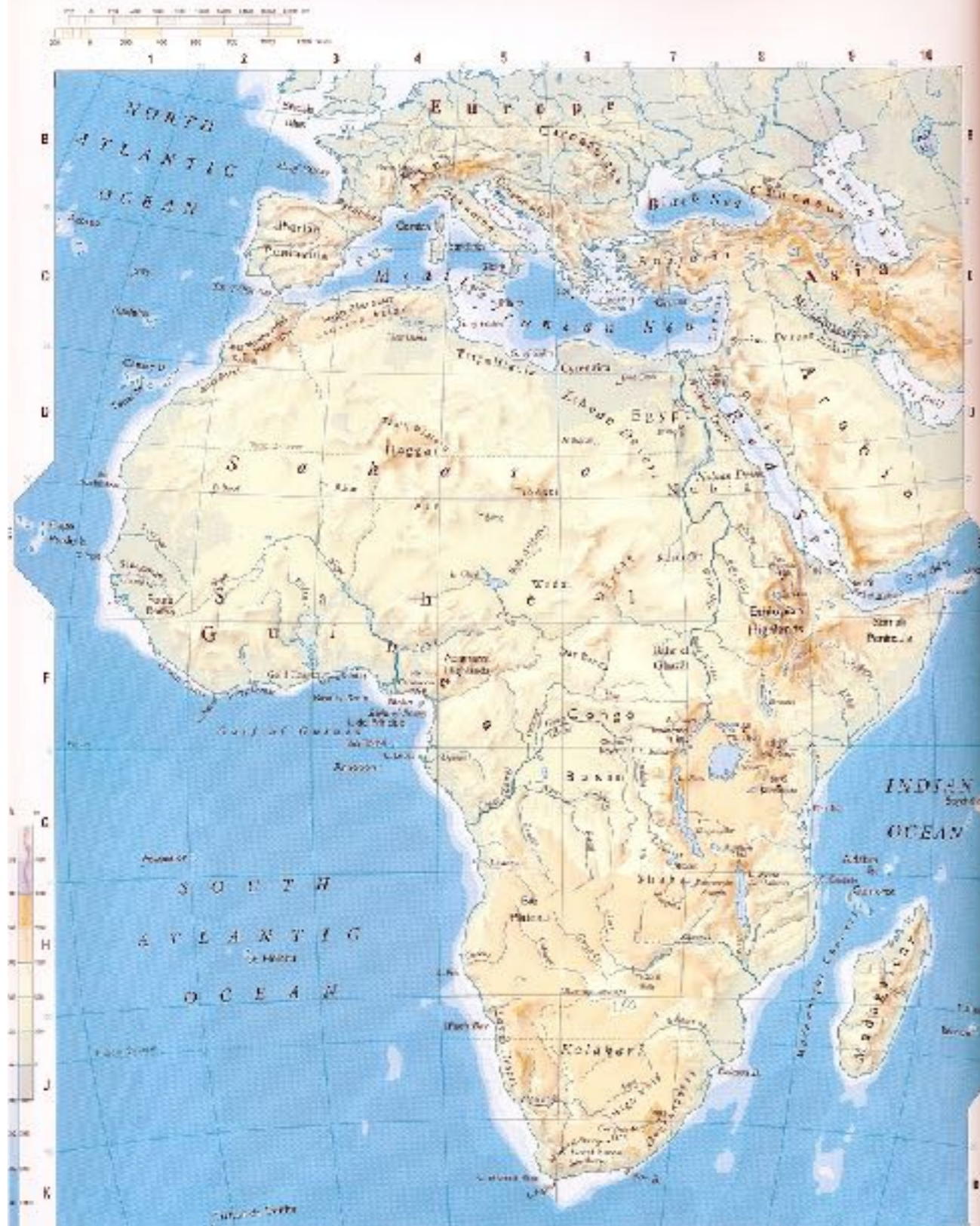


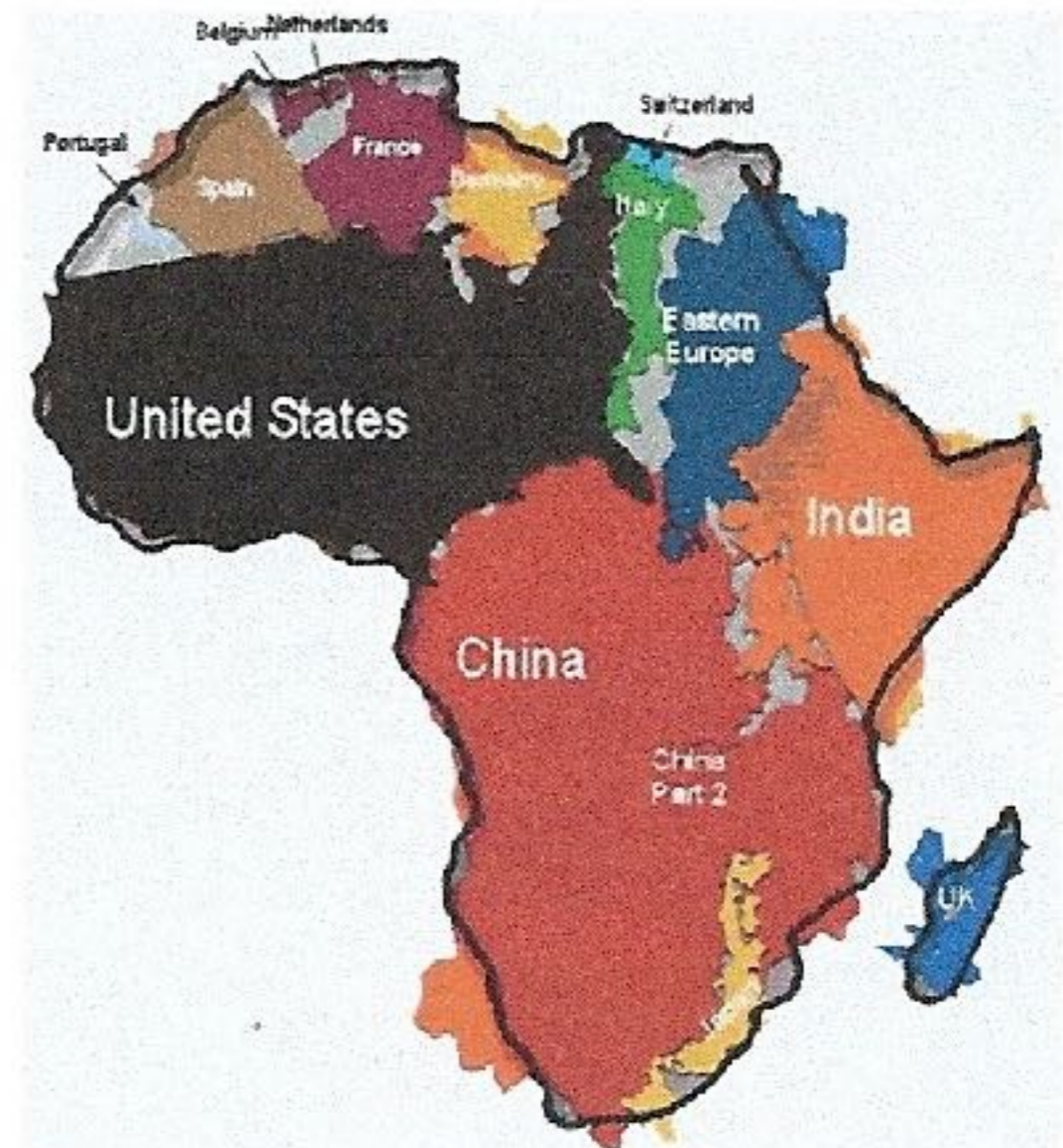
# Crossing the Sahara

Alan Bird  
8th February 2018

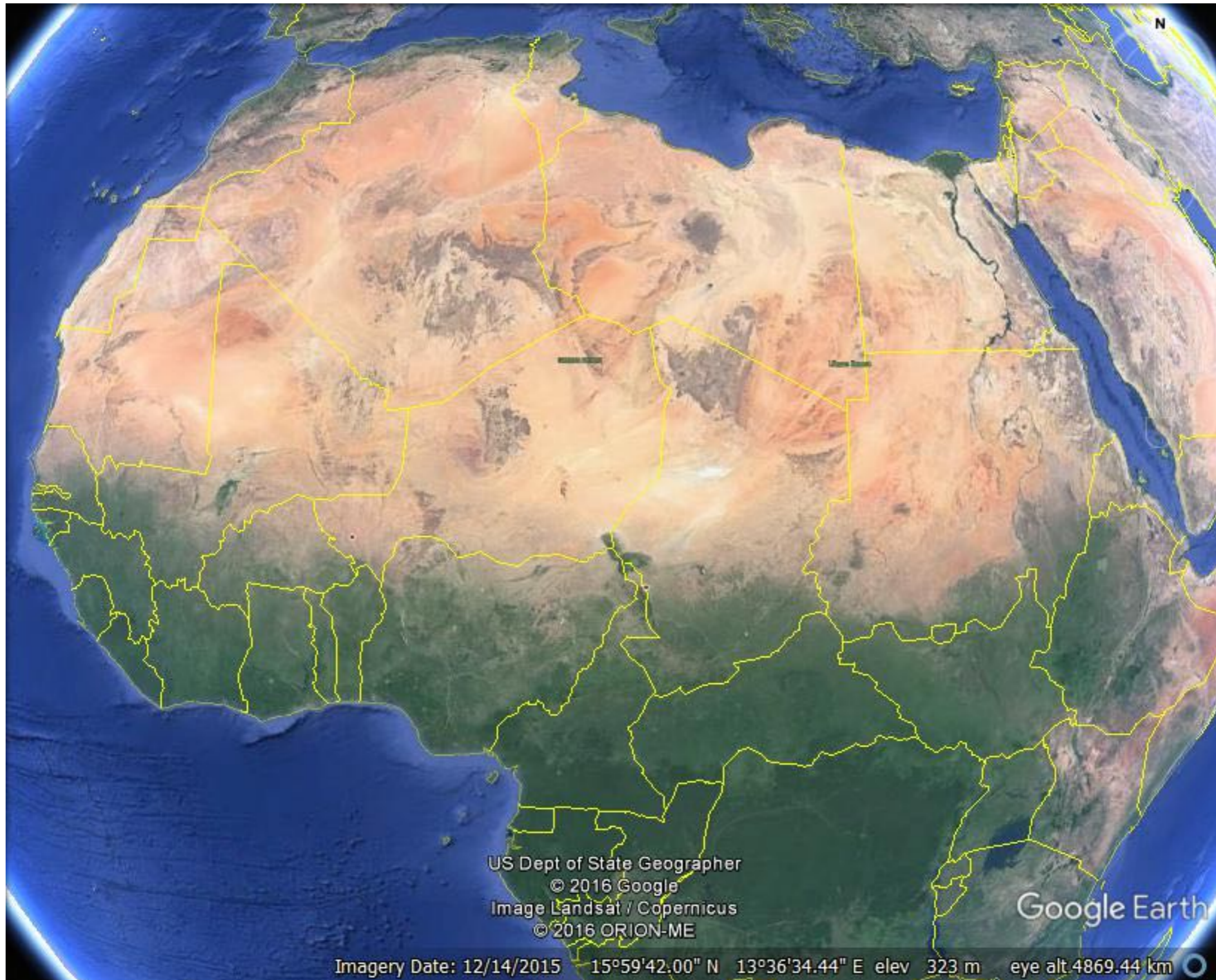
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**The size of Africa**



