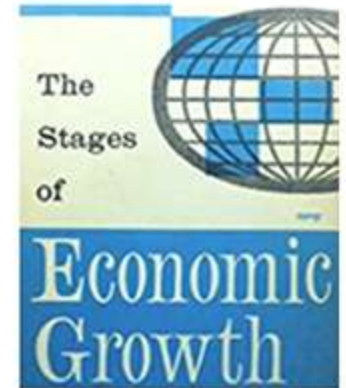

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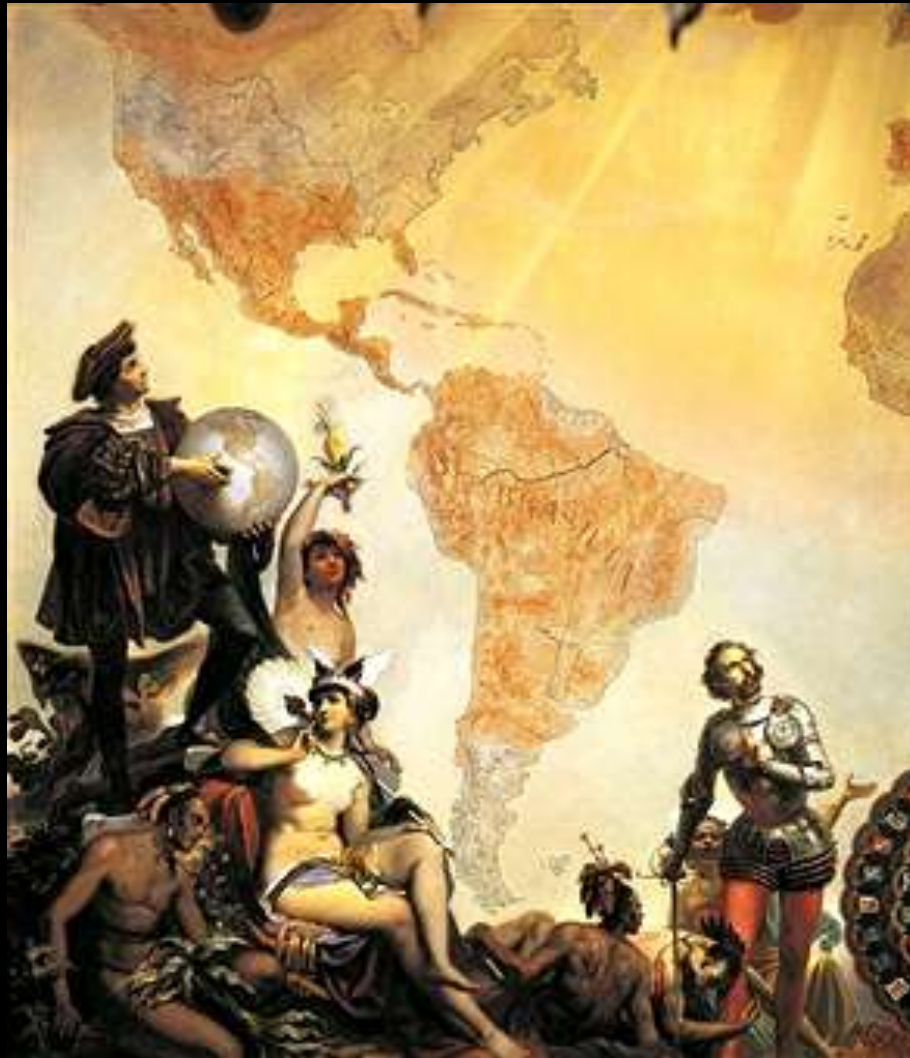
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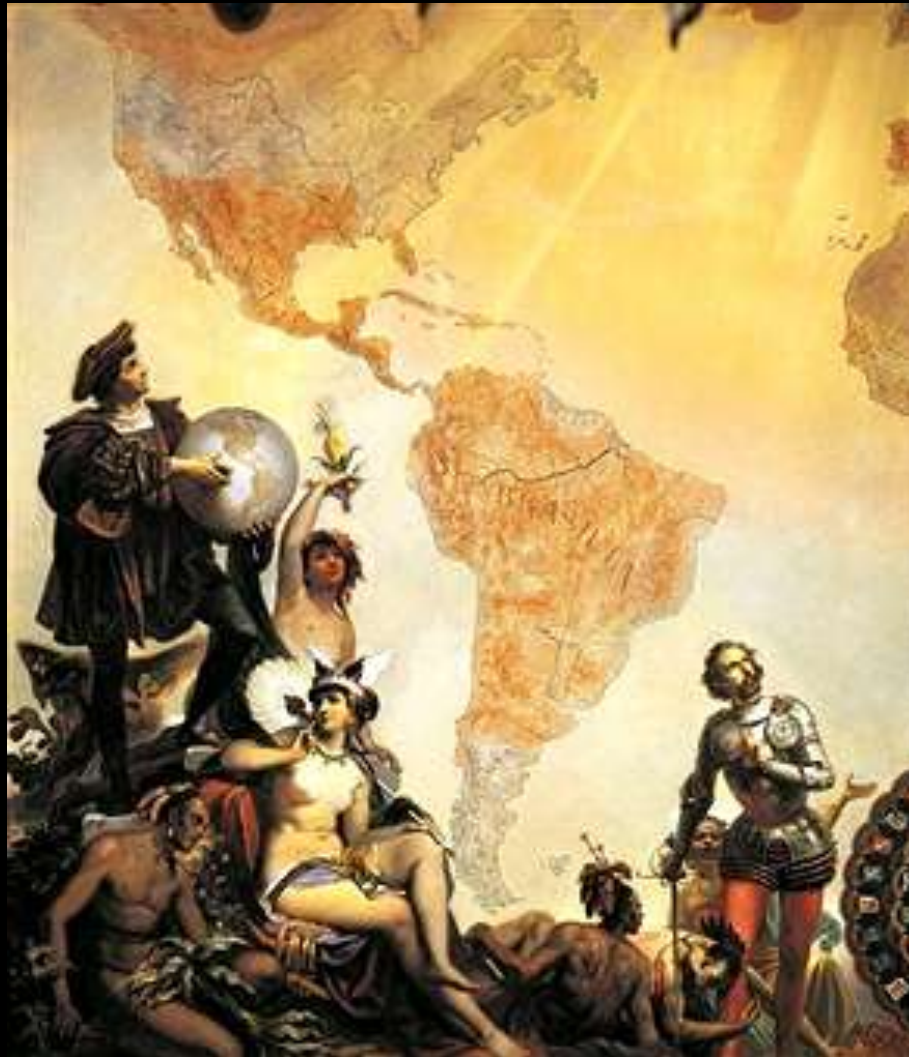
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