Nomadic Societies
& Indo-European Migrations

Steppes People
Sarmatians
Scythians
Slavs
Celts
Hsiung-nu
Huns
Hittites
Yuezhi
Hyksos
Cattle herders
Camel herders
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Bantus
Cattle herders

Around 2000 B.C. pastoral nomads across Afro-Eurasia began migrating into the large river valley settlement regions

TWO MAJOR OUTCOMES

Mixing & Development of New Cultural Groups

- **CHINA:** Shang in China
- **INDIA:** Vedic
- **MIDDLE EAST:** Hittites, Akkadians, Babylonians, Kassite, Mitanni & Hyksos
- **EUROPE:** Celts, Mycenaeans
- **EGYPT:** Hyksos

Warfare & Growing Power of Leaders

- Larger walled cities
- More military power of kings and nobles to protect
- Expansion & building of empires to conquer nomads

One way to trace migration is to study how languages spread

PUSH FACTORS

Things that push people to migrate

PULL FACTORS

Things that pull people to migrate

Invaded by settled people
Climate changes
Need for certain resources
WHY Migrate?
Increased Population
Competing Pastoralists
Glory & Conquest

COMPARE & CONTRAST

Sedentary Peoples
City-dwellers

Nomadic Peoples
Country-dwellers

Nomadic Peoples
Country-dwellers

- **Society:** Tribal groups/clans, extended families, women roles varied
- **Economics:** Animal herders, traders, small artisan groups
- **Government:** Elders, status grows with herd quality, charisma, military victory
- **Human-Environment Interaction:** Yearly migrations of herds meant mobile society. Influenced by climate change

Sedentary Peoples
City-dwellers

- **Society:** Strict social classes, mostly patriarchal society
- **Economics:** Job specialization, food surplus, farming
- **Government:** Resource control, military/religious leaders, strict hierarchy of leadership
- **Human-Environment Interaction:** Sedentary society. Technology used to control nature (dams, canals, irrigation).

