



The Future of Tropical Rain Forests

IDS 2935

Historical Narratives

Cinnamomum verum
(Sri Lanka)



Zingiber officinale
(Southeast Asia)



Myristica fragrans
(Indonesia)



Piper nigrum (India)



Cinnamon



Ginger

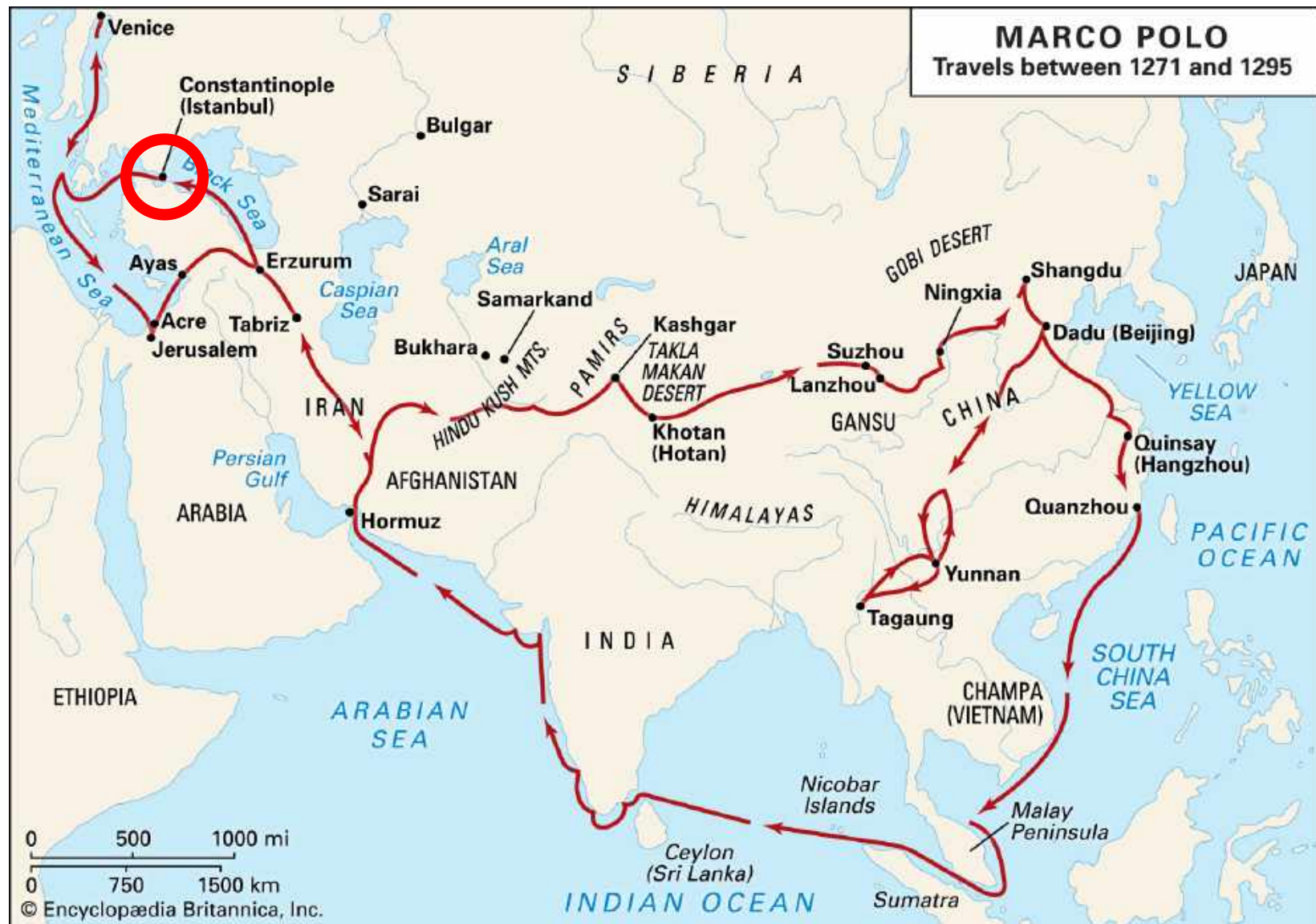


Nutmeg



Pepper





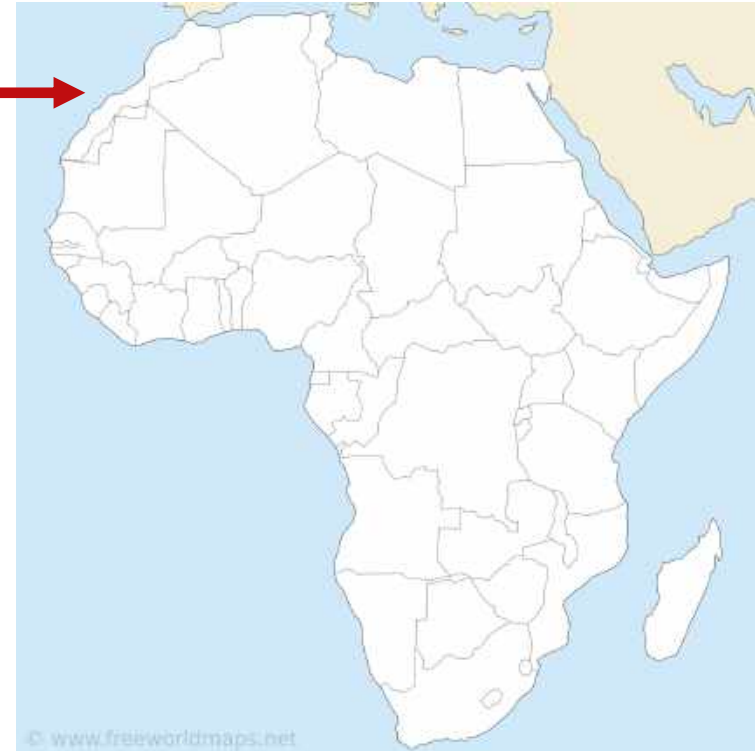


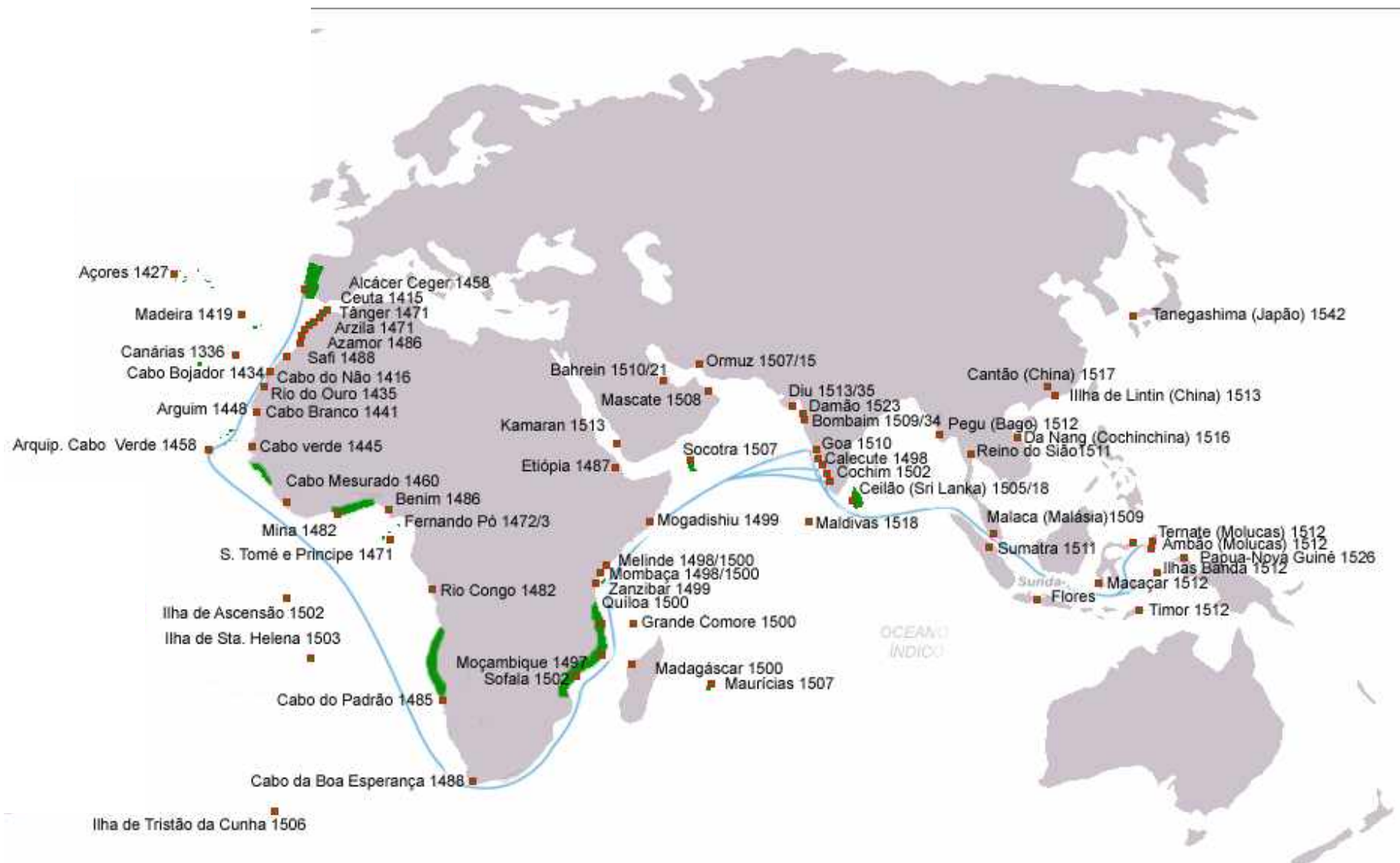
29th May 1453:
Constantinople
captured and sacked
by Turkish troops
under Mohammed II

