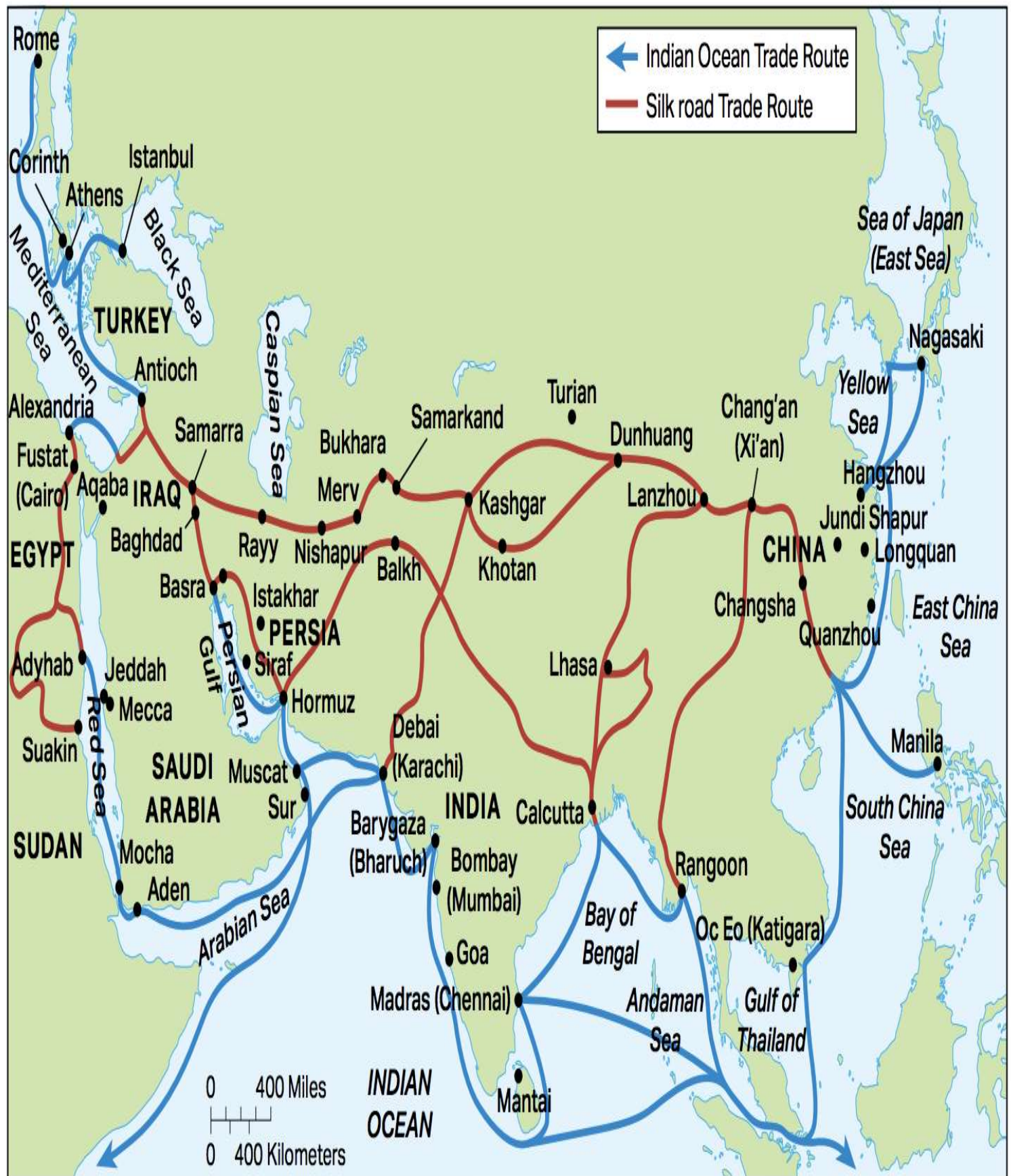


Source B: A Map of Asian trade networks, c. 400 CE.



Source A: Excerpt from Rainer F. Buschmann's *Oceans in World History*, 2007.

Three major religious influences crossing the Bay of Bengal were Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism, the spread of which coincided with the mastery of the Indian Ocean current and wind patterns ... Hinduism, which shared the greatest legacy of the Vedic religions, made the transition from an elite-based faith, with rituals controlled by a select few, to a vast religion that merged cosmological speculation with local deities. Its ability to blend with local gods and goddesses sat well with Southeast Asian societies ... The arrival of new religious configurations in Southeast Asia also had tremendous implications for the area's political development. Traders, mariners, and priests arriving in the region introduced a wealth of ideas. Hindu priests became preferred court advisors, and Indian scripts, especially Sanskrit, became the basis for many written languages in the area. The possibility of linking local kings to reincarnations of Shiva in the Hindu cosmology ... provided them with greater political authority. As states started to expand, they frequently employed Indian models of bureaucracy learned through the maritime contact with the South Asian subcontinent.

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Analyzing Maps

1. According to Buschmann, what were the causes of Hinduism spreading throughout Southeast Asia?
2. Examine the map. Given that boats of this era were powered by wind, which routes required the most knowledge of wind patterns? Why?

3. Consider new information: Bananas originated in modern-day Indonesia, which is located in the southeast corner of the trade map. Given that bananas can only grow in certain climates, where would it be likely that banana plants spread to during this period? Why?

4. **Use the sources to complete the following sentence stems:**

Indian Ocean trade routes developed during the Classical Period because Answer Below.

Indian Ocean trade routes developed during the Classical Period, so Answer Below.