

THE CLASSICAL PERIOD

600 BCE- 600 CE

2nd wave civilizations

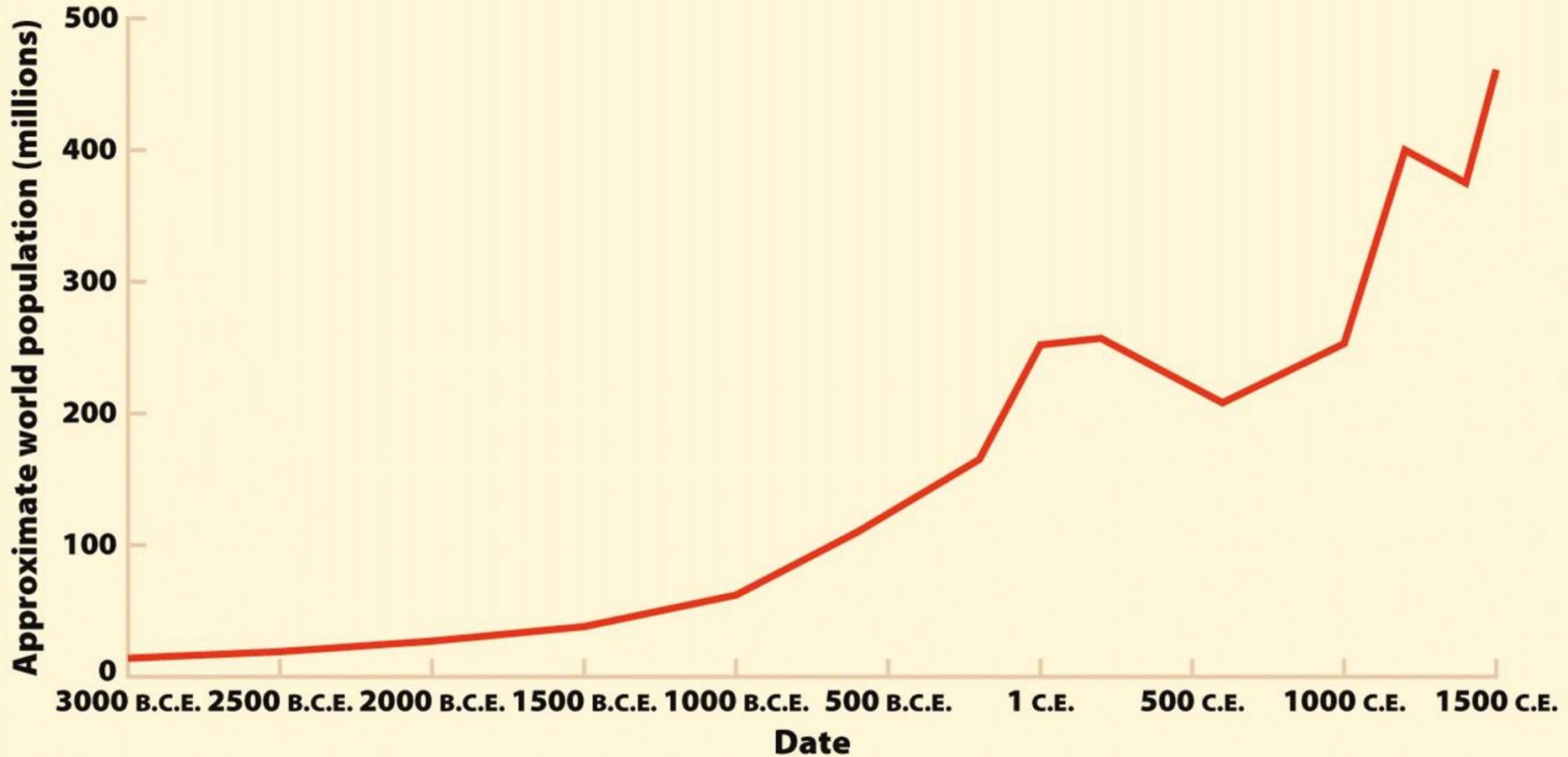
Key points of the Classical era:

- ▣ Development of religious and cultural traditions
- ▣ Development and growing complexity of states and empires
- ▣ Growth of interregional trade networks and cultural exchange

What is an Empire?