Image: Hulton Archive/Getty Images

1453: Fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans

1455: Pope Nicholas V issues bull *Romanus Pontifex* granting all lands and seas discovered beyond **Cape Bojador** to King Afonso V of Portugal and his successors



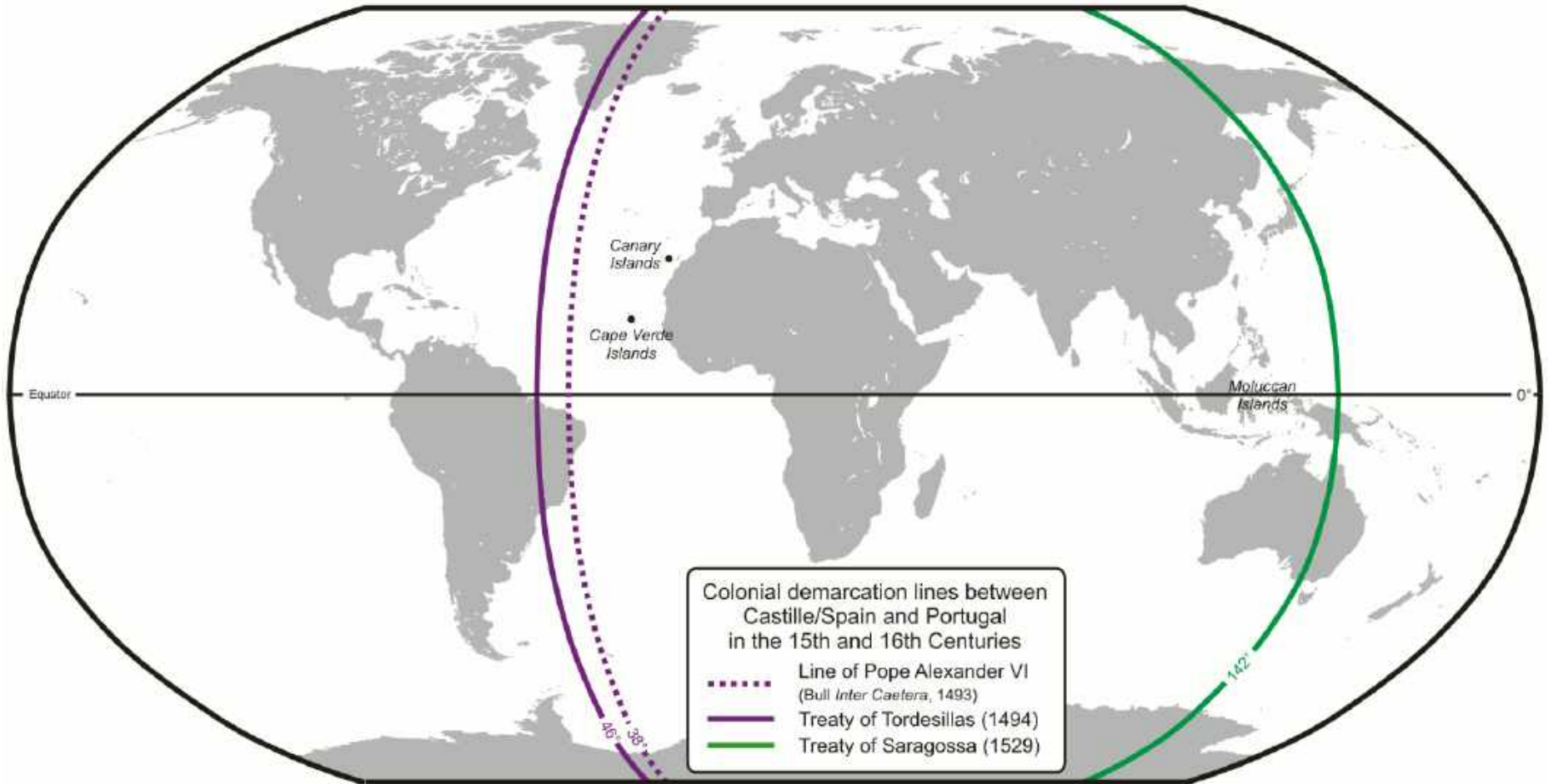


Desembarco de Colón

Dióscoro Teófilo Puebla Tolín (1862)



Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)



Text Analysis

What major themes (= take-home messages)
