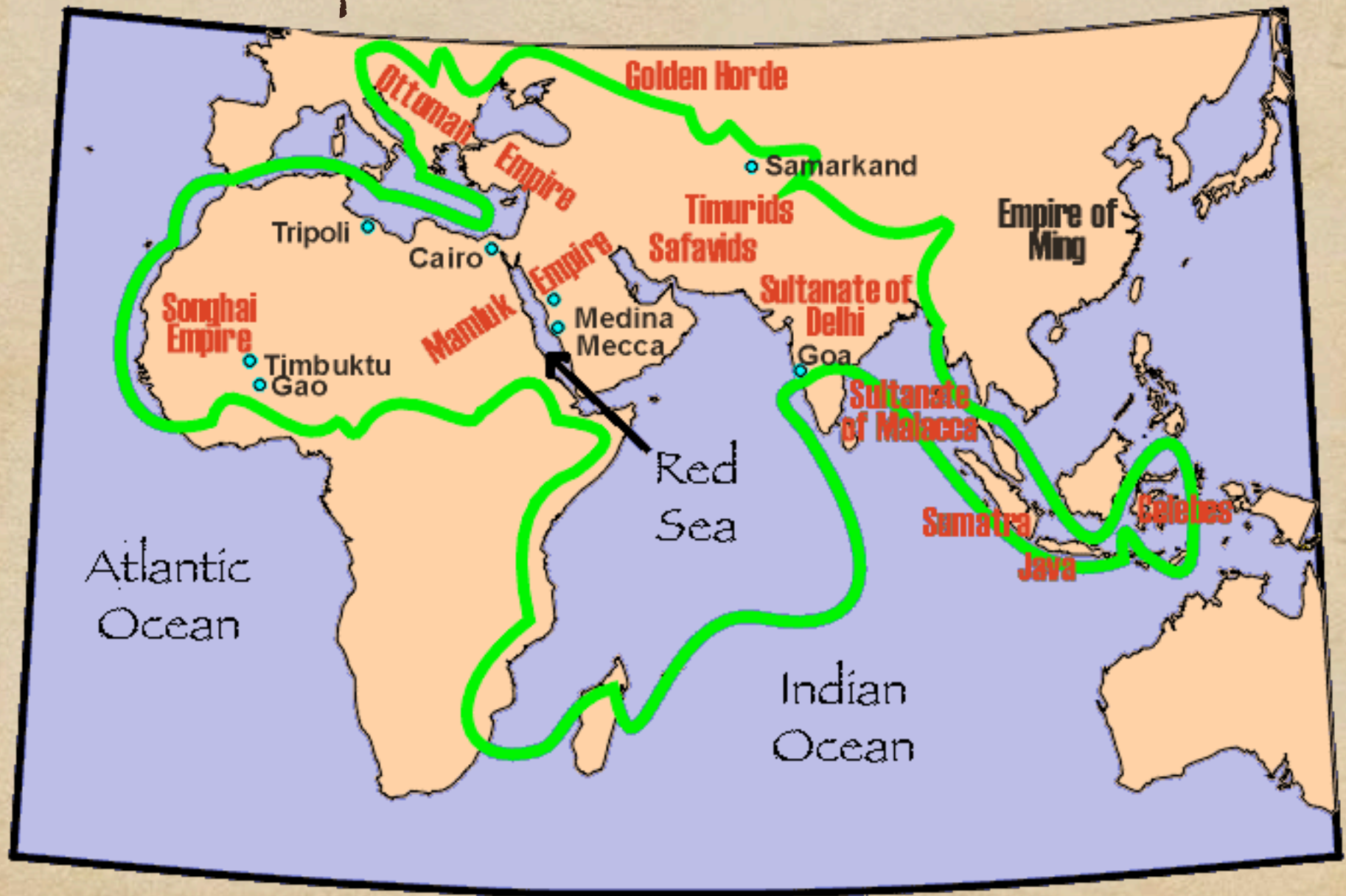


# The Spread of Muslim Trade Routes, 14th century



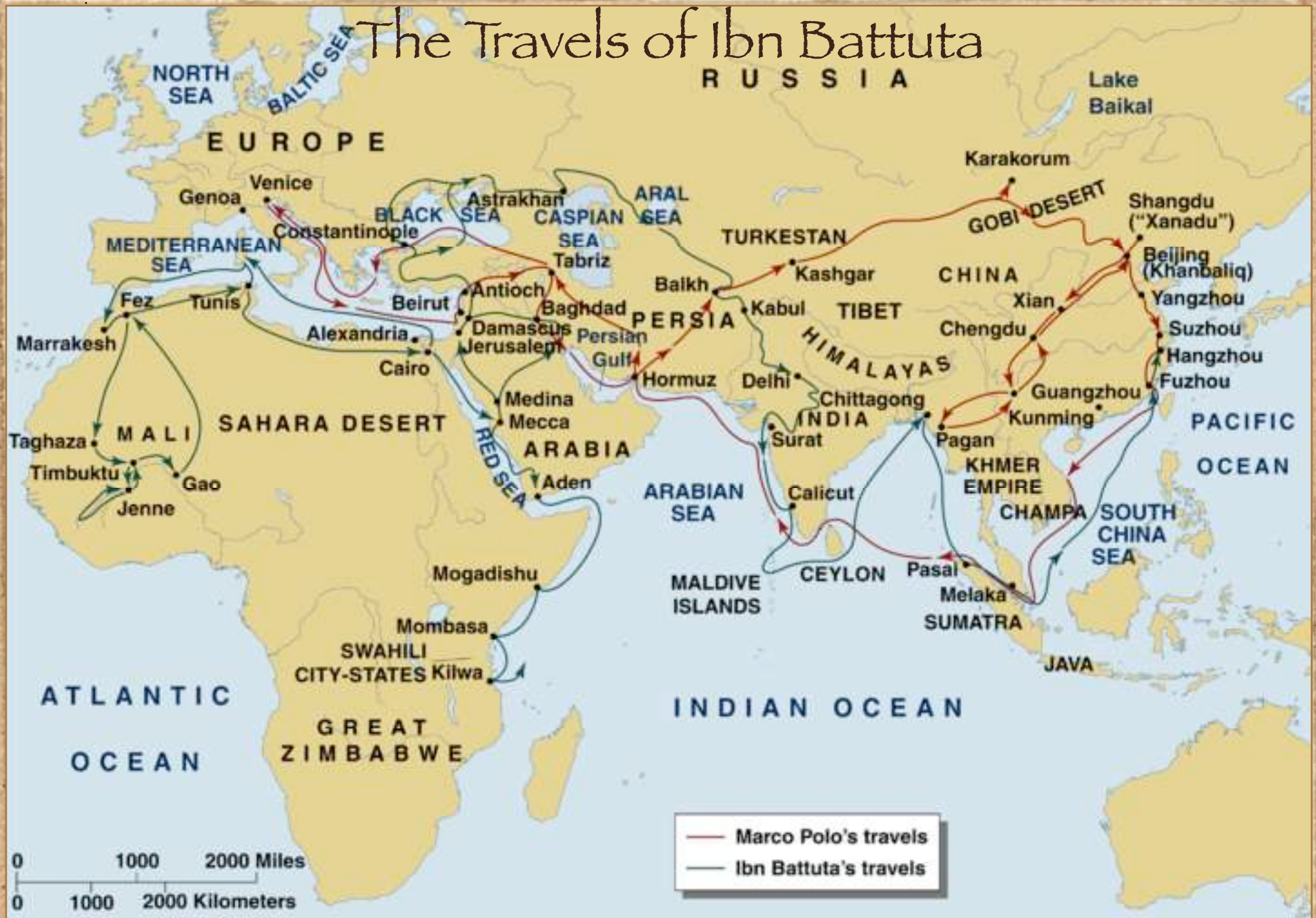


# The Spread of Islam, circa 1500





# The