- ▣ How is it different from a state, or civilization?
- ▣ What events are going to define the classical period?
- ▣ What does the term second wave empire mean?
- ▣ Why do we tend to focus on empires?

What does this tell us?



What is important to note about Persia?

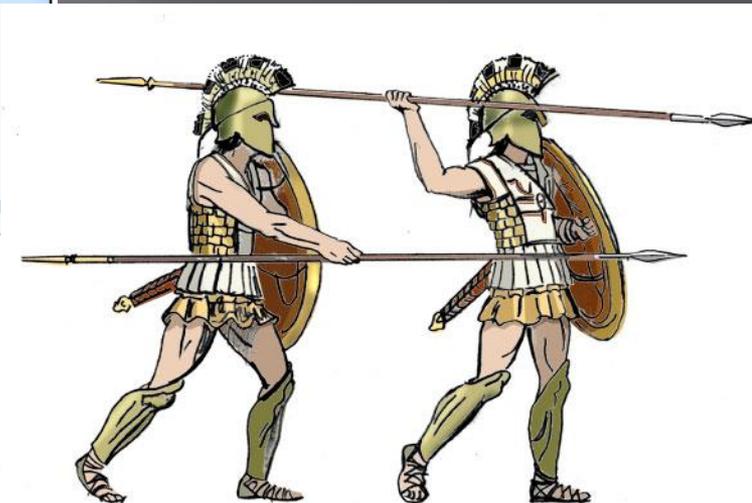
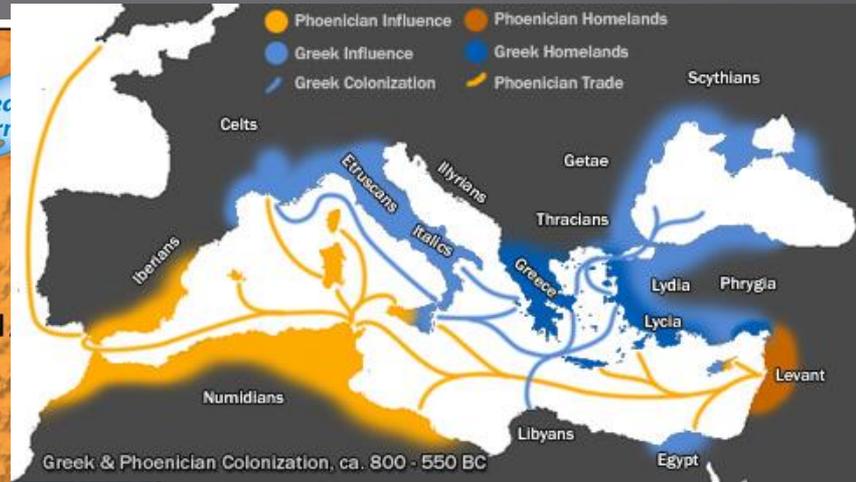