# The extent of the Sahara

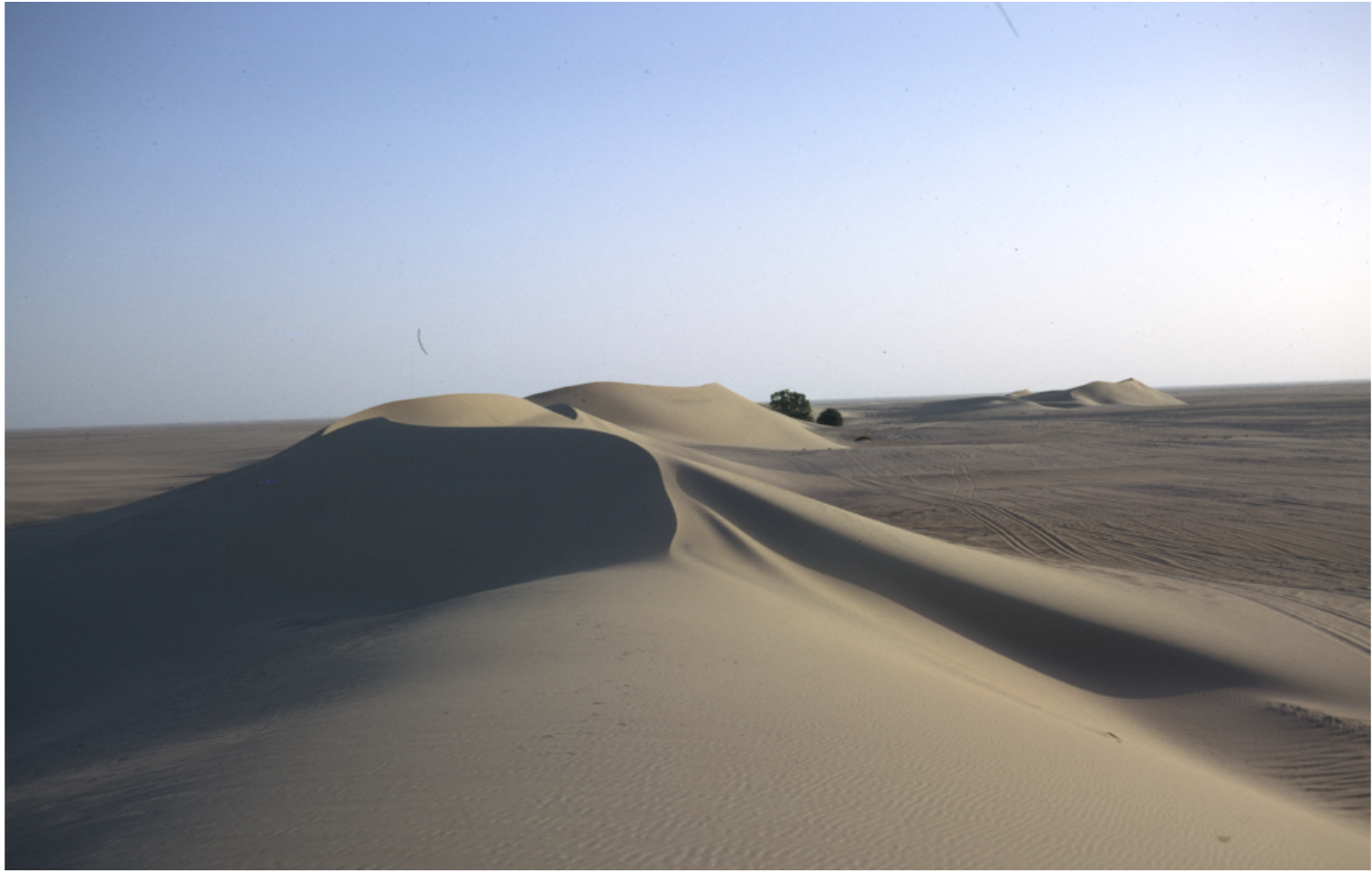




## Topography & Landscape Types

Sand seas “ergs” 30% of the Sahara  
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Chot (salt lakes)  
Mountains: Tibesti, Hoggar, Air, Tassili