Travels of Ibn Battuta

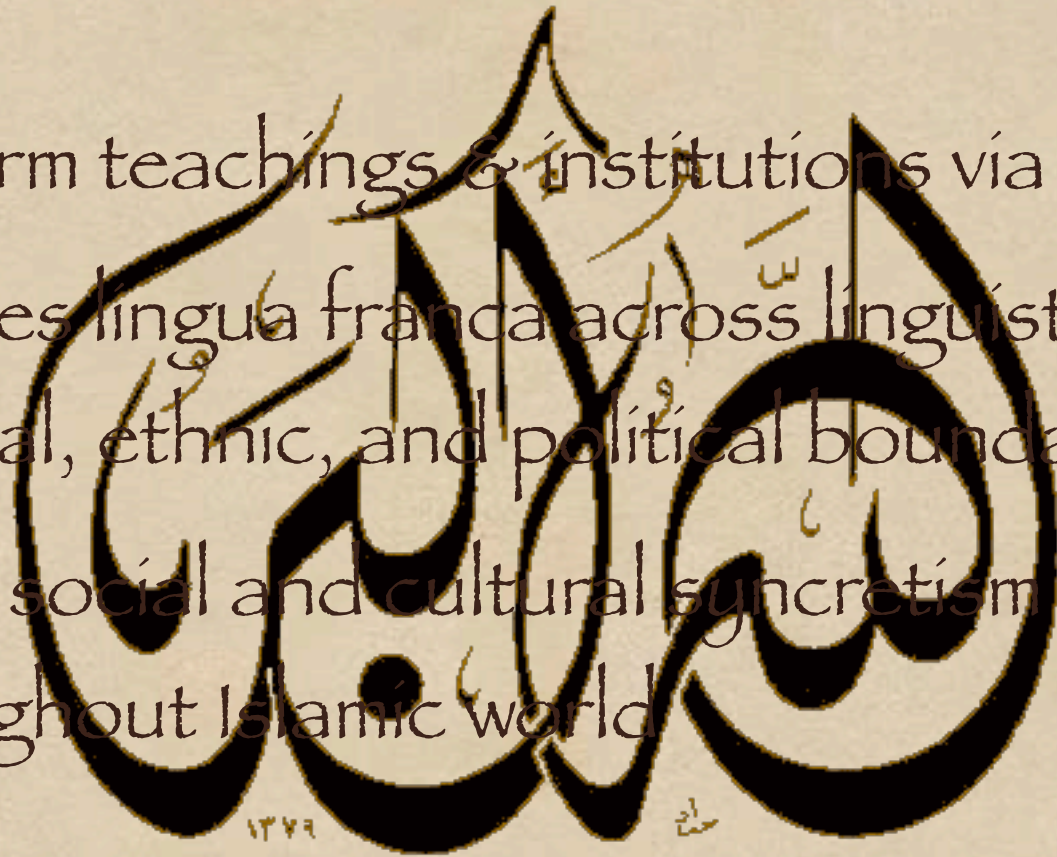


MAP 1-1 JOURNEYS OF MARCO POLO AND IBN BATTUTA



# The Teaching & Influence of Islam

- ◆ Uniform teachings & institutions via medreses
- ◆ Creates lingua franca across linguistic, cultural, ethnic, and political boundaries
- ◆ Much social and cultural syncretism throughout Islamic world