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Persia

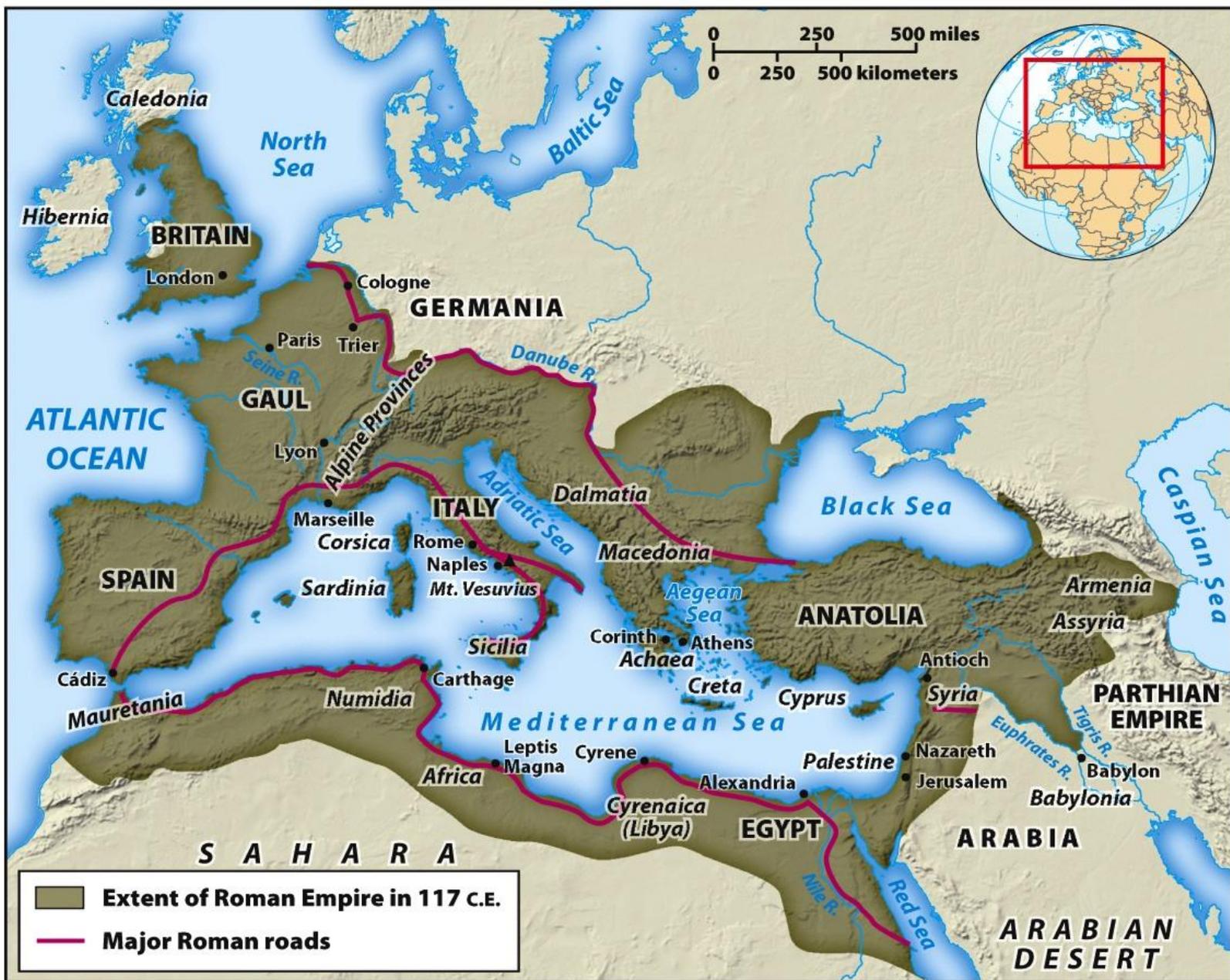
- ▣ 559 BCE Cyrus the great(founds Achaemenid dynasty)
- ▣ Organization: Satrapies, royal roads, Persepolis, inspectors
- ▣ Zoroastrianism (monotheistic)
- ▣ Significant religious toleration
- ▣ Patriarchal stratified society
- ▣ Significant trade and irrigation technology

What do these maps tell you?