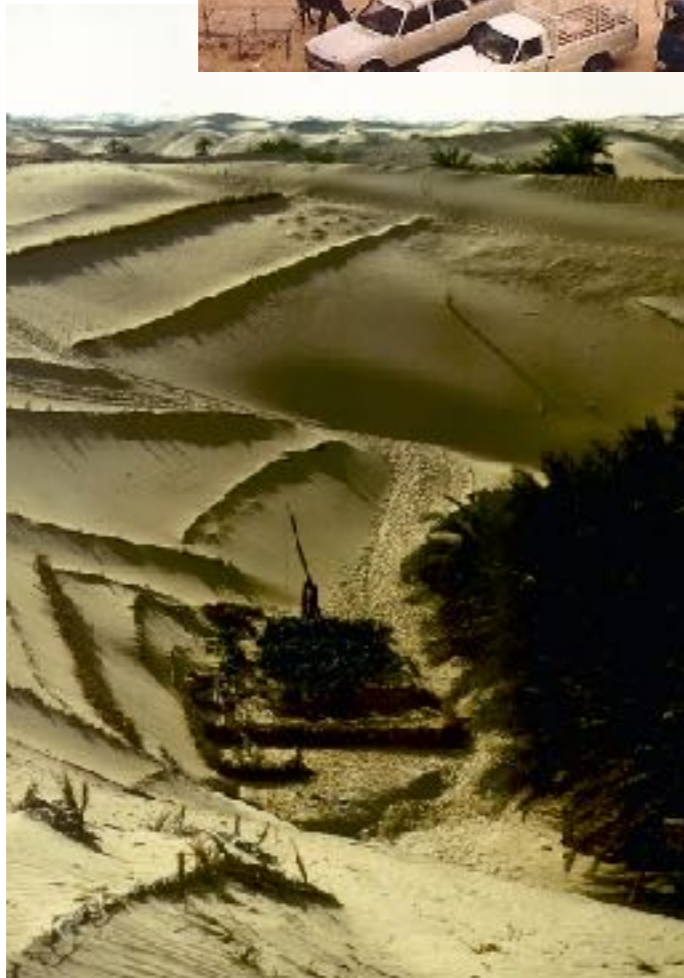


## Sandstorms in art & reality





**Oases**





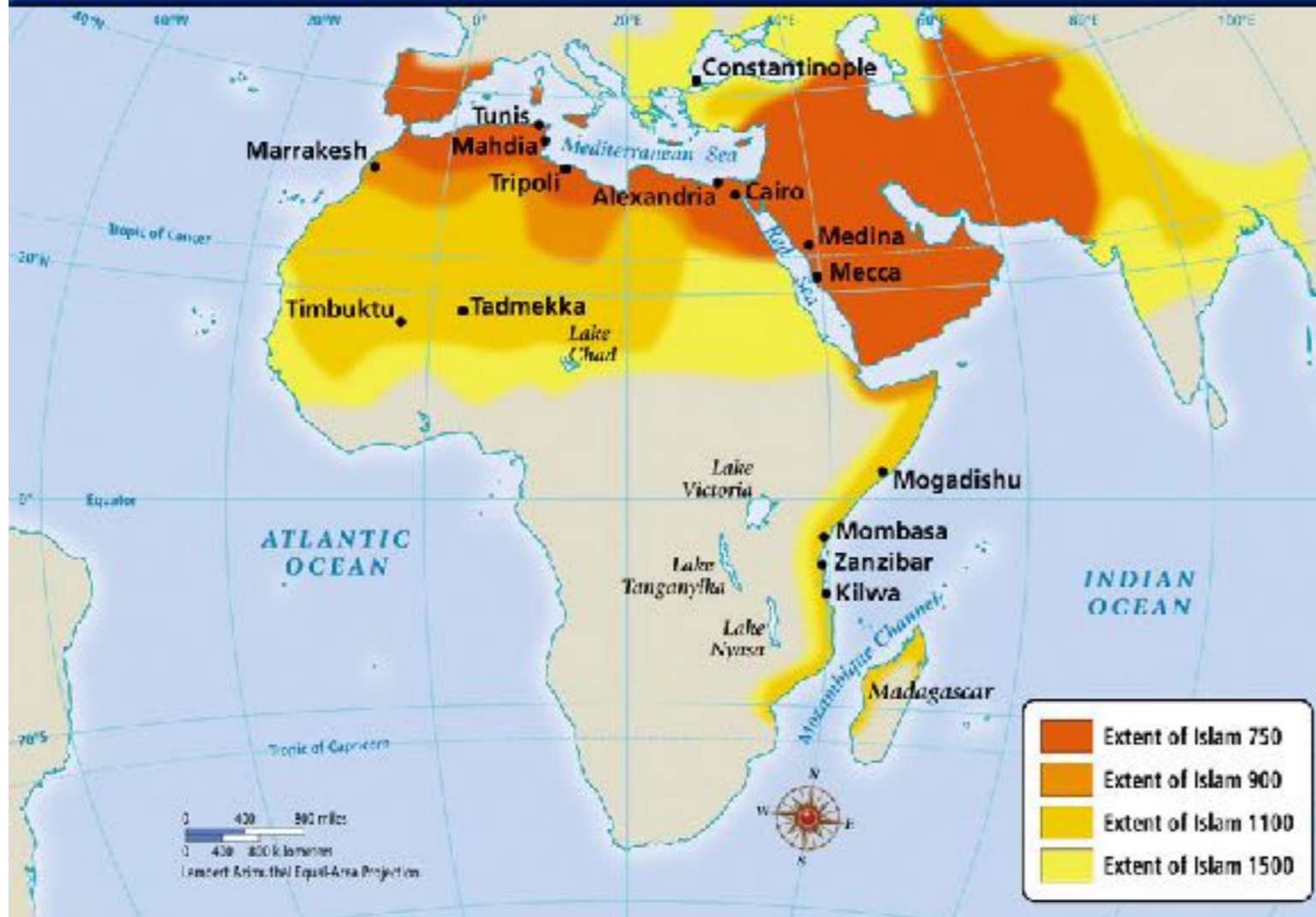
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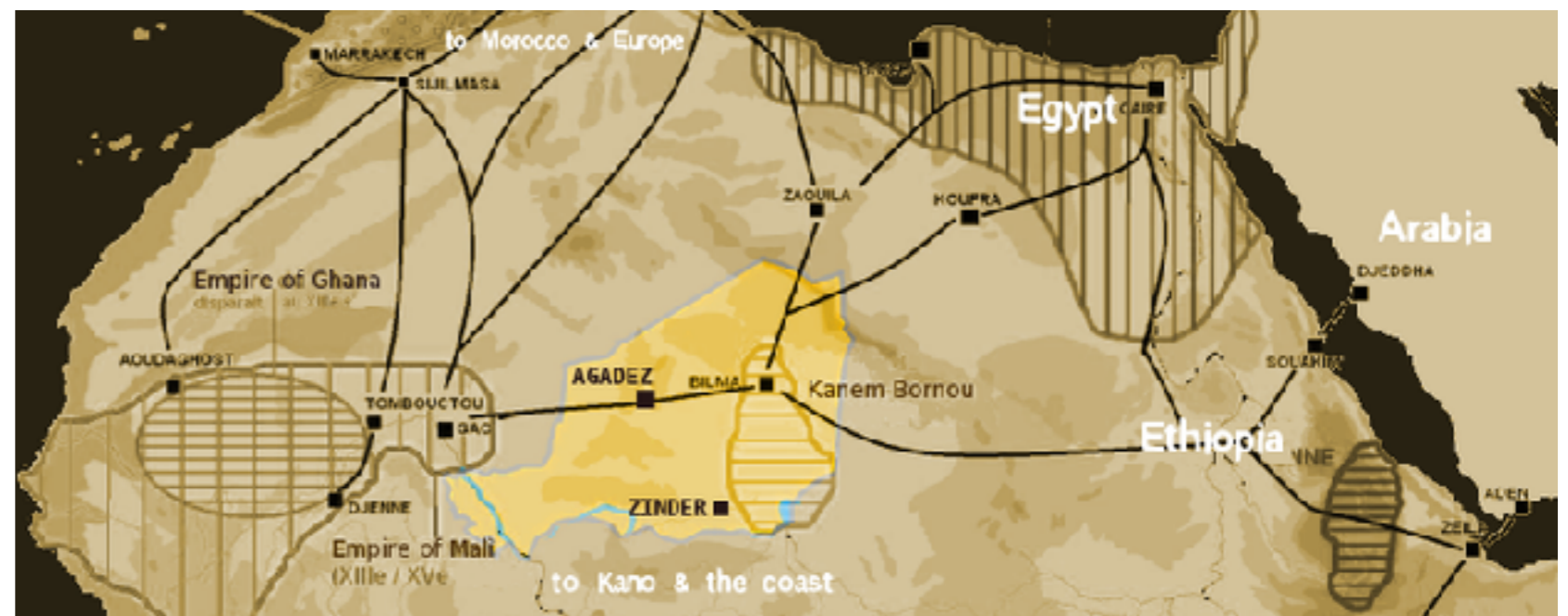