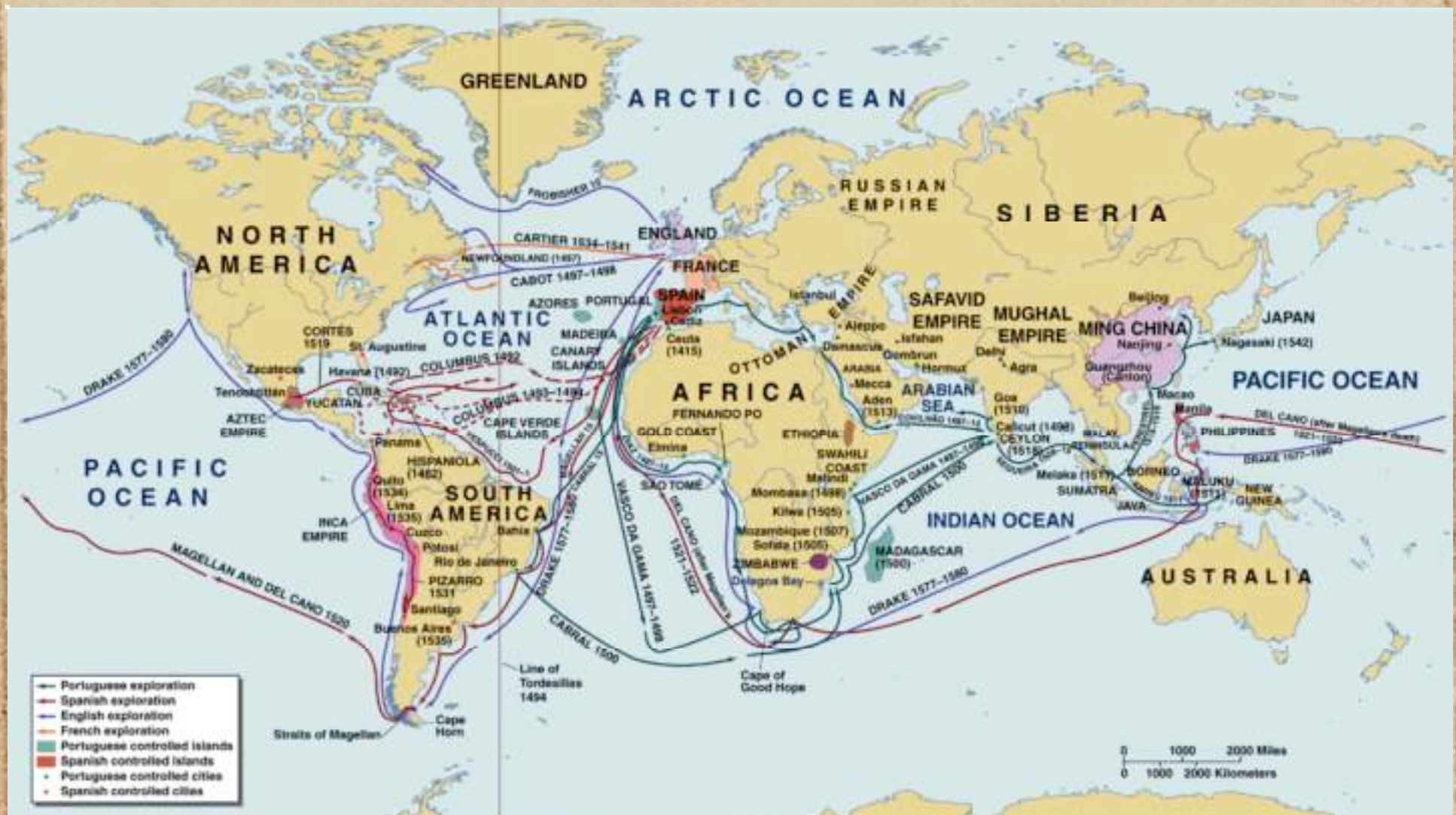


# The Lure of Asian Riches

- ◆ Economic incentives for Europeans
- ◆ Early Explorers:
  - ◆ Henry the Navigator (1394-1460)
  - ◆ Bartholomeu Dias rounds cape, 1488
  - ◆ Vasco da Gama, 1497-98