Classical Greece

- ▣ Lots of divided City-States
- ▣ Relatively poor area
- ▣ Monarchy, oligarchy, and democracy
- ▣ Sparta- Military Land power, Helots, Hoplite, Phalanx
- ▣ Athens- limited Democracy,
 - Philosophy: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Greek Humanism
- ▣ Persian Wars followed by Peloponnesian wars
- ▣ Alexander the Great and Macedonia
- ▣ Collapse and division 323BCE



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Classical Rome

- ▣ 509 BCE Rome as a republic
 - Plebeians V. Patricians
 - Importance of the Rule of Law, consuls, checks and balances
- ▣ Expansion into Greece, and Punic wars w/ Carthage
- ▣ Roman Empire 27 BCE- 476CE
- ▣ Roads, engineering, military, and language
- ▣ Roman Society: landholder, slaves, patriarchy
- ▣ Fall: population pressure and decline, overexpansion and invasion, and introduction of Christianity

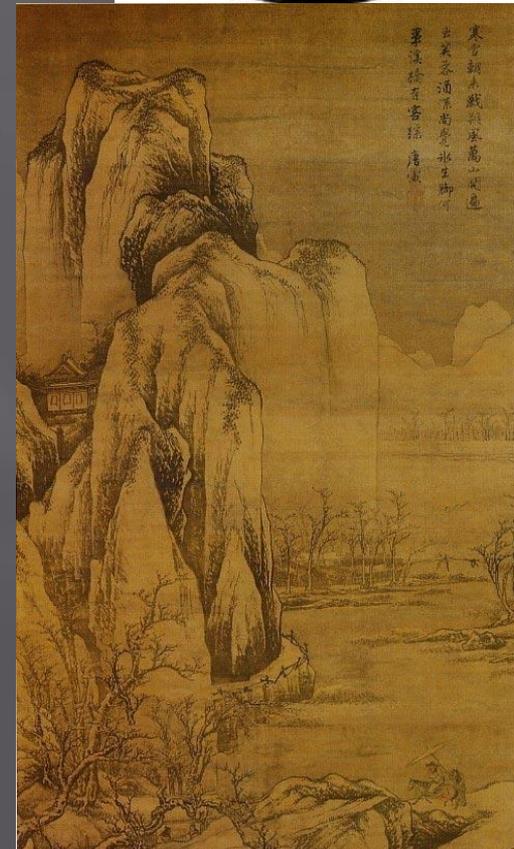
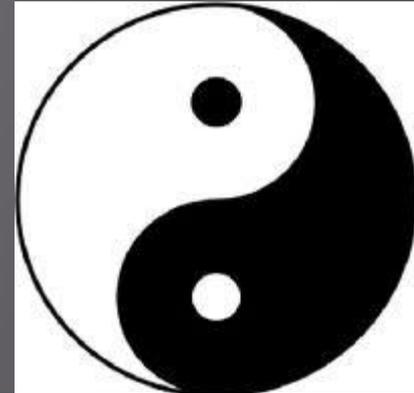


Ancient and Imperial China

- ▣ Xia, Shang, Zhou dynasties (Ancient period)
- ▣ Warring states era
- ▣ Qin, and Han dynasty (Classical)
 - Centralized Government, civil service exam, Silk Road, Paper, Calendar, and strong agriculture
- ▣ 3 Philosophical Traditions
 - Confucianism- Filial Piety, education, and proper behavior
 - Daoism- balance, nature, and harmony
 - Legalism- strong laws and punishment

Which represent which philosophy?

- ❑ The superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.
- ❑ The sage controls without authority, and teaches without words; he lets all things rise and fall, nurtures, but does not interfere, gives without demanding, and is content.
- ❑ In the state of an intelligent ruler there are no books, but the laws serve as teachings.





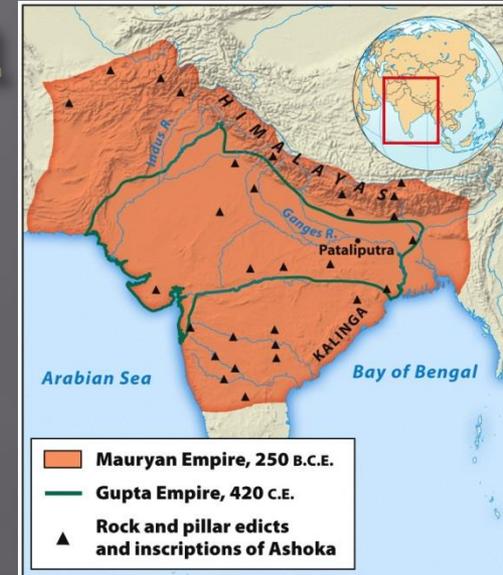
China's Cultural Traditions
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What do these two things have in common?