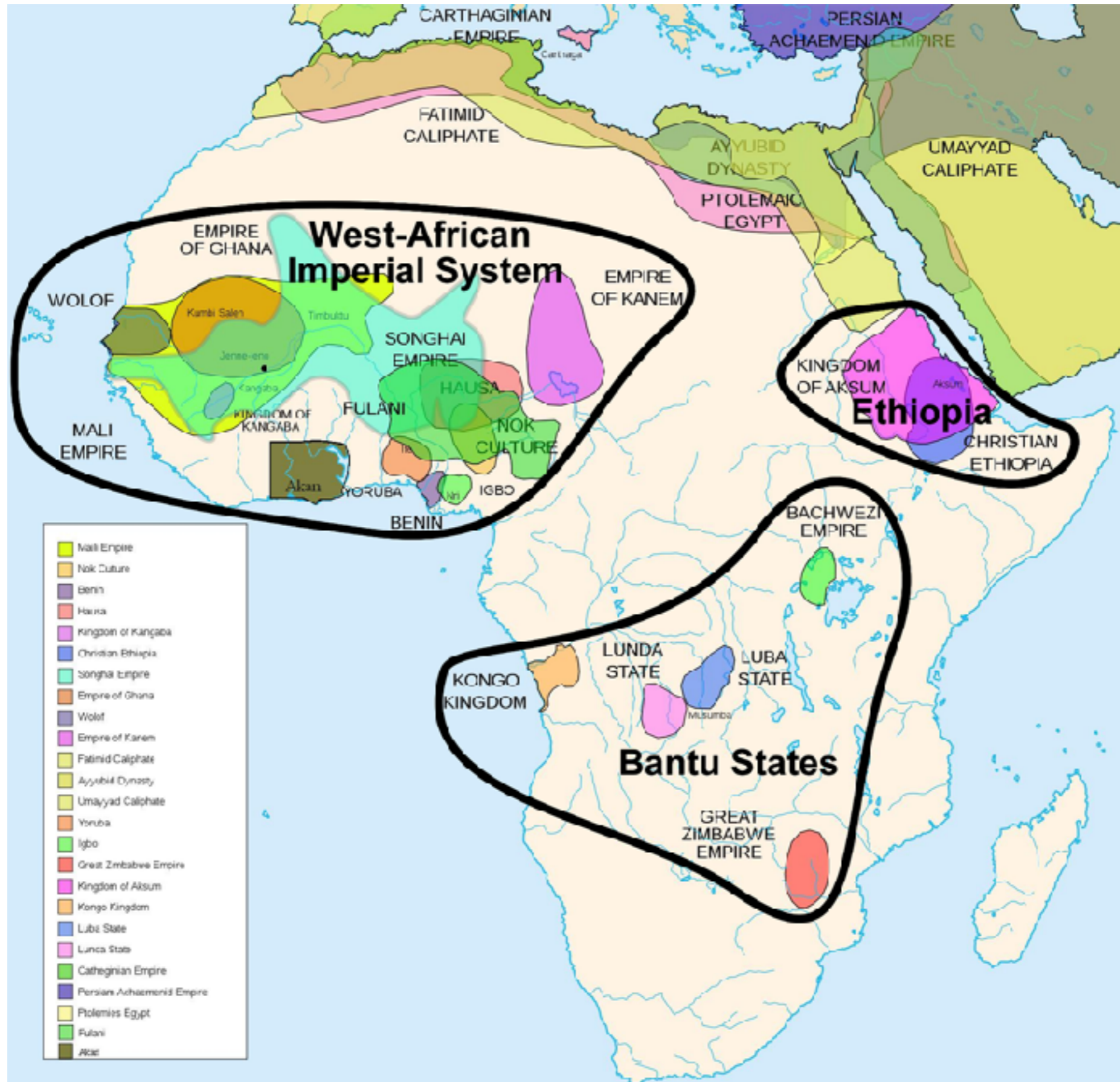
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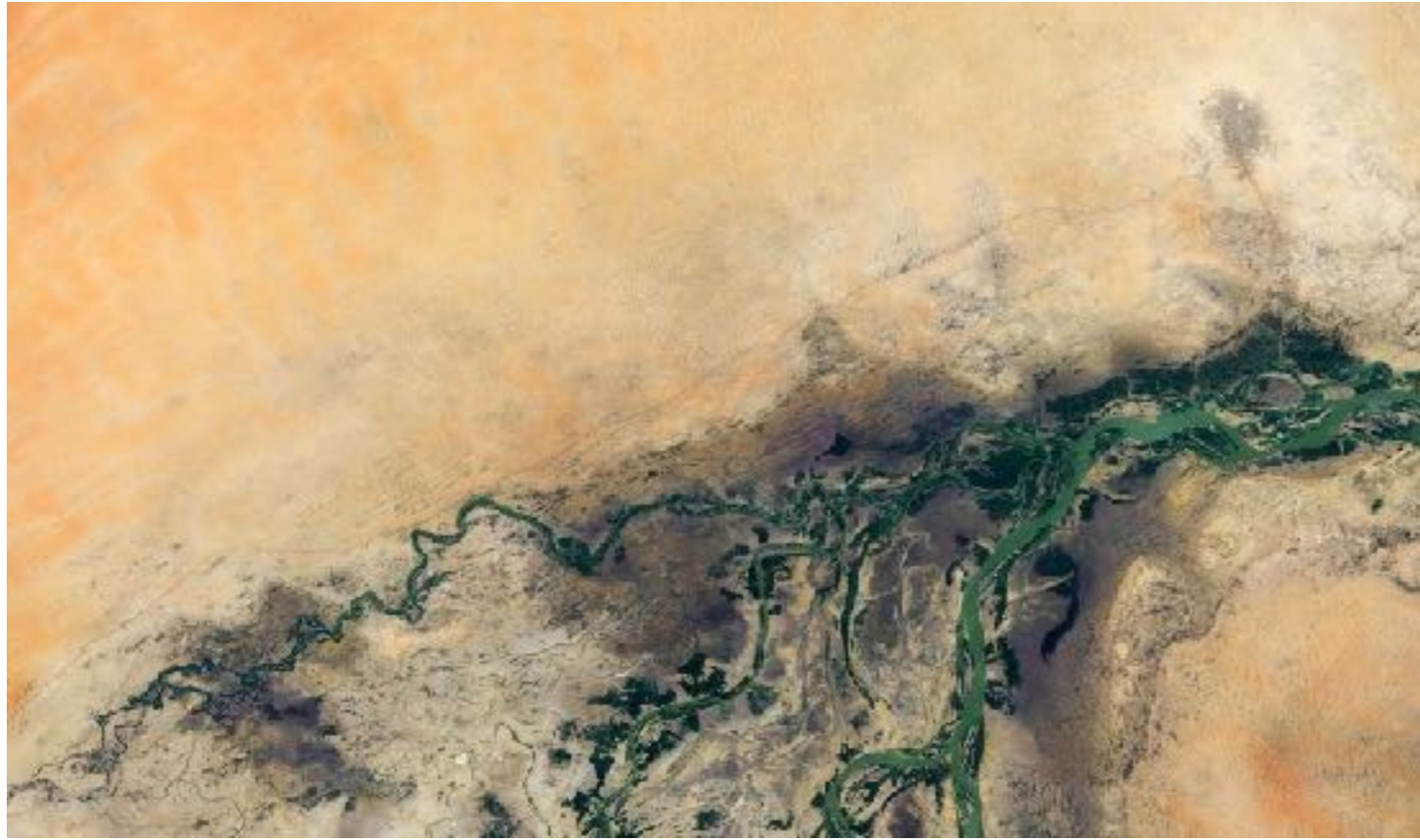