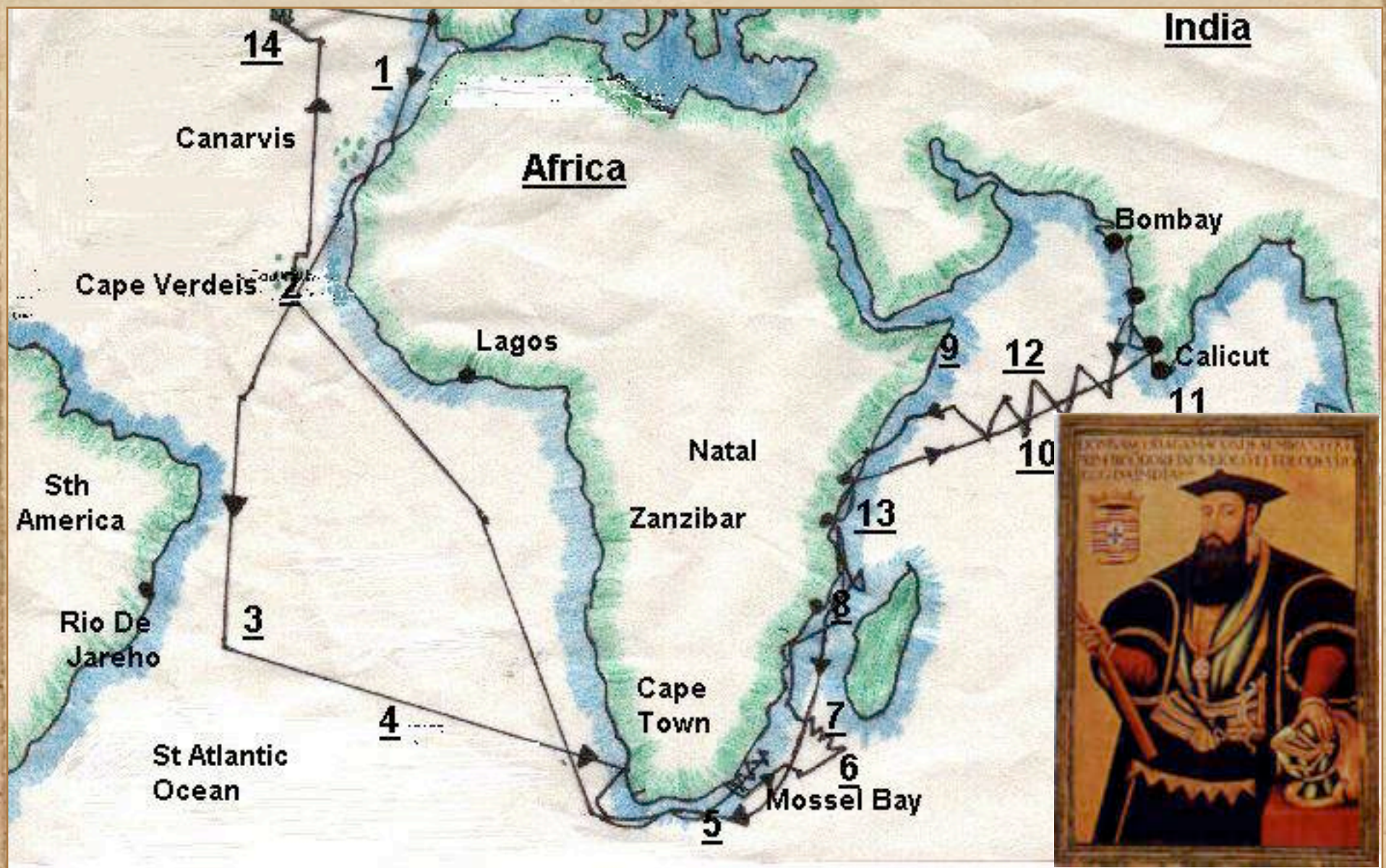
# European Exploration, 1420-1580



MAP 3-2 EUROPEAN EXPLORATION, 1420-1580