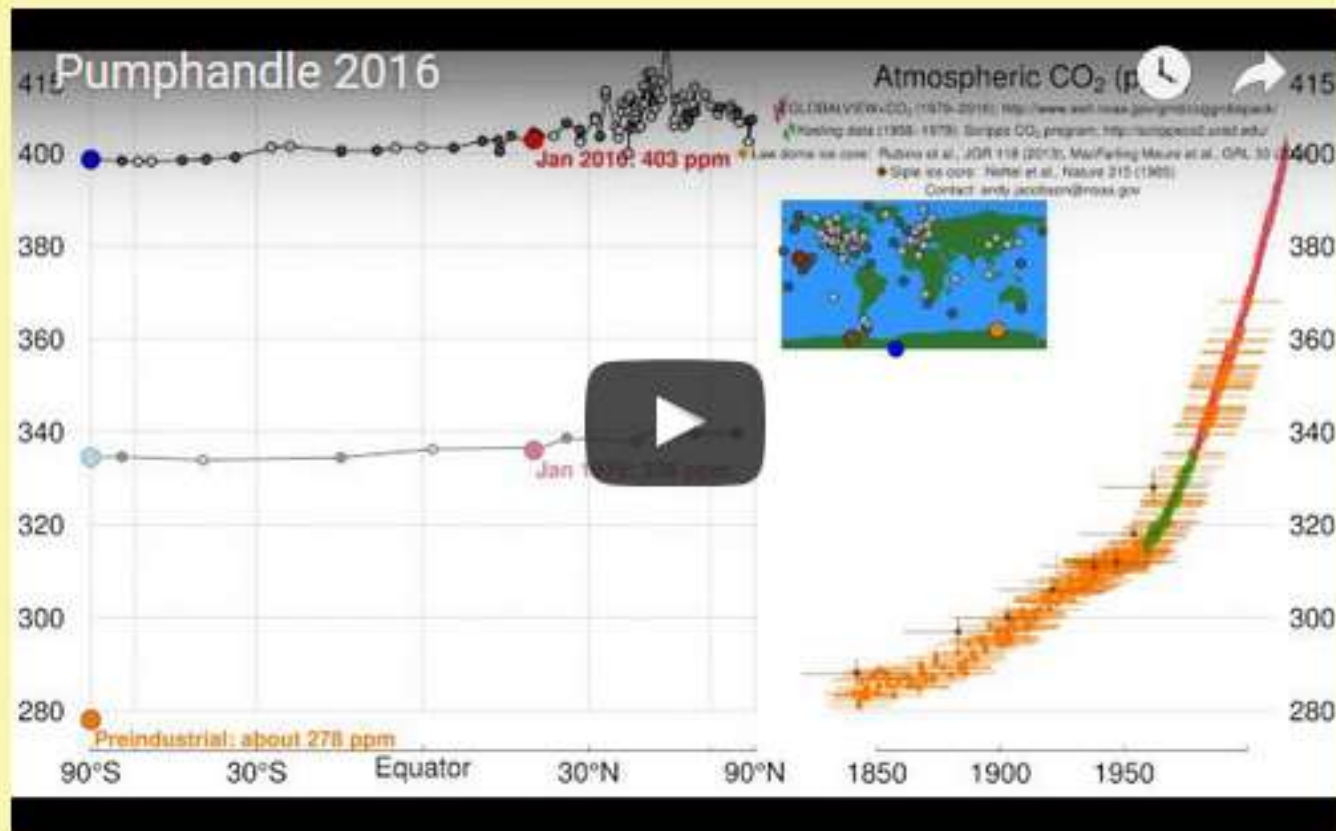




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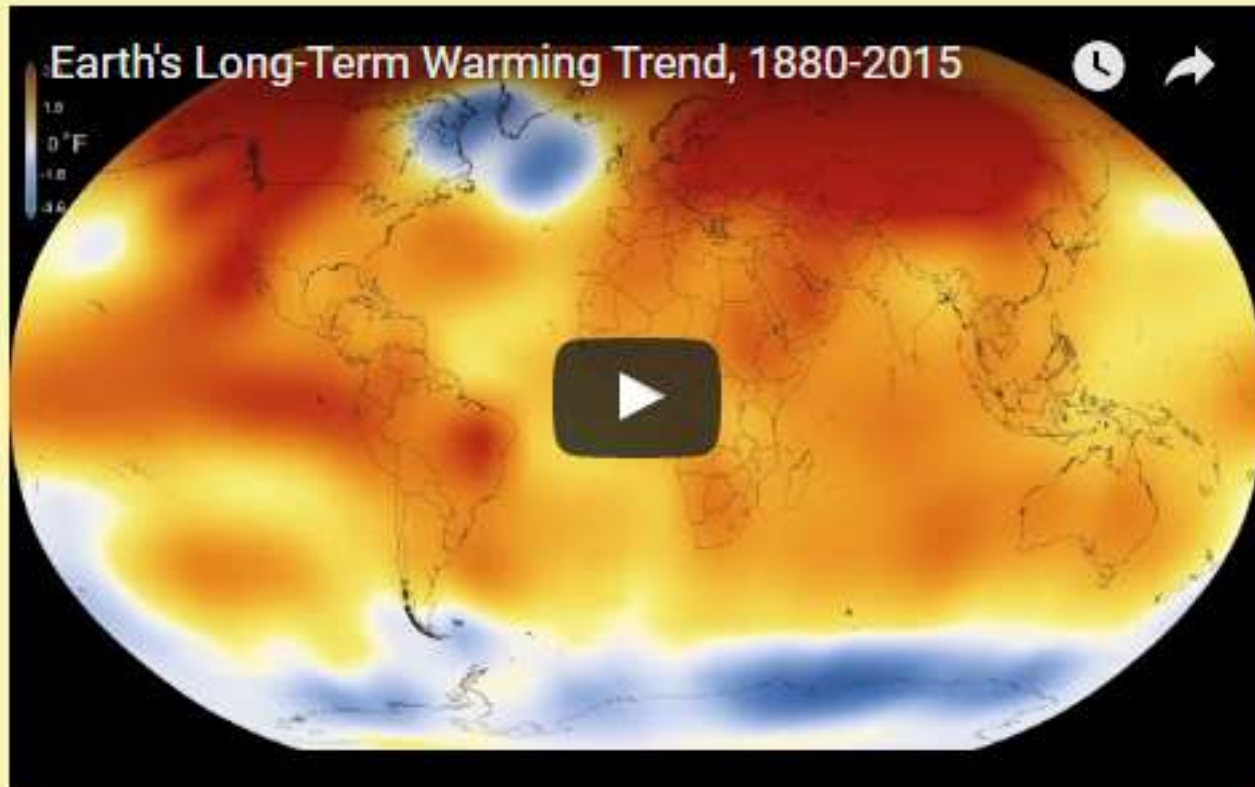


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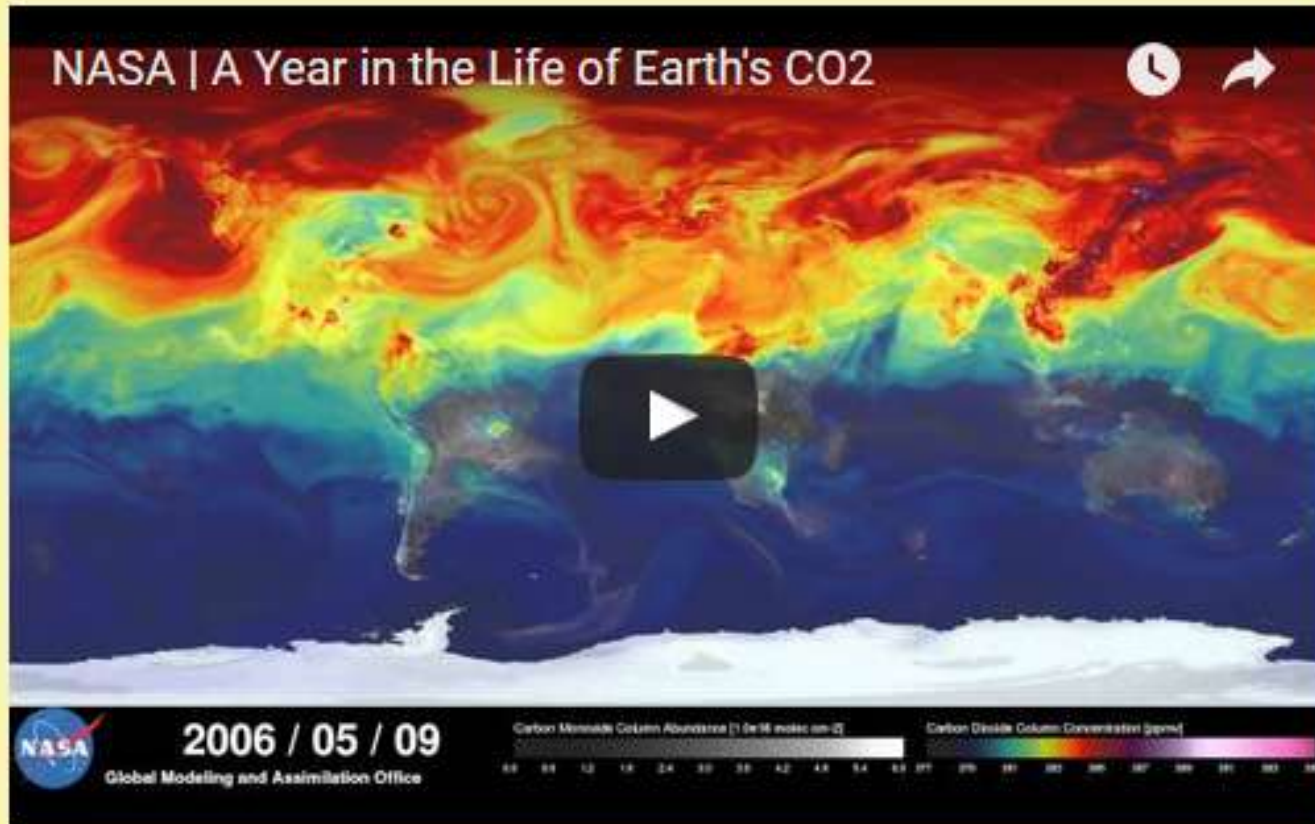


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