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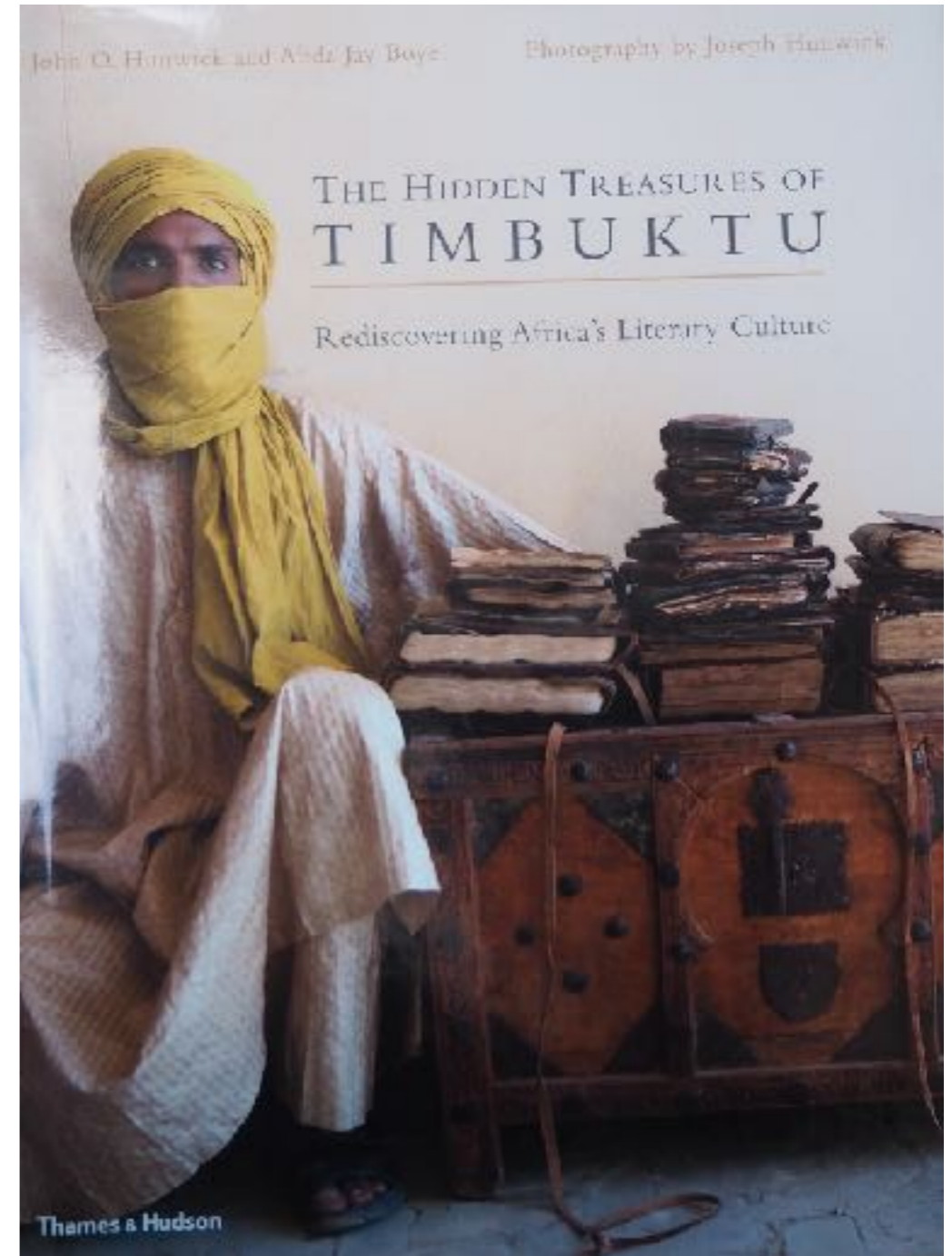
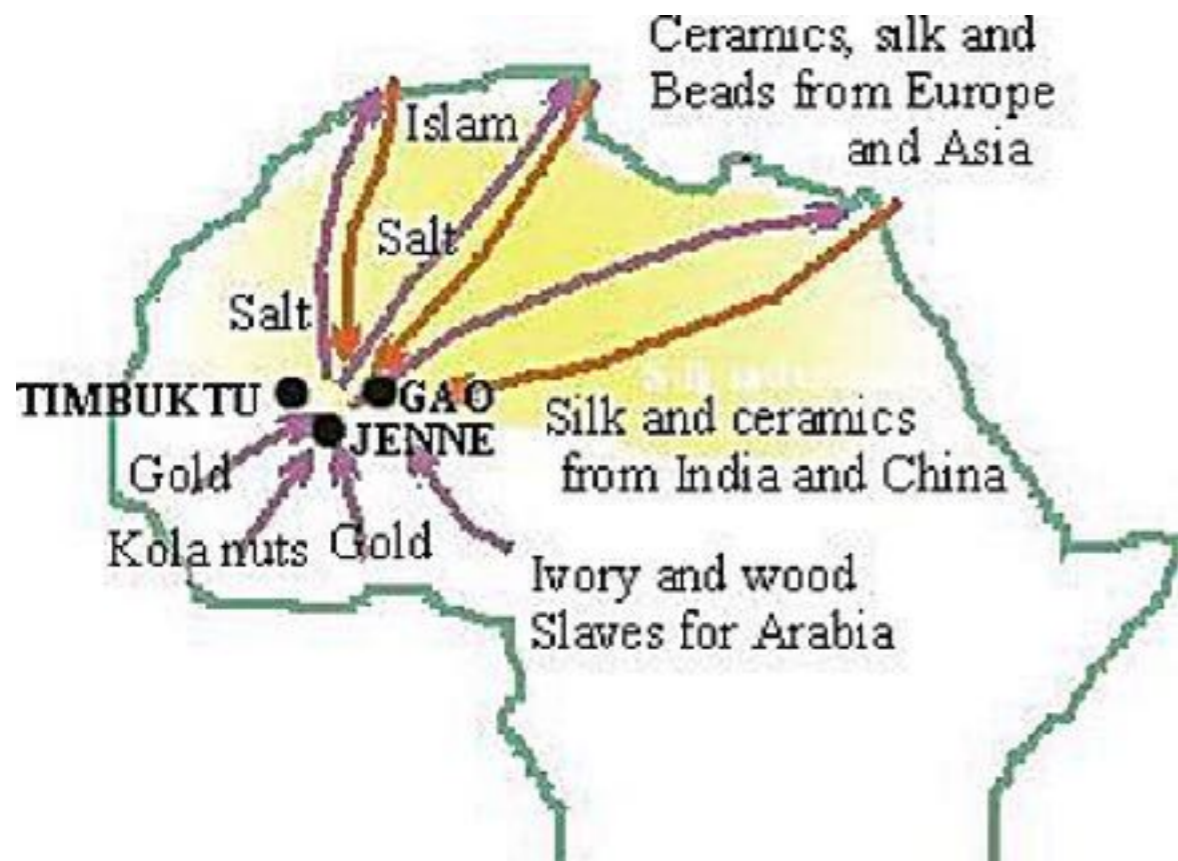


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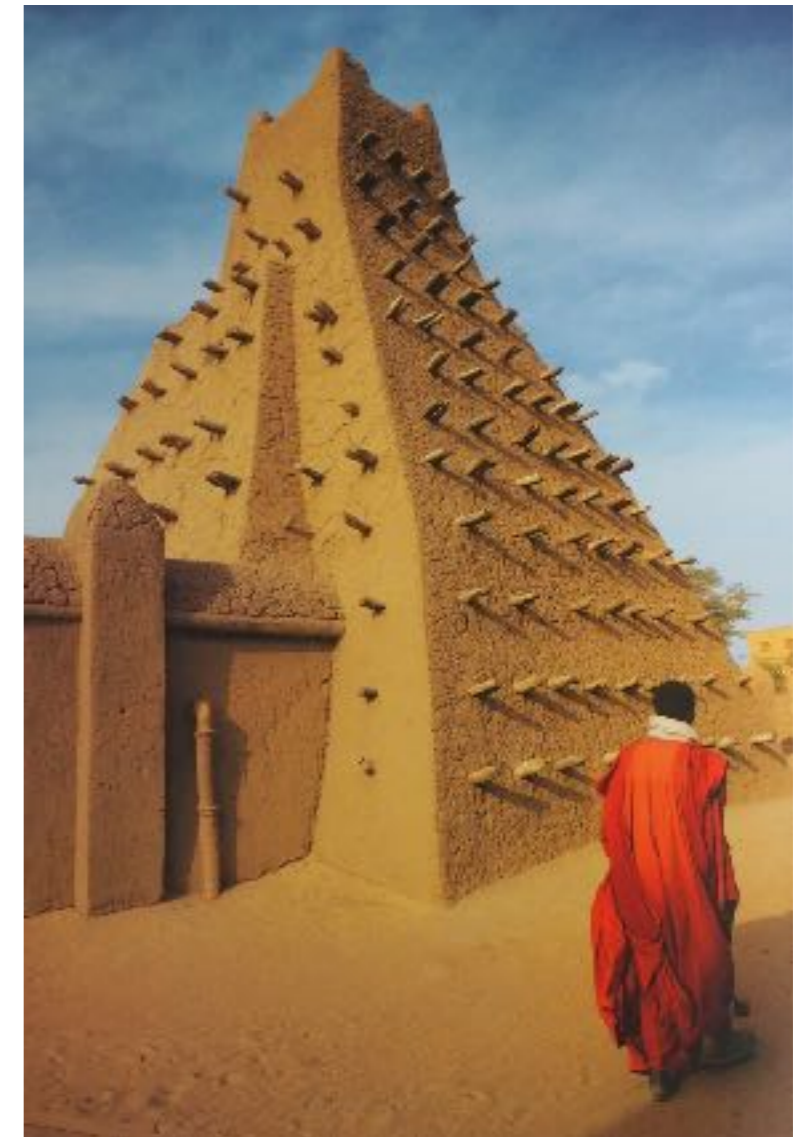