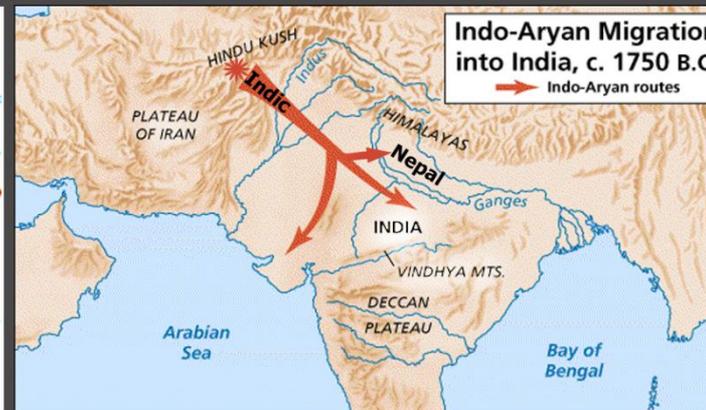
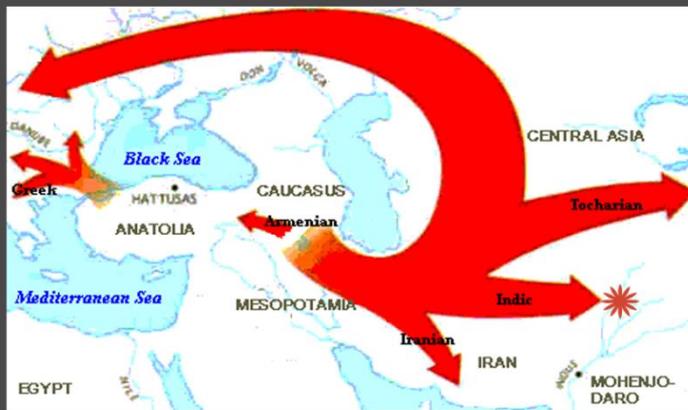
Empires in India

- ▣ Vedic Aryan invasion circa 1500 BCE
- ▣ Mauryan Empire- Ashoka
- ▣ Gupta Empire
- ▣ Traditionally decentralized state



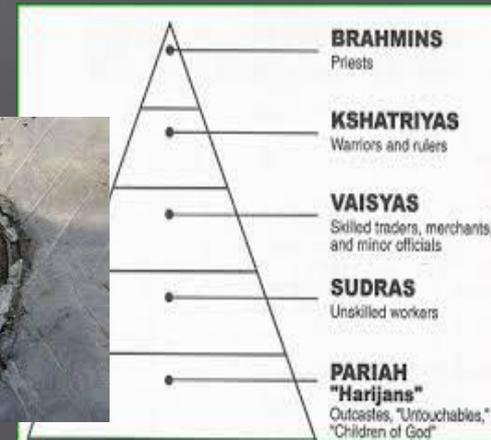
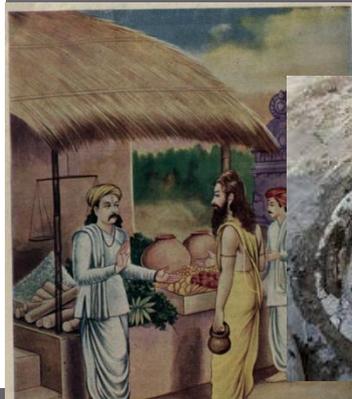
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Aryans Migration to Nepal



Hinduism

- ▣ Caste system: Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, and Shudras, Untouchables
 - ▣ Emphasis on purity and fulfilling your specific role, and release from reincarnation
- ▣ Important Hindu texts- Bhagavad Gita, Mahabharata, Upanishads
- ▣ Buddhism challenged the caste system



What is this?



Which is the real Buddha?