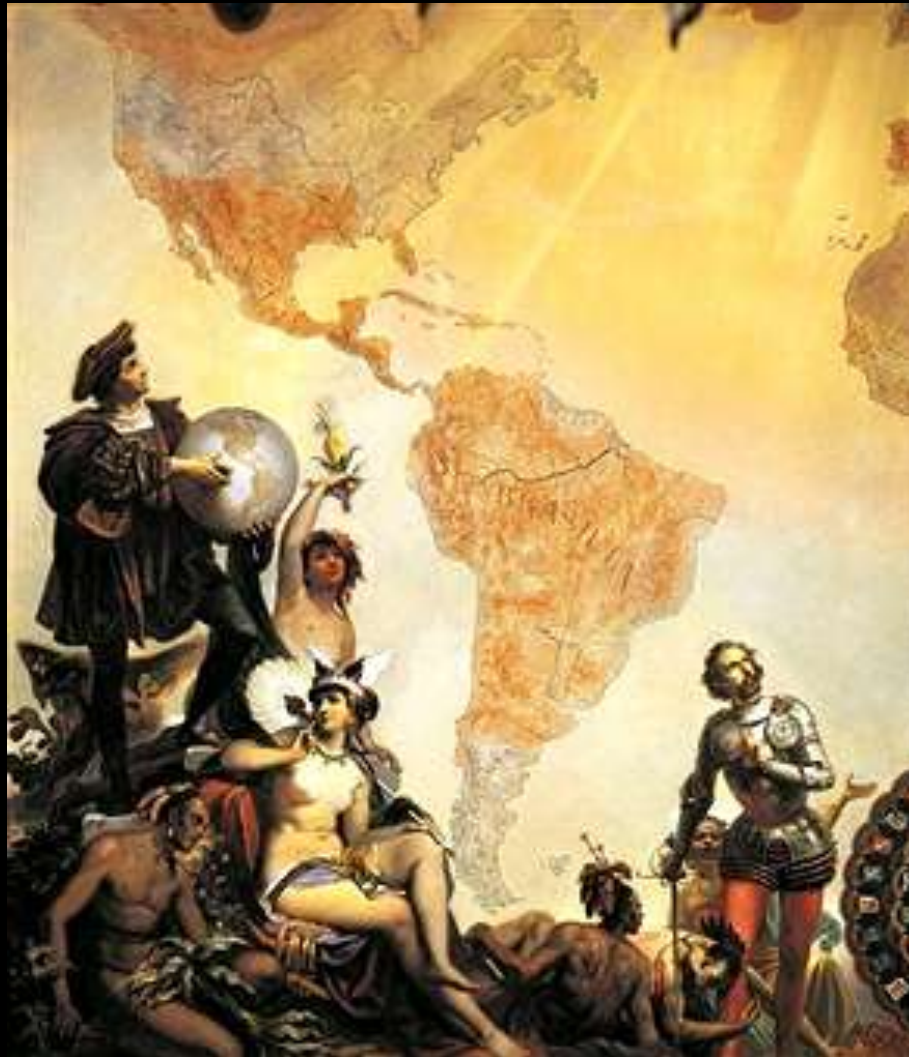
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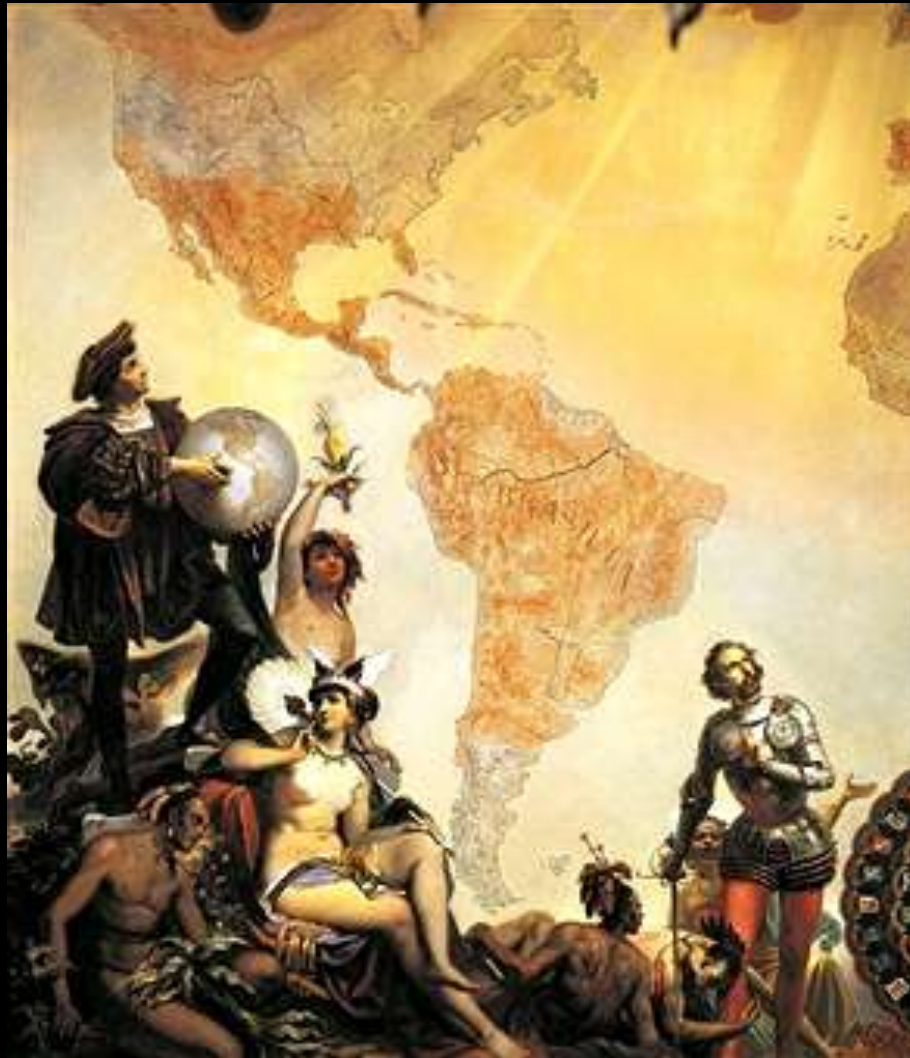
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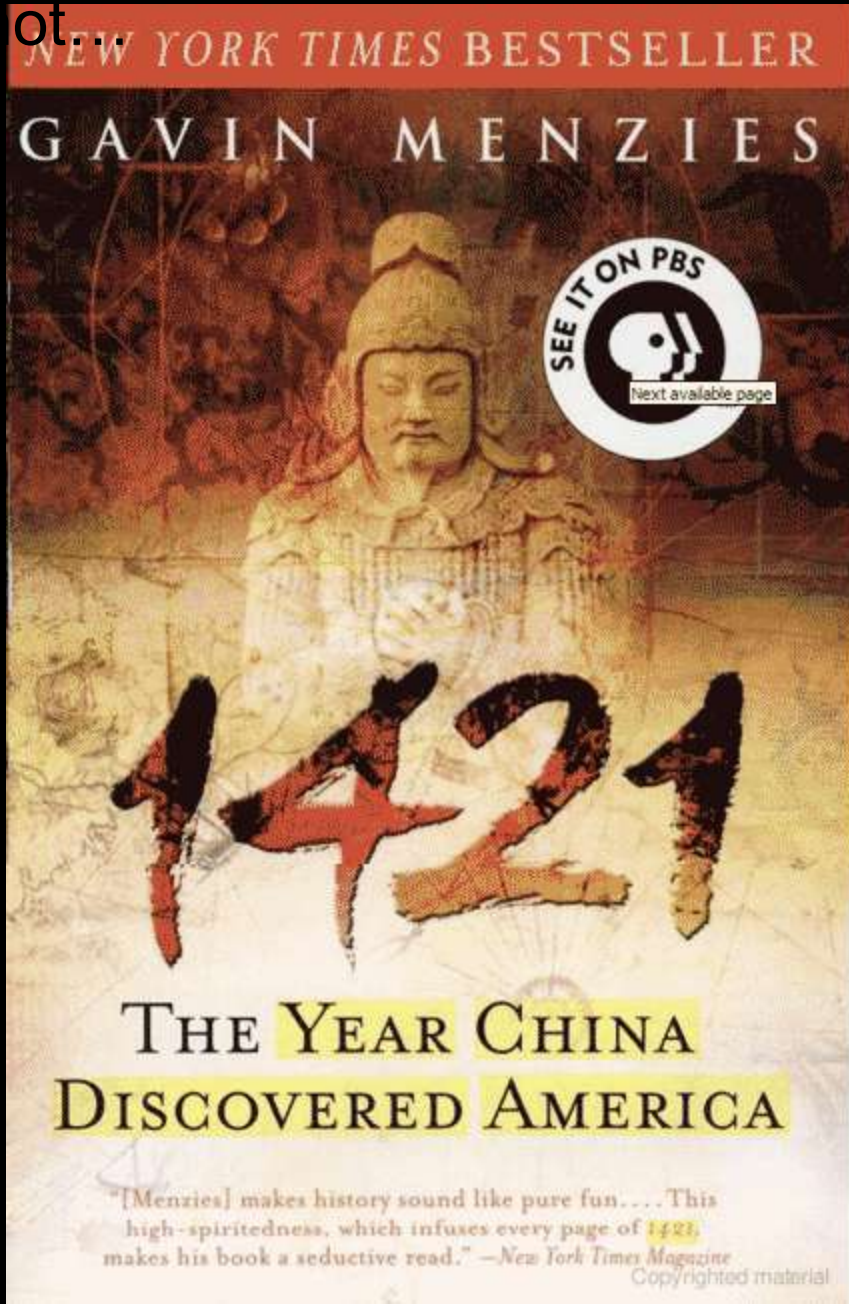


We need to re-examine the driving myths and