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(1) Tropical Rain Forests and
(2) the People that live there?

Put another way....

Would you go there on vacation?



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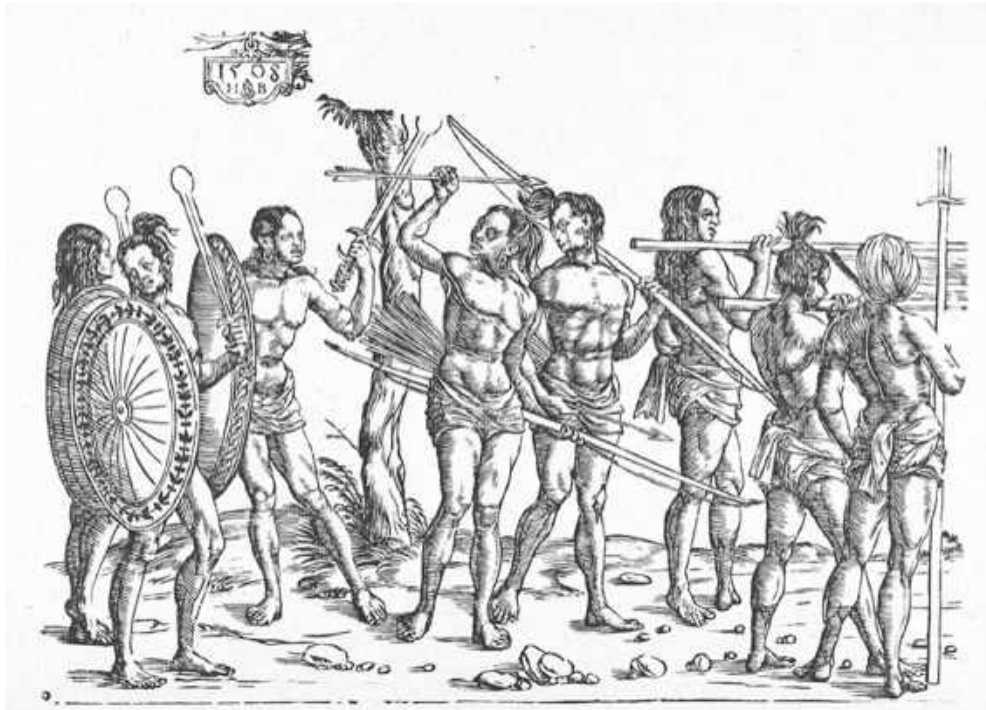
Assignment for Week 2-1 posted in Canvas

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major themes
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Words & Images



The New York Times

Boys Will Be Swans: 'What Is That Show, and How Do I Do It?'