Buddhism

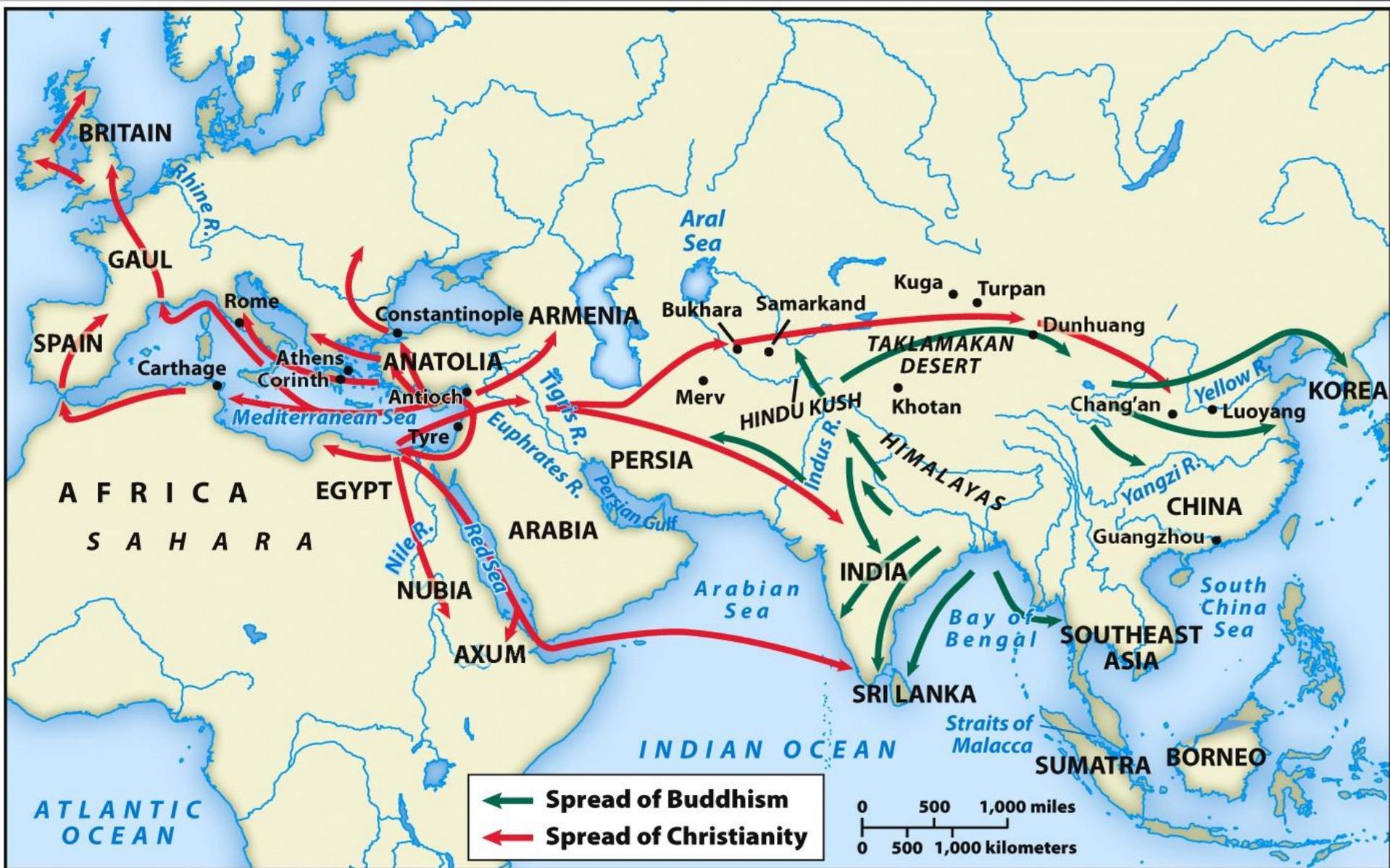
- ▣ Siddhartha Gautama (ca. 566–ca. 486 B.C.E.)
- ▣ 4 noble truths, 8 fold path
- ▣ Theravada
- ▣ Mahayana's *bodhisattvas*