delusional metaphors at the core of this experience if we are going to survive.



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Columbus discovered America in 1492. Any elementary school student will tell you that.

But an amateur historian says Chinese beat him to it in 1421. NPR's Bob Edwards talks to Gavin Menzies, author of 1421, *The Year China Discovered America*.

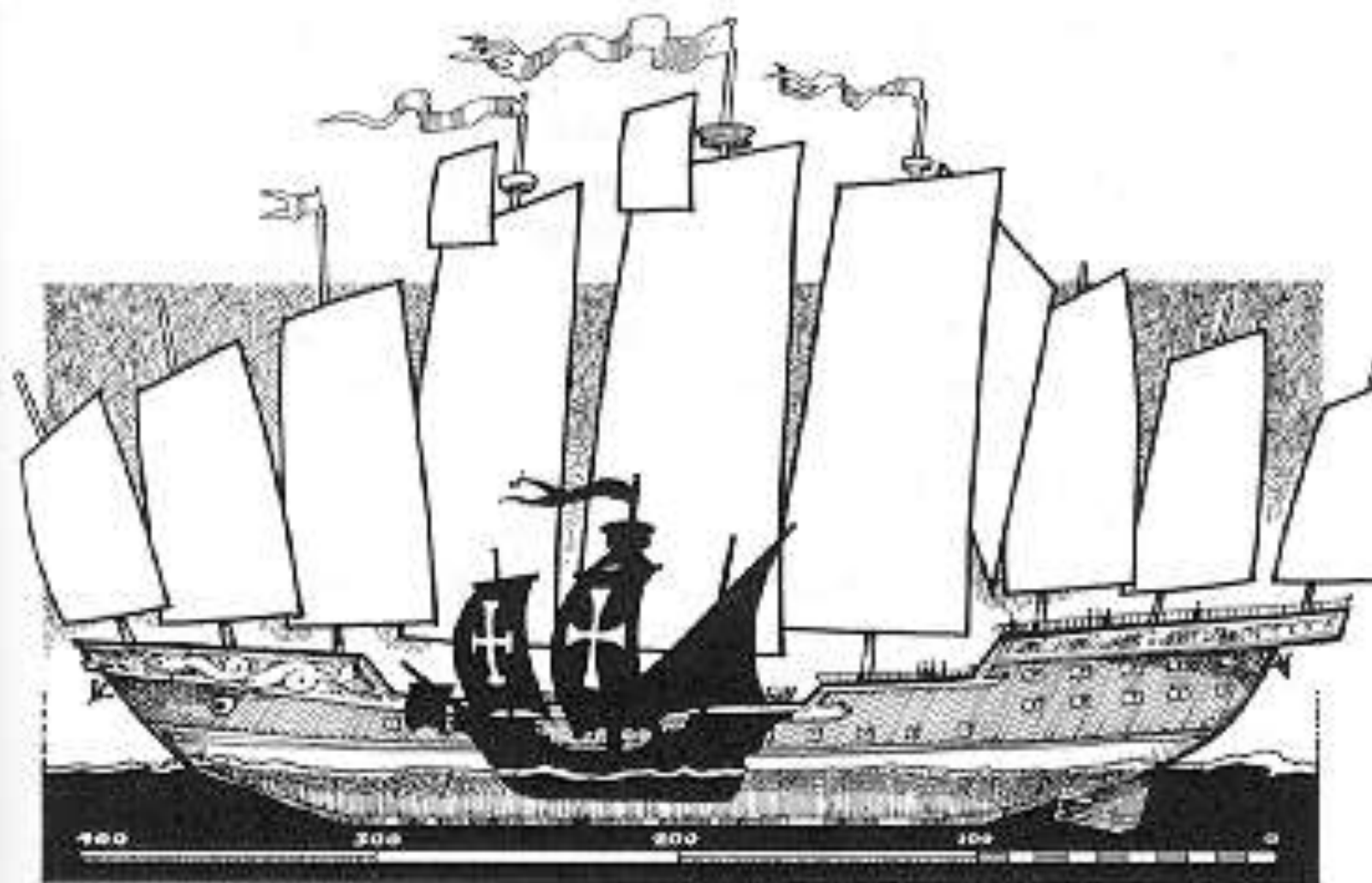


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*Zheng He's treasure ship (four hundred feet) and Columbus's St. Maria (eighty-five feet).