Matthew Bourne's "Swan Lake" helped inspire a generation of male dancers to put on ballet slippers.



From left, Max Westwall, Matthew Ball, Will Bozier and Andrew Ashton at the Kennedy Center in Washington, where "Swan Lake" was being performed before a run in New York.
Credit: Caitlin Teal Price for The New York Times

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2022

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Untouched

"uncivilized"
(ie, "unspoiled")
Primal

Bountiful

1. PARADISE

untapped
potential

bountiful

2. EXPLOITABLE

hazardous
fearful

barbaric
uncivilized
dangerous
merciless

3. HELL

Unrestrained
mysterious
unpredictable
intense

4. MYSTICAL

Exploitable + Hell + Mystical =

5. CONQUERABLE

The Bigger Picture:

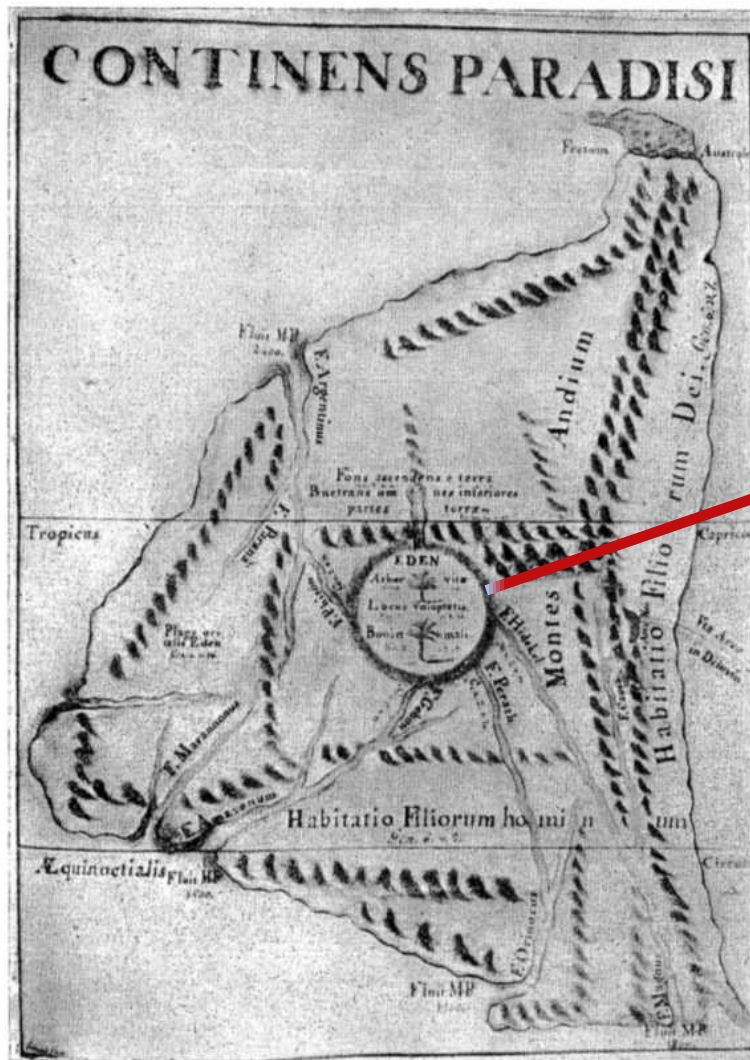
FAITH



Revelations 21:1 & 22:1-2

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God...also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”



Plano del Paraíso en la América Meridional según León Pinelo (fojas 126 del manuscrito).

Paraíso en el Nuevo Mundo (~1650)
Antonio de León Pinelo

And that's why

"that if there be any place upon the earth of that nature, beauty, and delight that Paradise had, the same must be found within the tropics...it may of all other parts [of the world] be best compared to the Paradise of Eden."