Christianity

- ▣ Zoroastrianism
- ▣ Judaism
- ▣ Jesus
- ▣ Paul and the gospels
- ▣ Monasticism and martyrdom





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The Early Americas

- ▣ Andean Regions
 - The Chavin
 - The Moche
- ▣ Mesoamerica
 - Olmec- giant head sculptures basis of later cultures
 - Teotihuacan- massive city and pyramid
 - The Mayans- City-states w. pyramids, very advanced mathematically and in astronomy, decline due to environment
- ▣ North America
 - Mississippian culture
 - Pueblo people



chavin



the Lord of Sipan
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The True Size of Africa

A small contribution in the fight against rampant *Immappancy*, by Kai Krause

Graphic layout for visualization only (some countries are cut and rotated)
But the conclusions are very accurate: refer to table below for exact data

COUNTRY	AREA x 1000 km ²
China	9.597
USA	9.629
India	3.287
Mexico	1.964
Peru	1.285
France	633
Spain	506
Papua New Guinea	462
Sweden	441
Japan	378
Germany	357
Norway	324
Italy	301
New Zealand	270
United Kingdom	243
Nepal	147
Bangladesh	144
Greece	132
TOTAL	30.102
AFRICA	30.221



Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World Total
Sources: Britannica, Wikipedia, Almanac 2010

	AREA km ²	%	
1	Russia	17.098.242	11,50
2	Canada	9.984.670	6,70
3	China	9.599.961	6,40
4	United States	9.629.091	6,40
5	Brazil	8.514.877	5,70
6	Australia	7.692.024	5,20
7	India	3.287.263	2,30
8	Argentina	2.780.400	2,00
9	Kazakhstan	2.724.900	1,80
10	Sudan	2.505.813	1,70
11	Algeria	2.381.741	1,60
12	Congo	2.344.858	1,60
13	Greenland	2.166.086	1,50
14	Saudi Arabia	2.149.690	1,40
15	Mexico	1.964.375	1,30
16	Indonesia	1.860.360	1,30
17	Libya	1.759.540	1,20
18	Iran	1.628.750	1,10
19	Mongolia	1.564.100	1,10
20	Peru	1.285.216	0,86
21	Chad	1.284.000	0,86
22	Niger	1.267.000	0,85
23	Angola	1.246.700	0,85
24	Mali	1.240.192	0,83
25	South Africa	1.221.037	0,82
26	Colombia	1.141.748	0,76
27	Ethiopia	1.104.300	0,74
28	Bolivia	1.098.581	0,74
29	Mauritania	1.025.520	0,69
30	Egypt	1.002.600	0,67
31	Tanzania	945.087	0,63
32	Nigeria	923.768	0,62
33	Venezuela	912.050	0,61
34	Namibia	824.116	0,55
35	Mozambique	801.586	0,54
36	Pakistan	796.095	0,53
37	Turkey	783.562	0,53
38	Chile	756.102	0,51
39	Zambia	752.812	0,51
40	Myanmar	676.578	0,45
41	Afghanistan	652.050	0,44
42	Somalia	637.657	0,43
43	France	632.834	0,43
44	C. African Rep	622.984	0,42
45	Ukraine	603.500	0,41
46	Madagascar	587.041	0,39
47	Botswana	582.000	0,39
48	Kenya	580.367	0,39
49	Yemen	527.968	0,35
50	Thailand	513.120	0,34
51	Spain	505.992	0,34
52	Turkmenistan	488.100	0,33
53	Cameroon	475.442	0,32
54	Papua New Guinea	462.840	0,31
55	Uzbekistan	447.400	0,30
56	Morocco	446.550	0,30
57	Sweden	441.370	0,30
58	Iraq	438.317	0,29
59	Paraguay	406.752	0,27
60	Zimbabwe	390.757	0,26
61	Japan	377.930	0,25
62	Germany	357.114	0,24
63	Rep o.t. Congo	342.000	0,23
64	Finland	338.419	0,23
65	Vietnam	331.212	0,22
66	Malaysia	330.803	0,22
67	Norway	323.802	0,22
68	Côte d'Ivoire	322.463	0,22
69	Poland	312.685	0,21
70	Oman	309.500	0,21
71	Italy	301.336	0,20
72	Philippines	300.000	0,20
73	Burkina Faso	274.222	0,18
74	New Zealand	270.467	0,18
75	Gabon	267.466	0,18
76	Western Sahara	266.000	0,18
77	Ecuador	256.369	0,20
78	Guinea	245.857	0,17
79	United Kingdom	242.900	0,16
80	Uganda	241.038	0,16
81	Ghana	238.539	0,16
82	Romania	238.391	0,16
83	Laos	236.800	0,16
84	Guyana	214.969	0,14
85	Belarus	207.466	0,14
86	Kyrgyzstan	199.951	0,13
87	Senegal	196.722	0,13
88	Syria	185.180	0,12
89	Cambodia	181.035	0,12
90	Uruguay	176.215	0,12
91	Suriname	163.820	0,11
92	Tunisia	163.610	0,11
93	Nepal	147.181	0,10
94	Bangladesh	143.998	0,10
95	Tajikistan	143.100	0,10
96	Greece	131.957	0,09
97	Nicaragua	130.373	0,09
98	North Korea	120.538	0,08
99	Malawi	118.484	0,08
100	Eritrea	117.600	0,08
TOP 100 TOTAL	132.632.524	89,34	