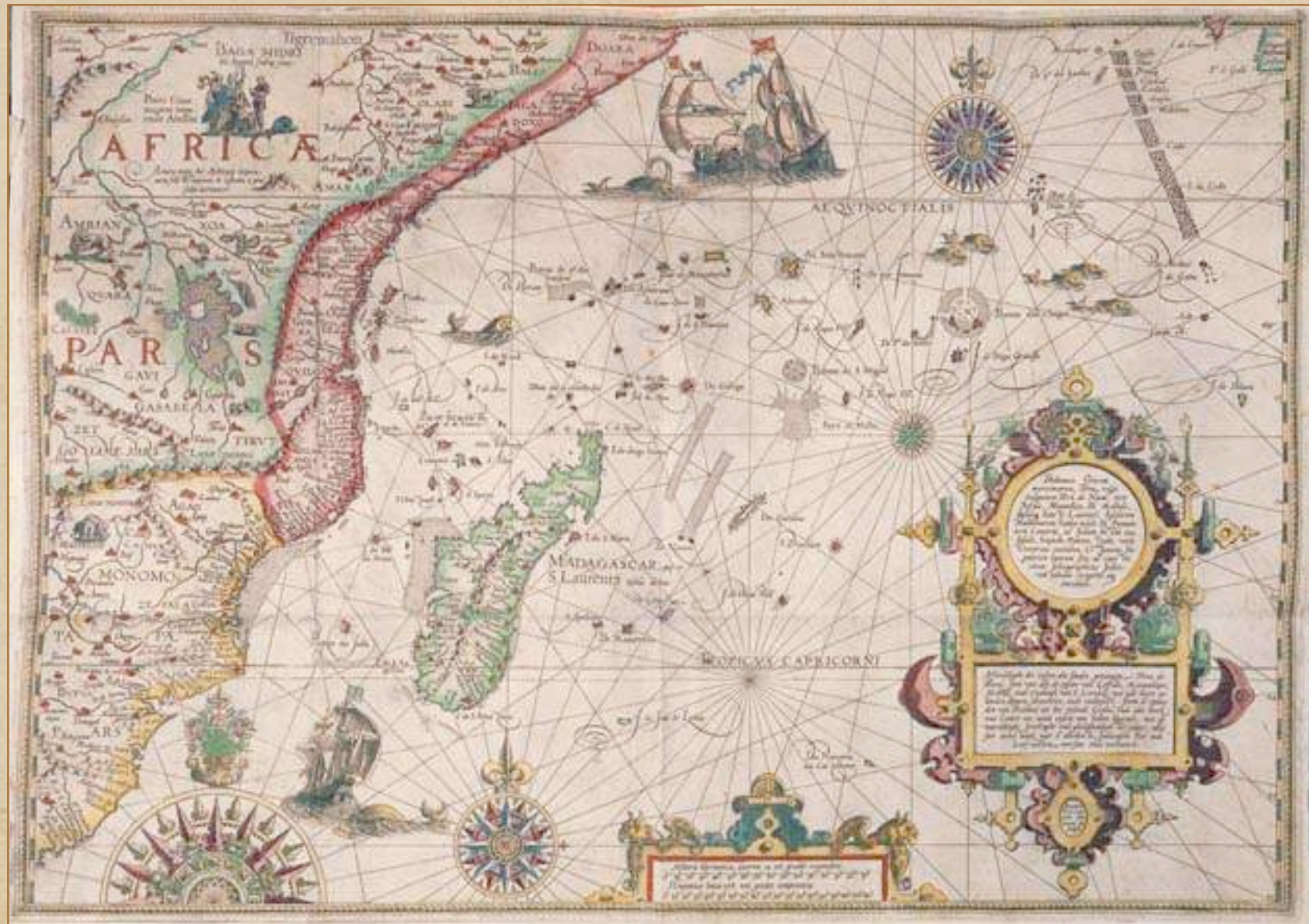


# Vasco da Gama into the Indian Ocean



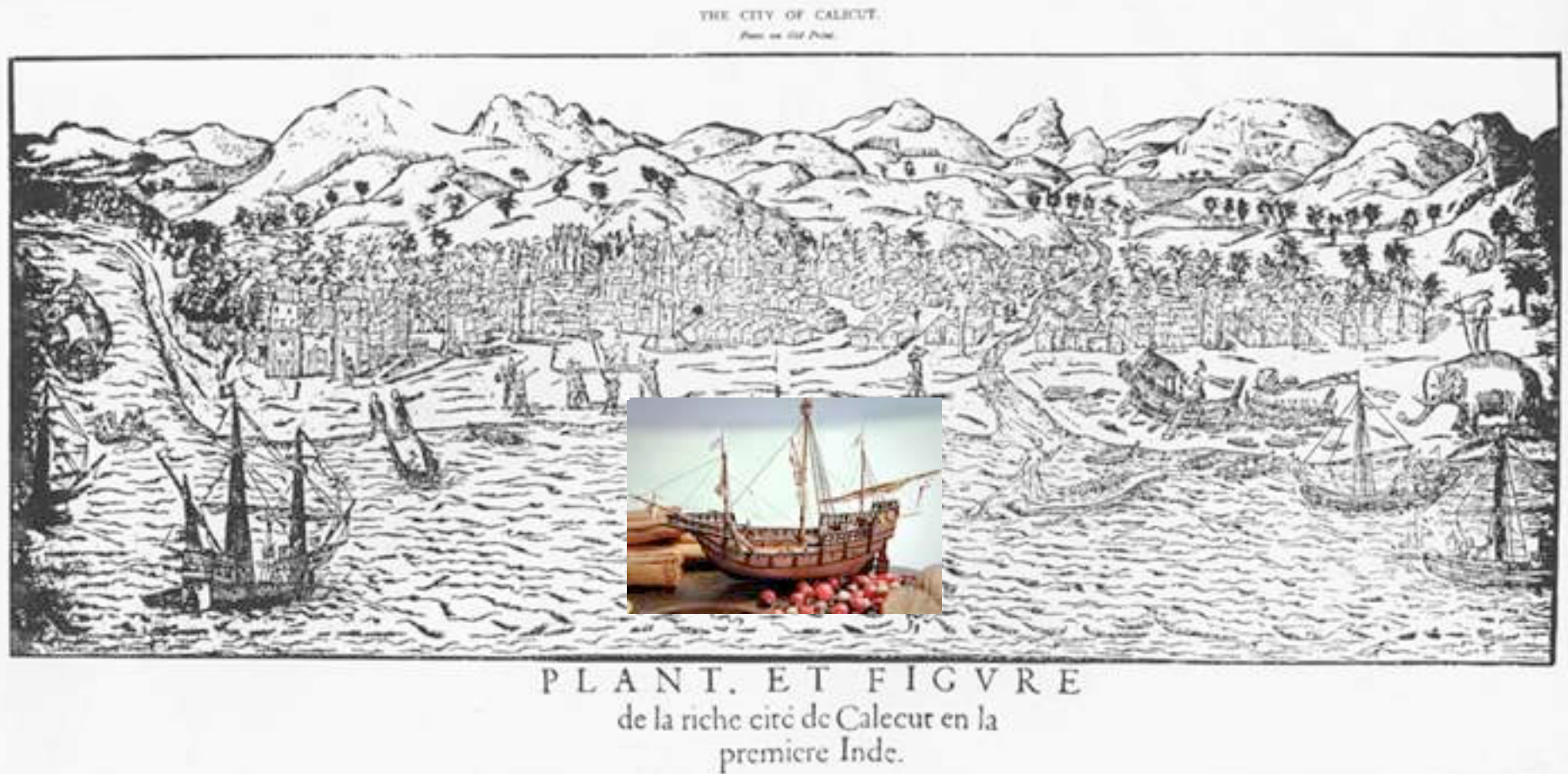


# East Africa to Calicut





# Da Gama reaches Calicut, May 20, 1498



And leaves with pepper and other spices



# Key Points in Indian Ocean Trade