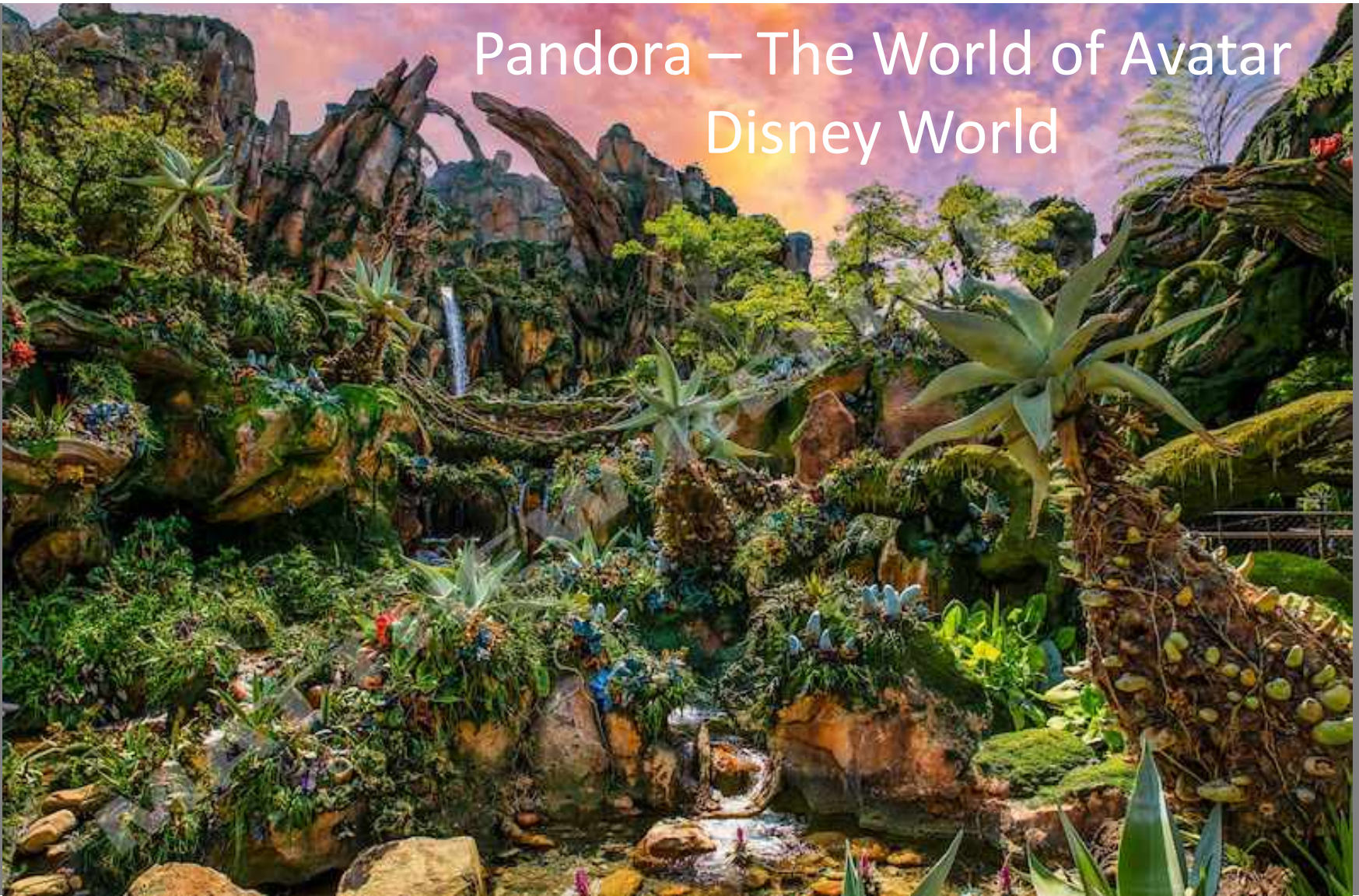
Sir Walter Raleigh, *History of the World* (1614)



The Garden of Eden



Pandora – The World of Avatar Disney World



Looks just like...