## Inland delta of the Niger and Timbuktu





**Timbukto**

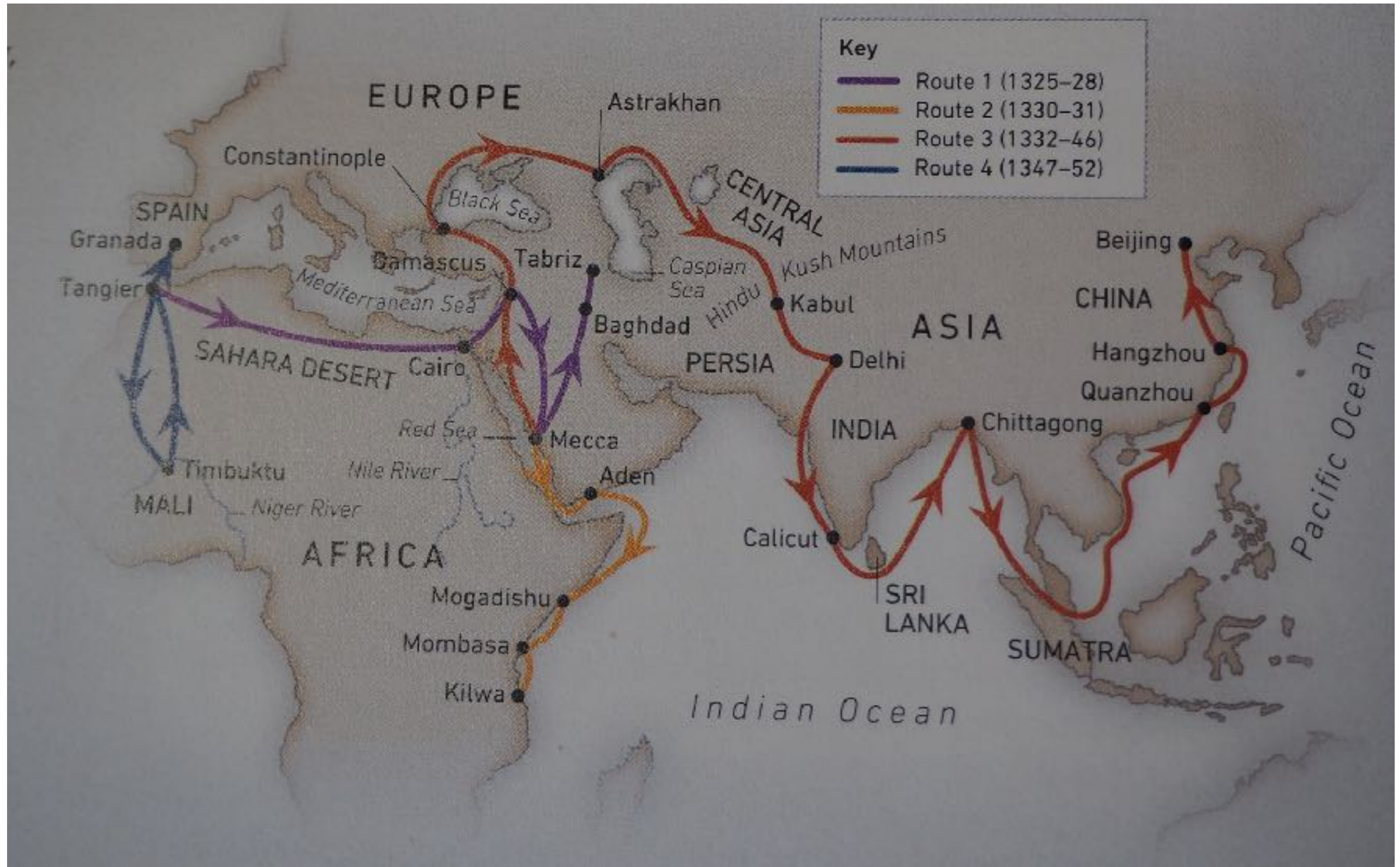




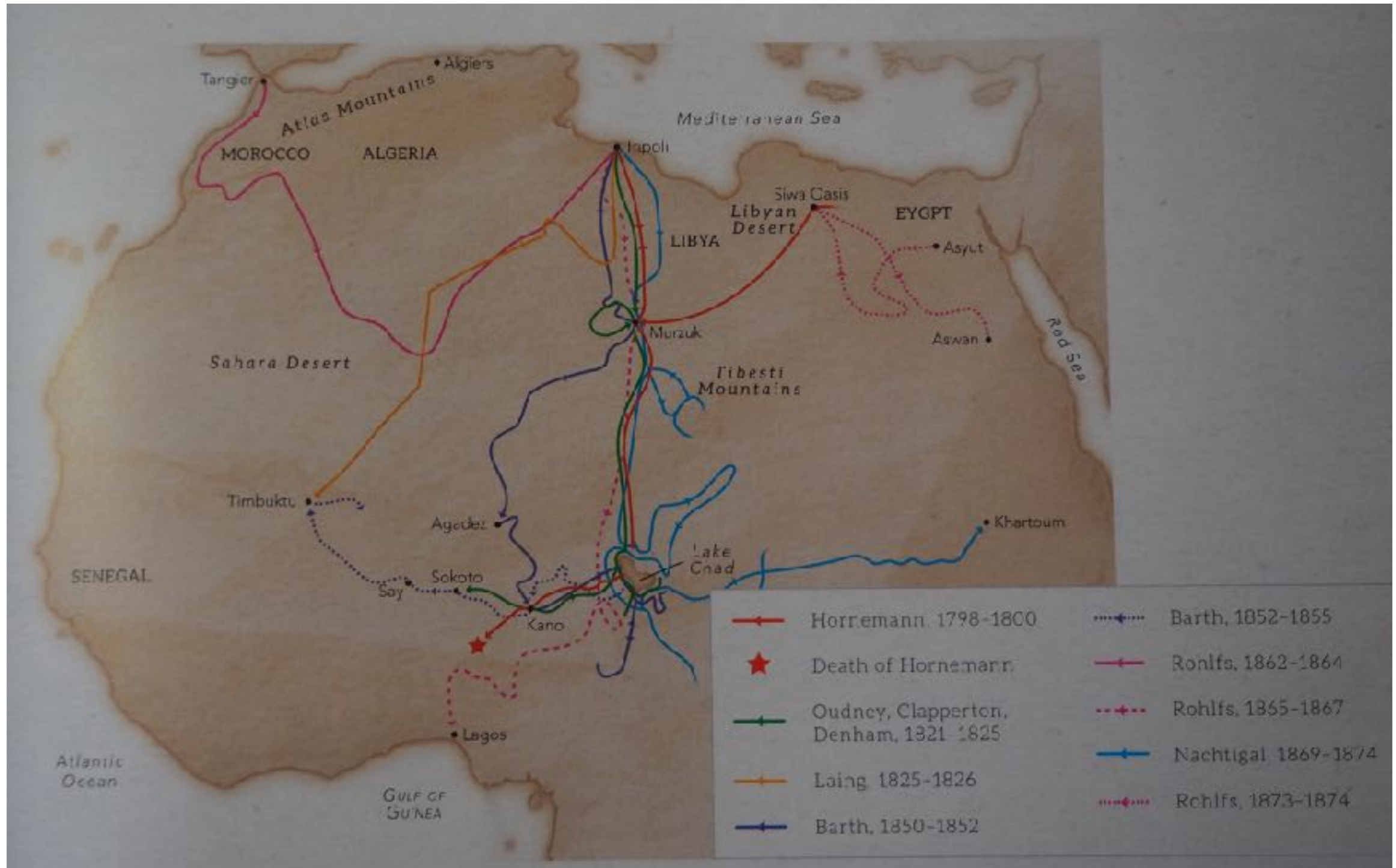
## TRADES ROUTES ACROSS THE SAHARA



# The Travels