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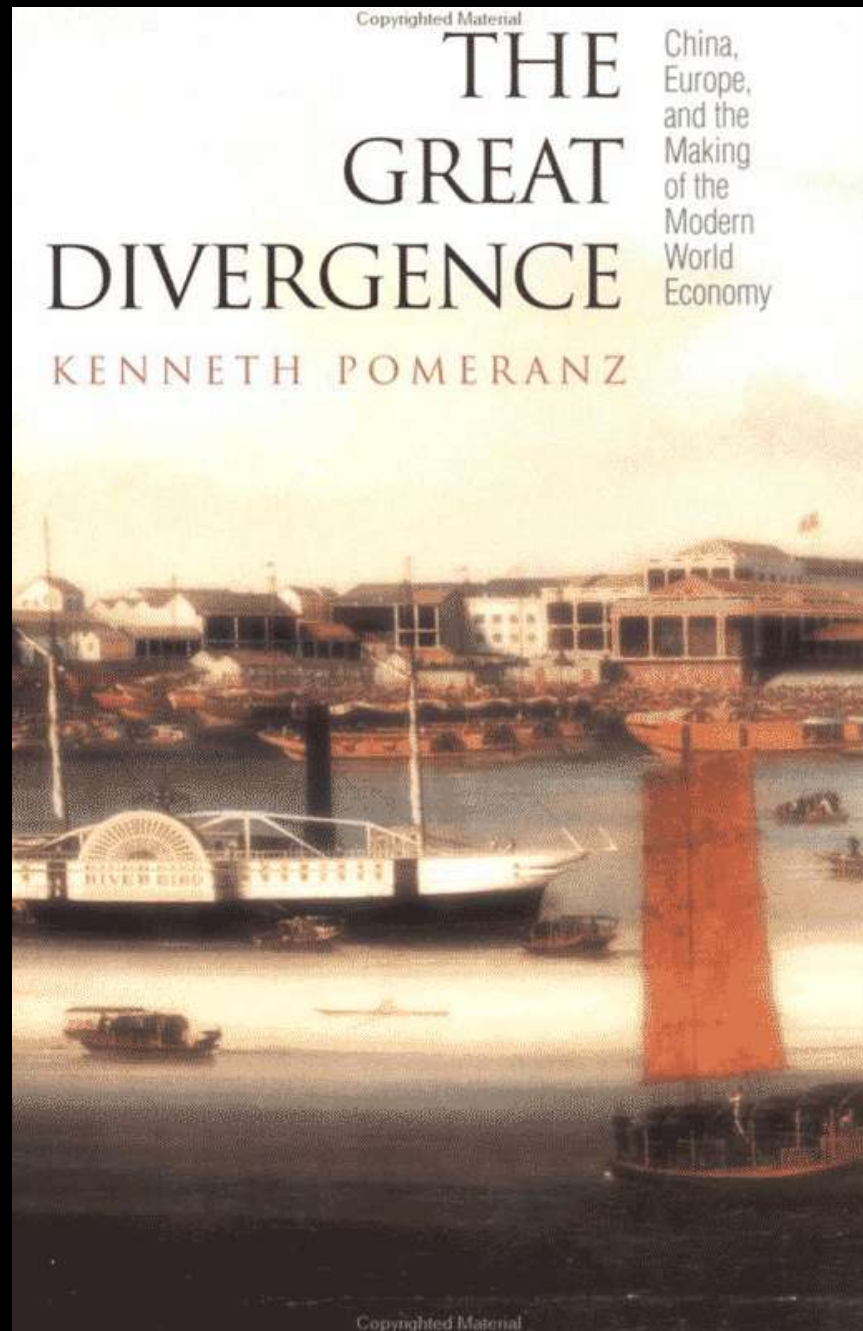
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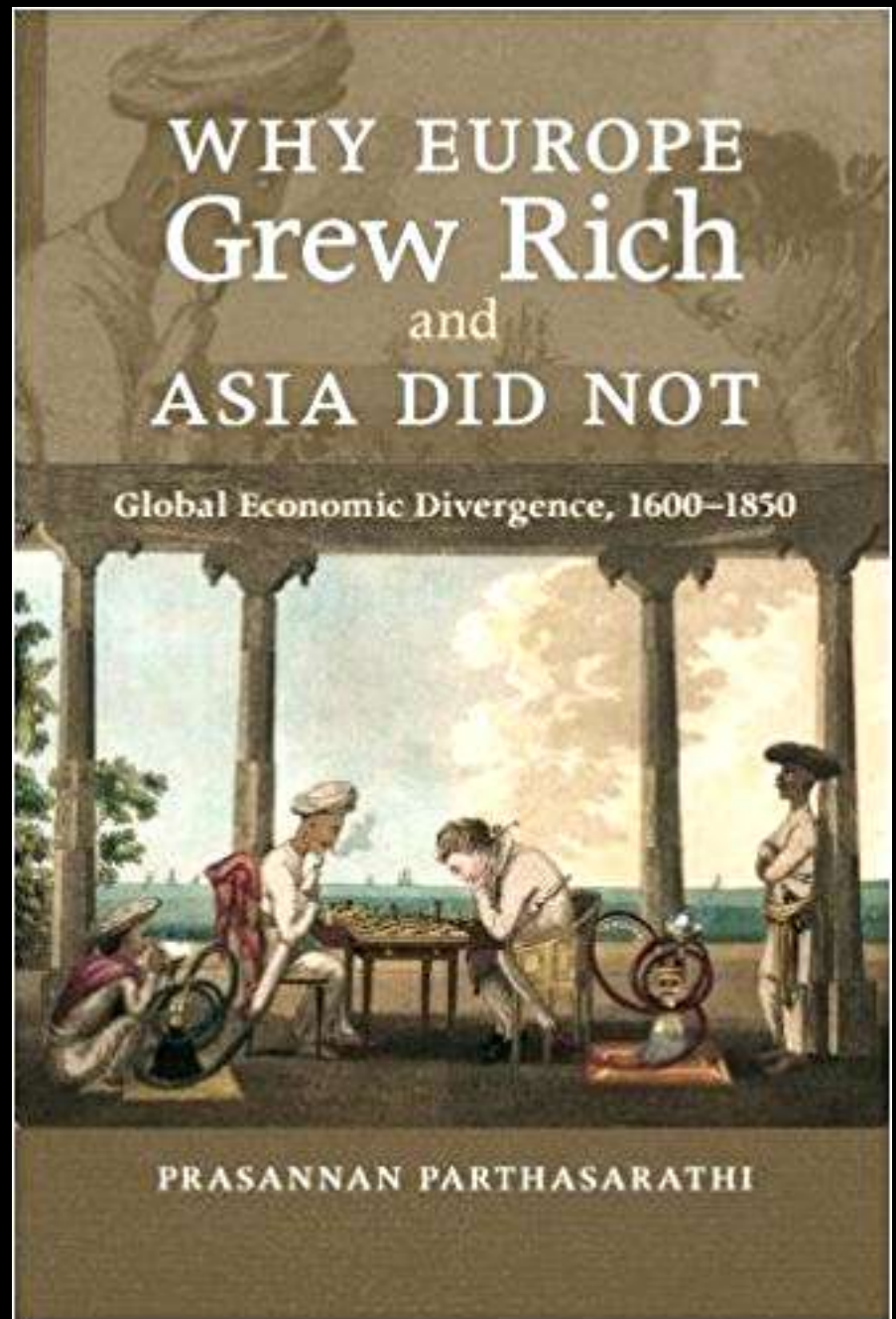