In addition to the well known social issues of *illiteracy* and *innumeracy*, there also should be such a concept as "*immappancy*", meaning *insufficient geographical knowledge*.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose "1-2 billion" and "largest in the world", respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as *Mercator*).

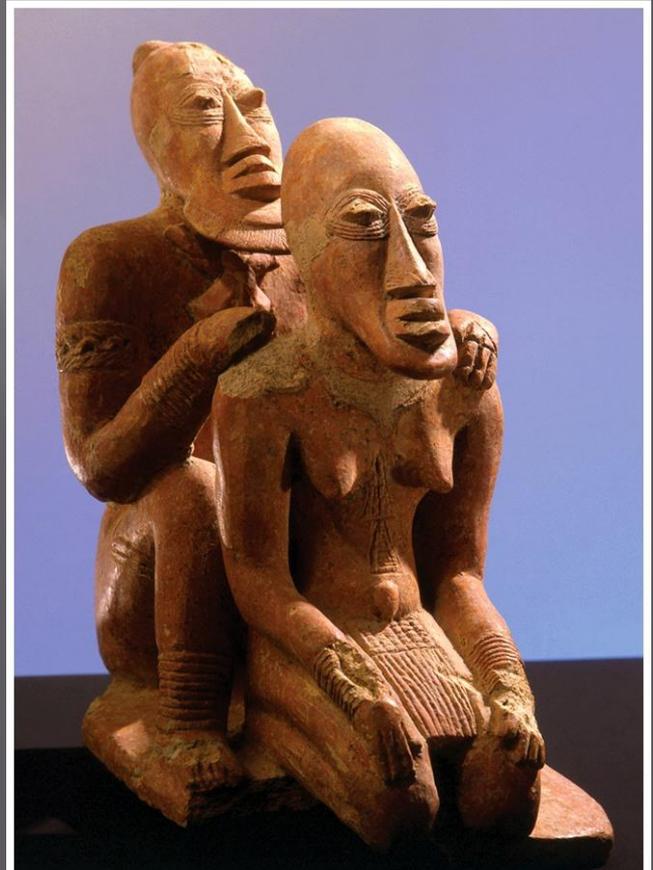
A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of *Africa*. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the *USA*, *China*, *India*, *Japan* and *all of Europe*..... combined!



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Africa

- ▣ Moroe
- ▣ Axum
- ▣ Niger River Communities
- ▣ Bantu migrations





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