Kaieteur Falls, Guyana

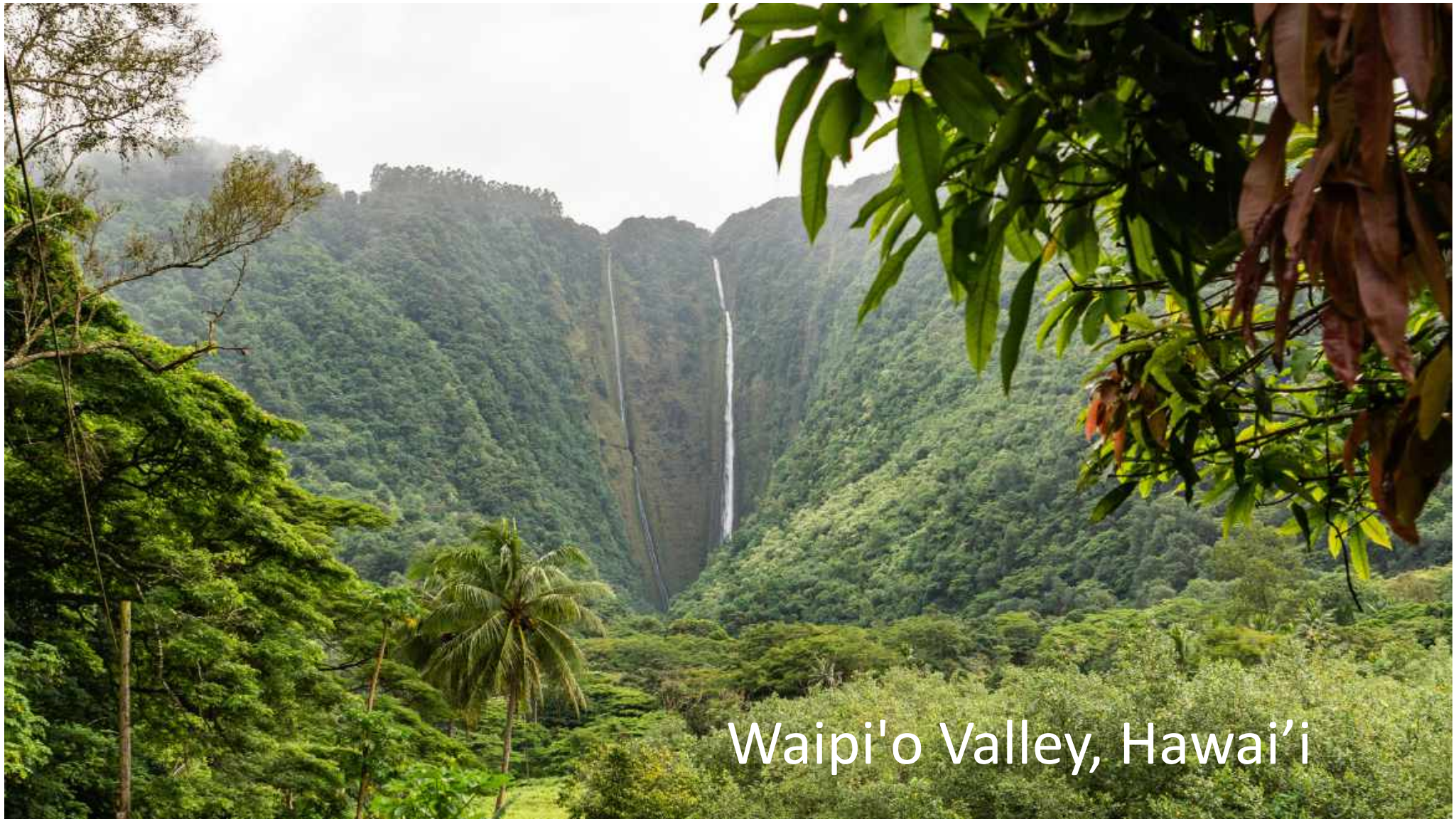
(Photo: [Dan Sloan](#))



And also....

Chamarel Waterfall, Mauritius





Waipi'o Valley, Hawai'i



Pinar del Rio, Cuba

The Bigger Picture:

MONEY & POWER



The Bigger Picture:

CULTURE (CLASH)



George Curzon, 1st Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, and his wife Tiger hunting in British India, 1903.

JUNGLE: Hindustani word *jangal* (wasteland or brush) picked up by British colonial officers and used to mean vegetation occupying an unattended area