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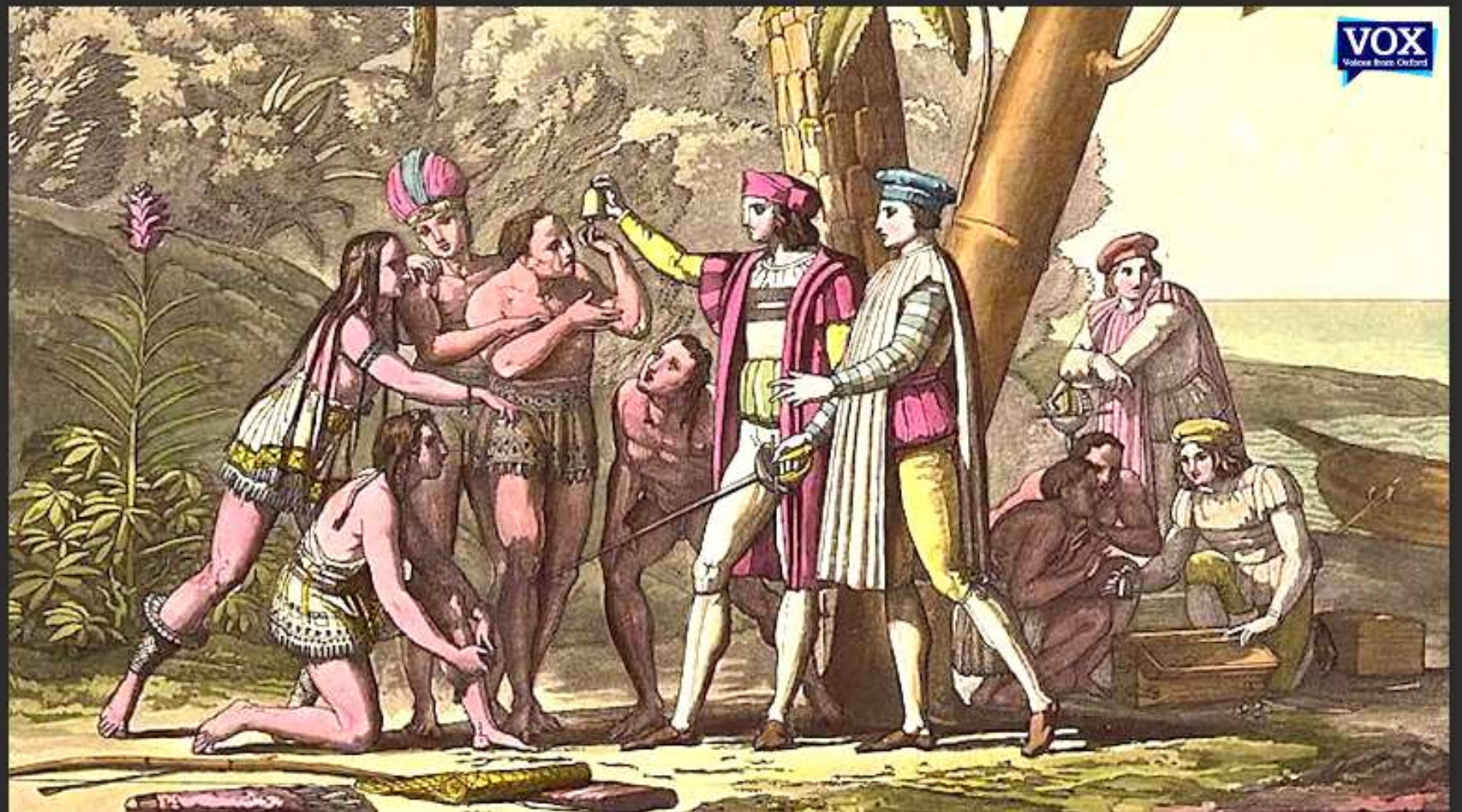
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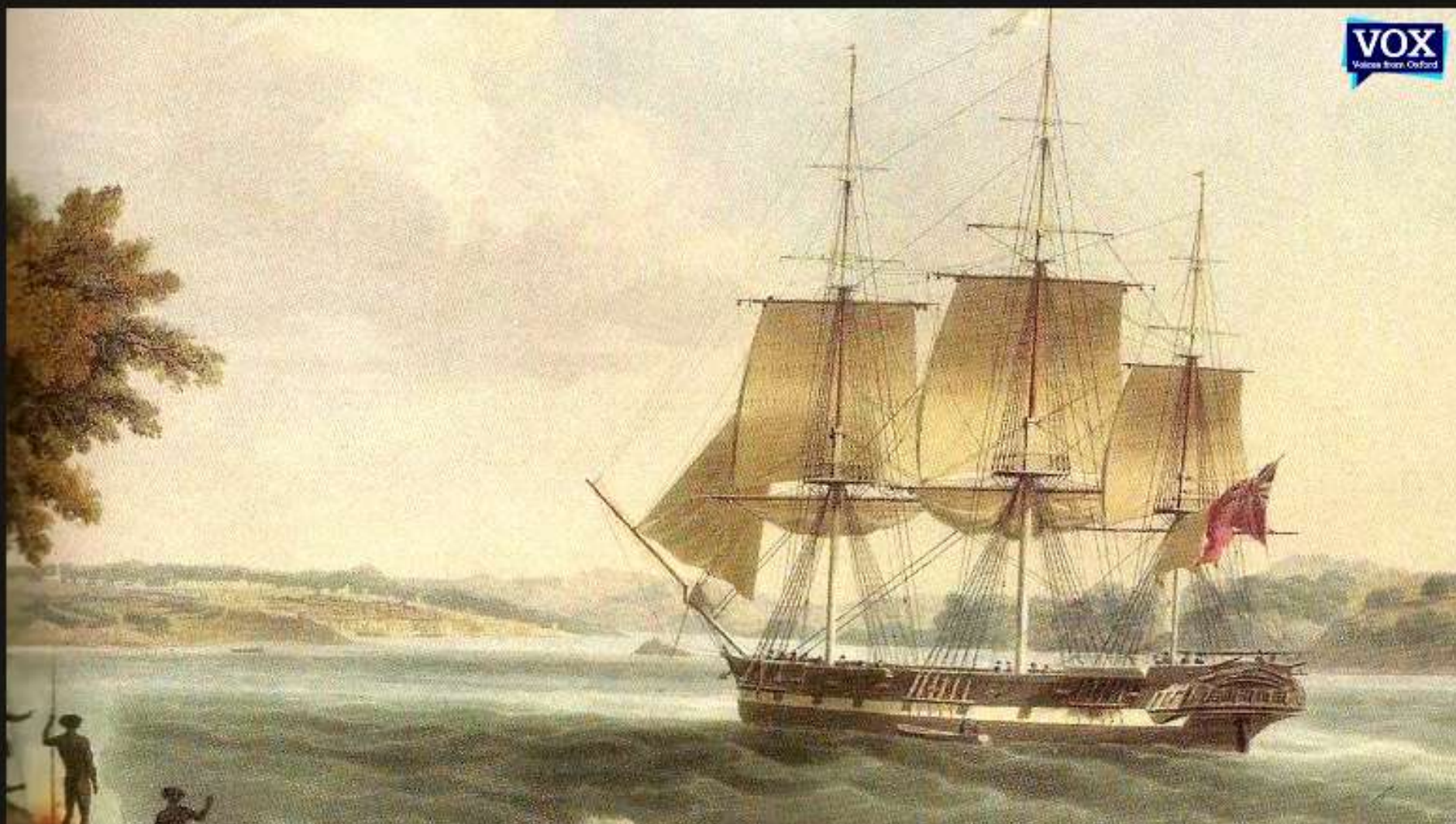
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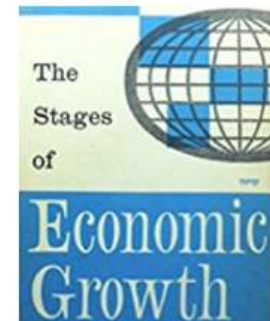
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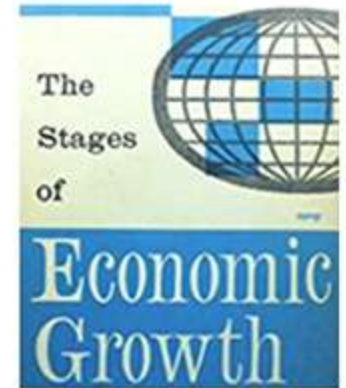
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