of Ibn Batutta 1325 - 1352



# C18th & C19th European Explorers' Routes



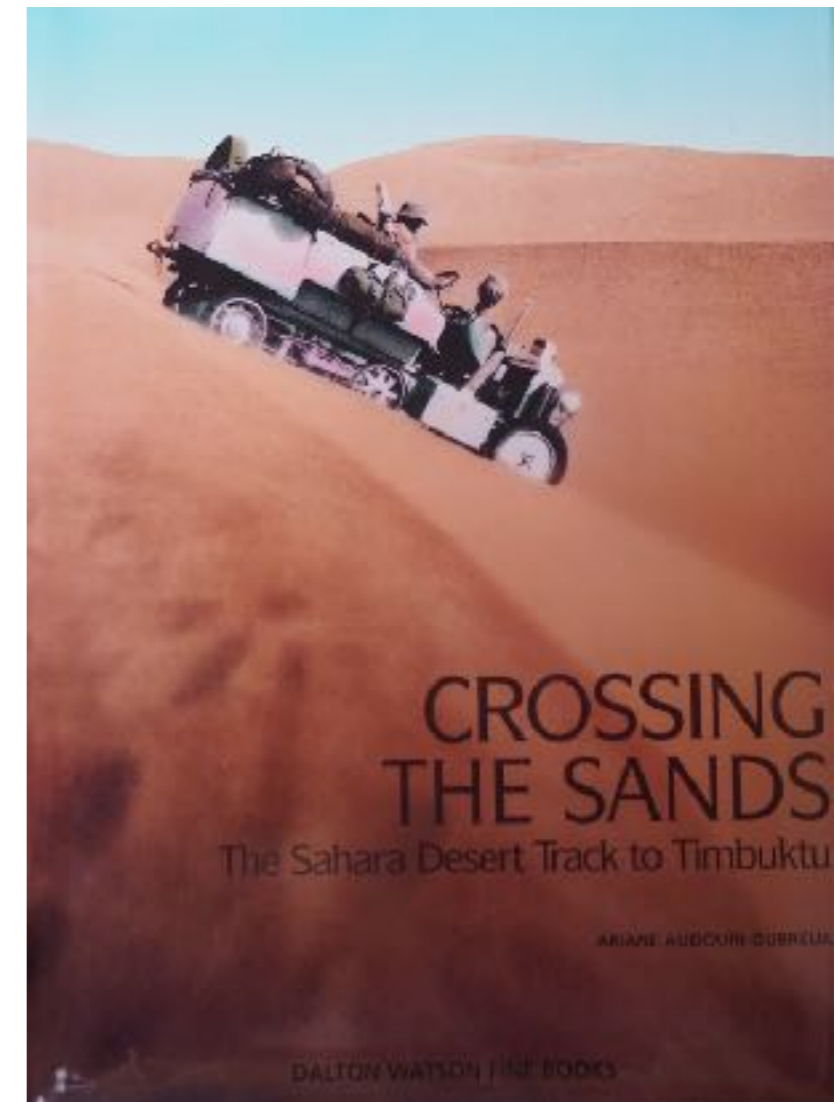
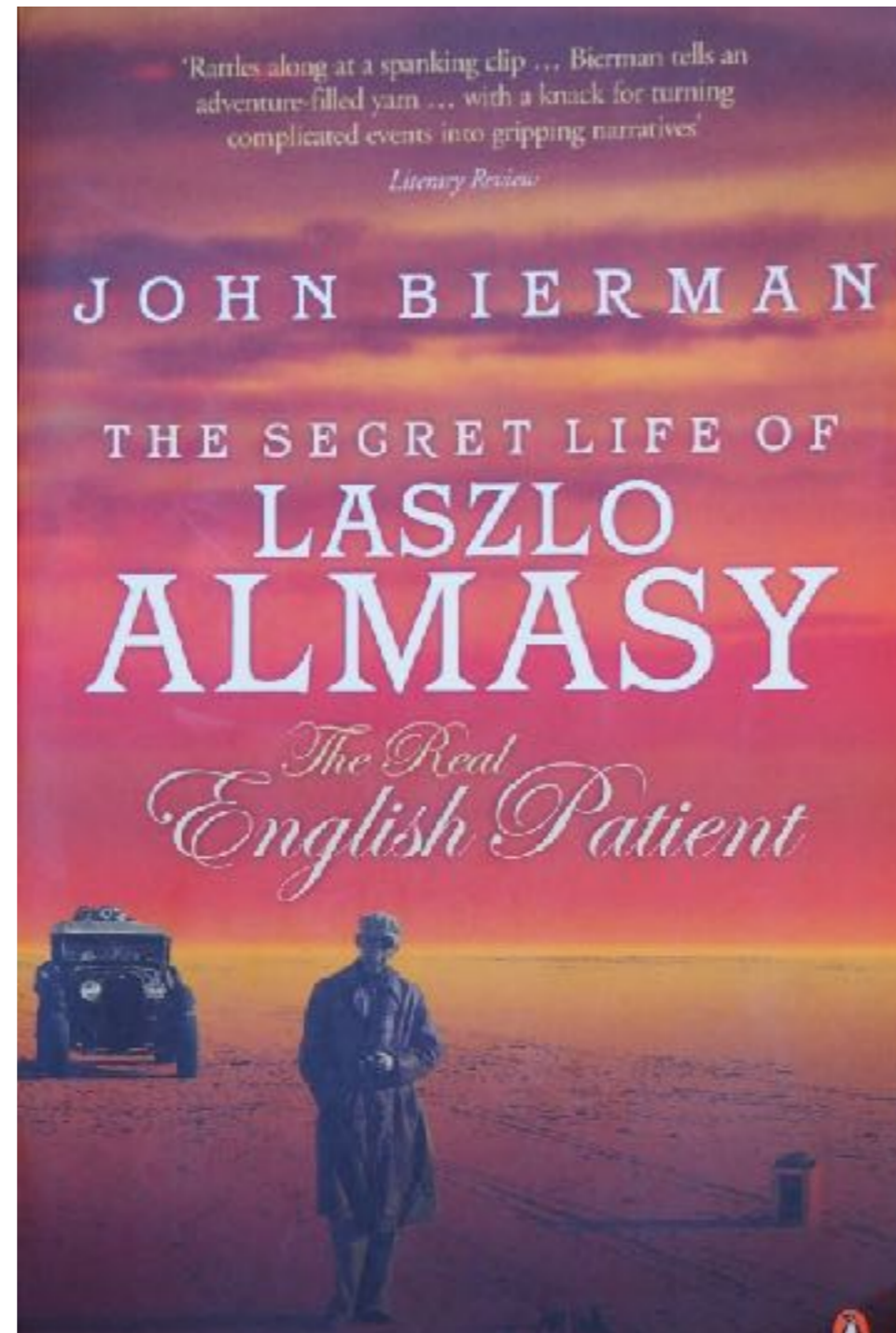
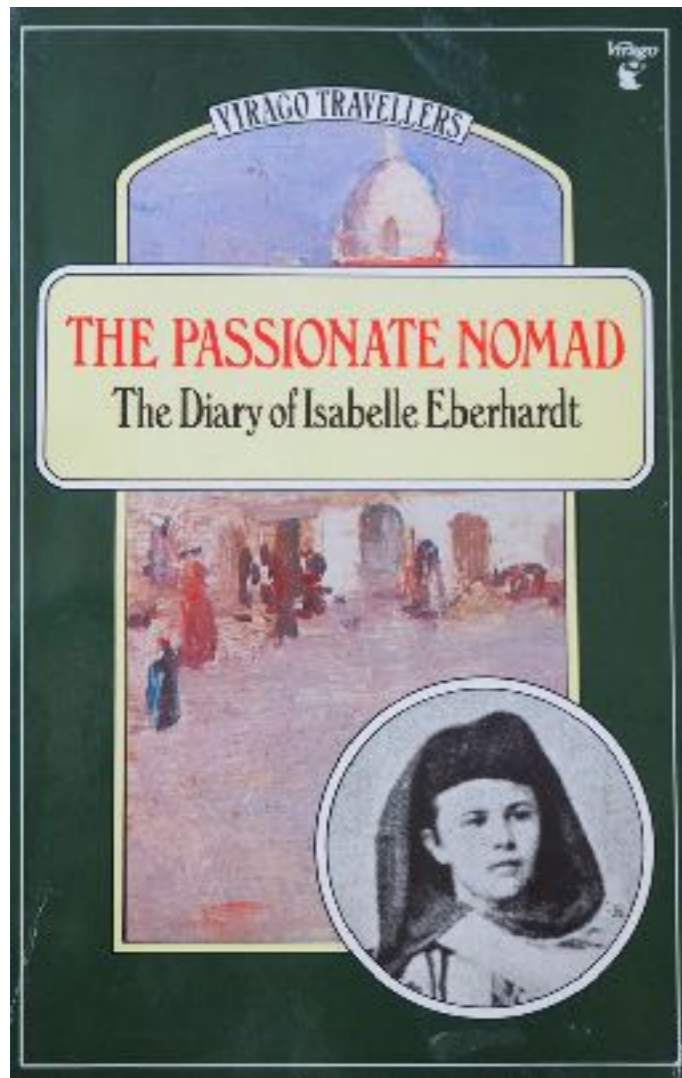


