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- India affected by the successful expansion of Islam
 - Created globalized multiculturalism
 - Expanded Indian ideas and invention to Europe
 - Chess
 - Folktale collection
 - *Panchatantra* animal fables
 - Literally Zero
 - And, Arabic Numerals (#what)
- Europeans interact with India
 - Indian very strange for Europeans
 - Created legacies and mysteries about India
 - CLAIM: Images/representations were dreamlike
 - Misrepresentation goes back to greco-Roman times
 - Viewed India as a land of strange people + desirable luxuries
 - Originally leveraged the Muslims as the point of trade, but later developed desire to handle trade w/ India independently
 - One attempt to do that failed very badly, i.e. Colombus. We all know where he ended up.
 - India was thought as sprawled throughout Asia, as in...



Figure 1: indiaiseverywhere.png

- Portugal in India
 - Created the first effective voyages in the Indian direction
 - Traveled around Africa to reach the coast of India, dominating Euro-Asian trade
 - Created treaties with local governments
 - Established seaborne trade domination by requiring trading licenses
 - Supplied local governments with resources
 - American crops: potatoes and corn
 - Luxuries: tobacco and pineapple
 - Other foods: tomatoes and chilli
 - Also, brought Catholic Christianity with them; who could have guessed?
 - Converted Indians
 - Established Roman Pope's supremacy over already Existent Thomas Christians
 - Employed two strategies
 - Please the Indians: adopted the form of a Brahmin renouncer
 - Force the Indians: instituted Inquisition to force orthodoxy
- Portuguese vs. Spain
 - Squabble squabble squabble

- Eventually the... Pope? settled the issue: awarding Portugal every to the east of Brazil and Spain everything to the west
- Merchant Companies
 - Novel trading strategies
 - Created companies with independent armies that traded
 - Promoted merchantilists monopolies on a region/a good
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