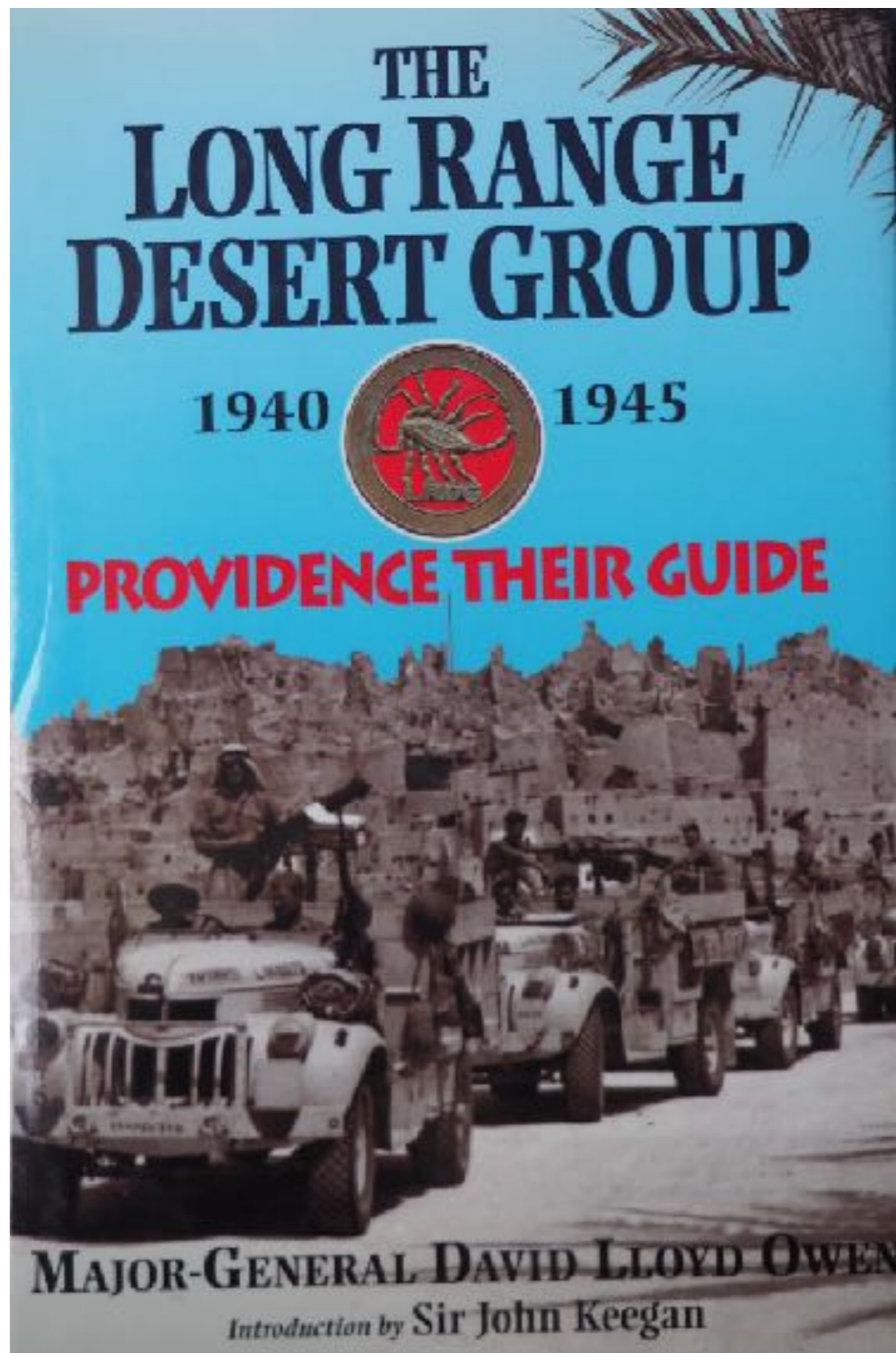


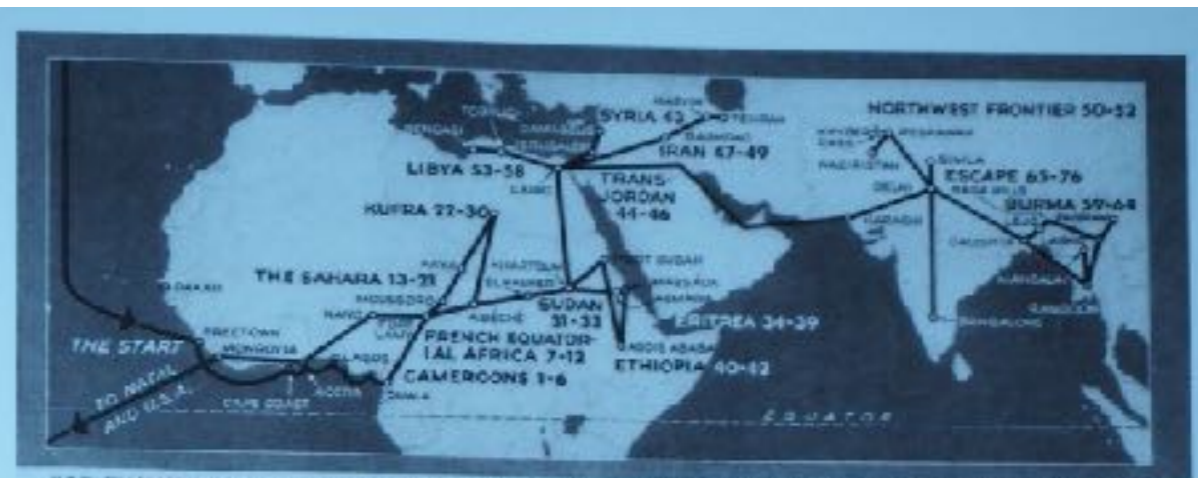
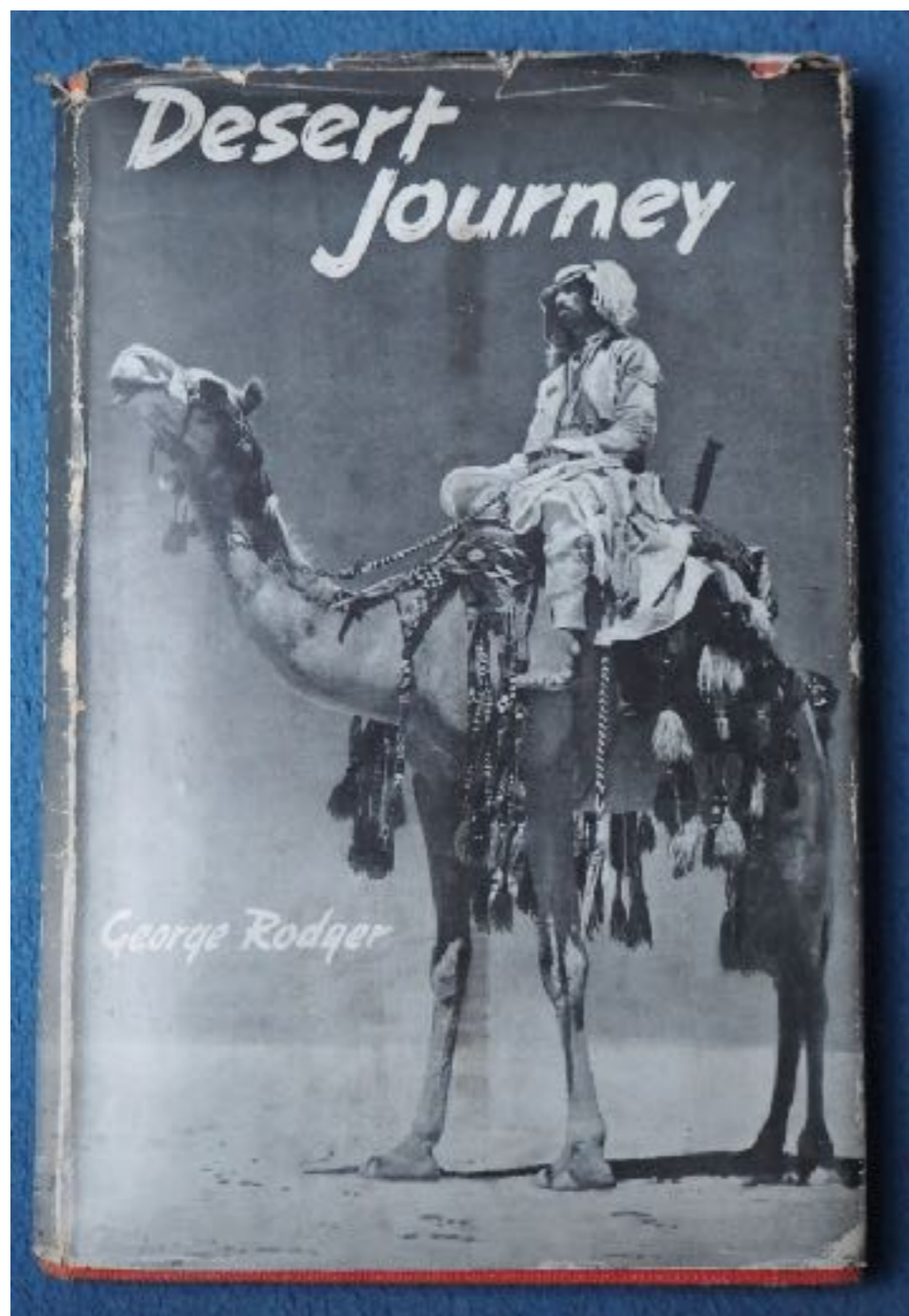
**Drawings by  
Early  
European Visitors**



## Books about the Sahara







THE TRAILS (CHERRY TREES BY A WAR CORRESPONDENT IN WORLD WAR II, WASHINGTON, MARKING STOP-OVER, CORRESPOND TO CAPTION HEADS UNDER PICTURE BELOW



GEORGE RODGER, WAR PHOTOGRAPHER

## 75,000 MILES

IN HIS OWN PICTURES AND WORDS, GEORGE RODGER TELLS OF HIS TRAVELS AS LIFE WAR PHOTOGRAPHER

Early the morning of July 3, 1942, a lone young Englishman in British Army uniform stepped alone from an Atlantic Ocean at LaGuardia Airport in New York and set a signpost. This sign marked for George Rodger, LIFE staff photographer, the end of the longest journey by war photo-reporter in twentieth-century history or probably any other war. He had gone 75,000 miles from December 1941 to early last month—more than three times around the world. His war picture odyssey

took him from Glasgow, Scotland, to Dar-es-Salaam, Africa, across the Sahara and into Entebbe, Ethiopia, Iran, Syria, Libya, India, China and Burma (see map above). Constantly doubling back on his tracks, he saw battle action in a dozen places. From time to time LIFE has published photo-reportage by George Rodger on this moving assignment. Now, the odyssey he has told in our story of his travels, with his own pictures arranged chronologically and his own words read as captions.



1 I reach Dar-es-Salaam in French Cameroons Jan. 18, 1942 on a British warship, later take a small boat to French Congo. I have not heard of me, and no one to photograph my return.



2 Permission to follow Free French forces when General de Lamoignon arrives. I see that war great and what was they? It was they were attacking Kufra, up in Libya.



3 From Free French headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce Building, de Lamoignon assigns me an office in Tripoli, where I go north from Dar-es-Salaam to the fighting in Libya.



4 Our review of two Chevrolet Is built across Cameroon street in the heart of the jungle. Absolutely everything had to be carried, including food for two months.



5 Each evening we shoot a buck to secure meat and fat. We take the best meat and return again by night to headquarters camp. We shoot a wild animal—most like.



6 Outside French jungle, we come into a forest where a Free White Free Frenchman is killing big game. The jungle, which is greatly overgrown, is following out.

The first of a seven-page article on George Rodger's travels as a war correspondent, published in LIFE (vol.13, no.6, 10 August 1942, pp.61-71).

## Contemporary Crossings





## Current crossing routes