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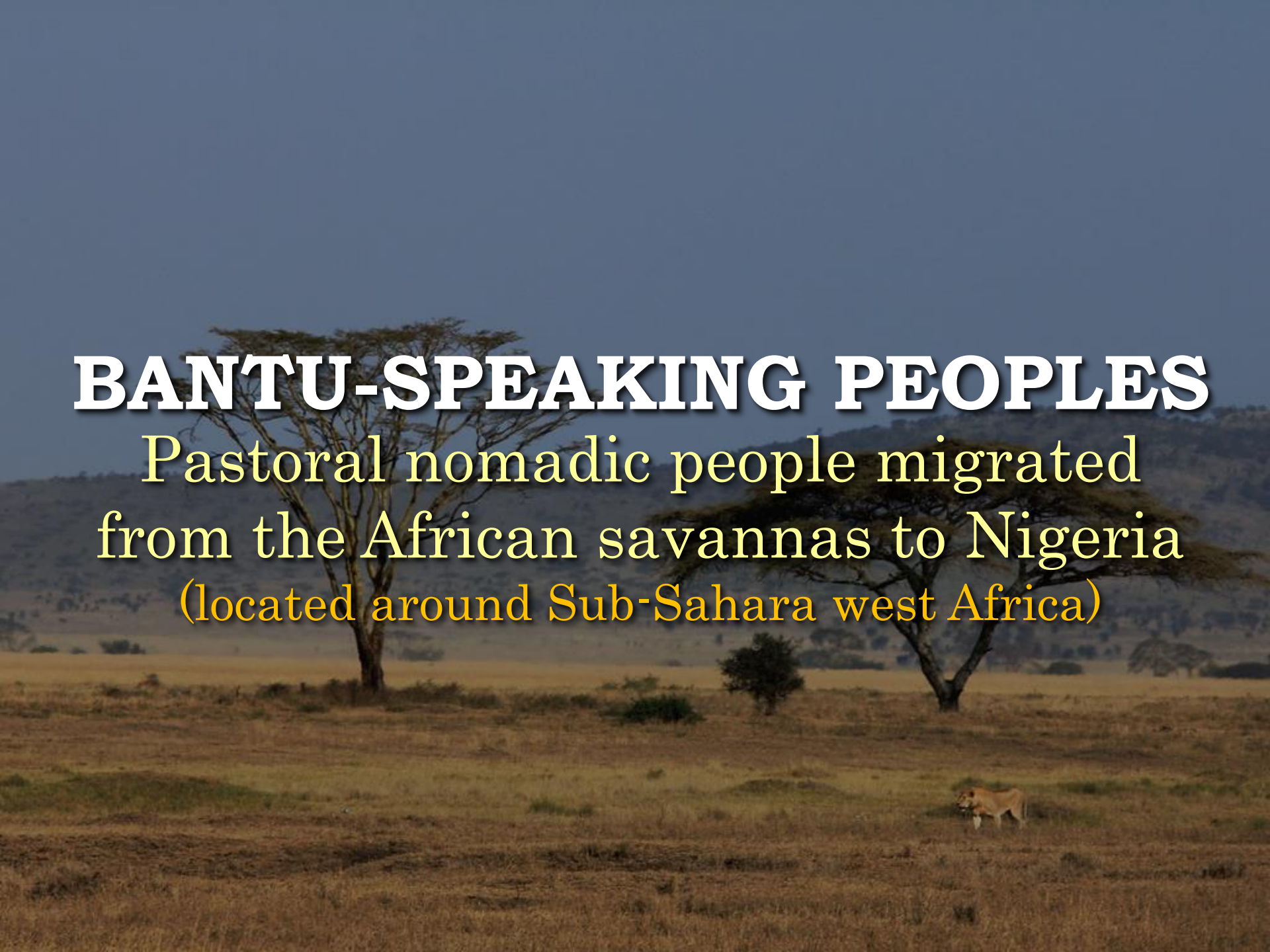
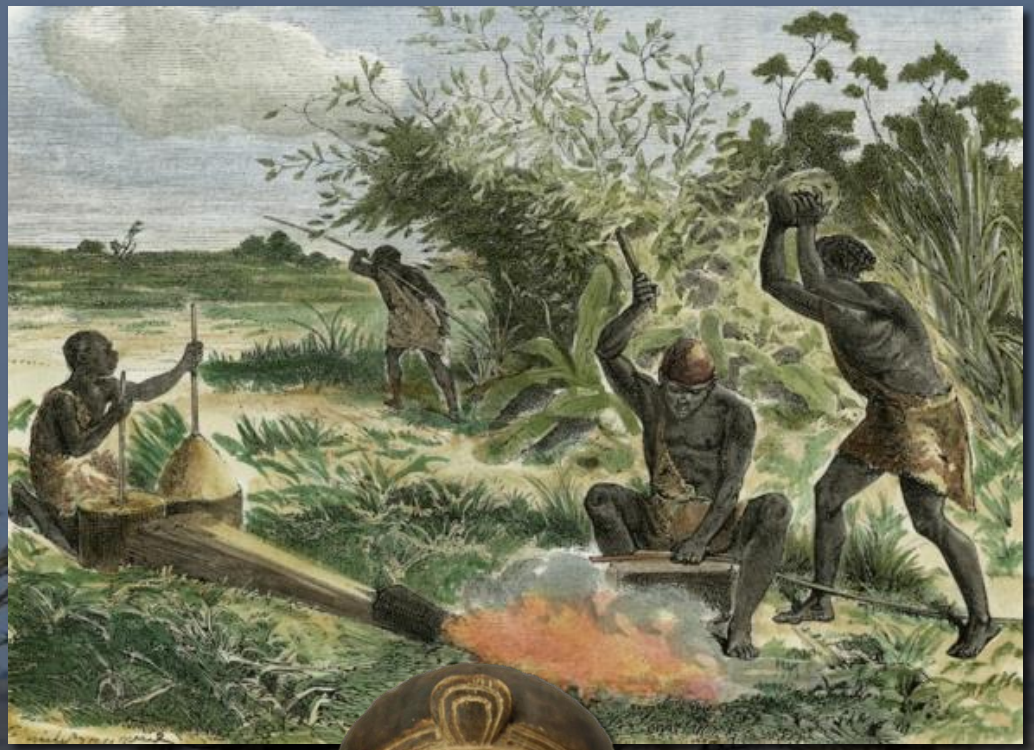
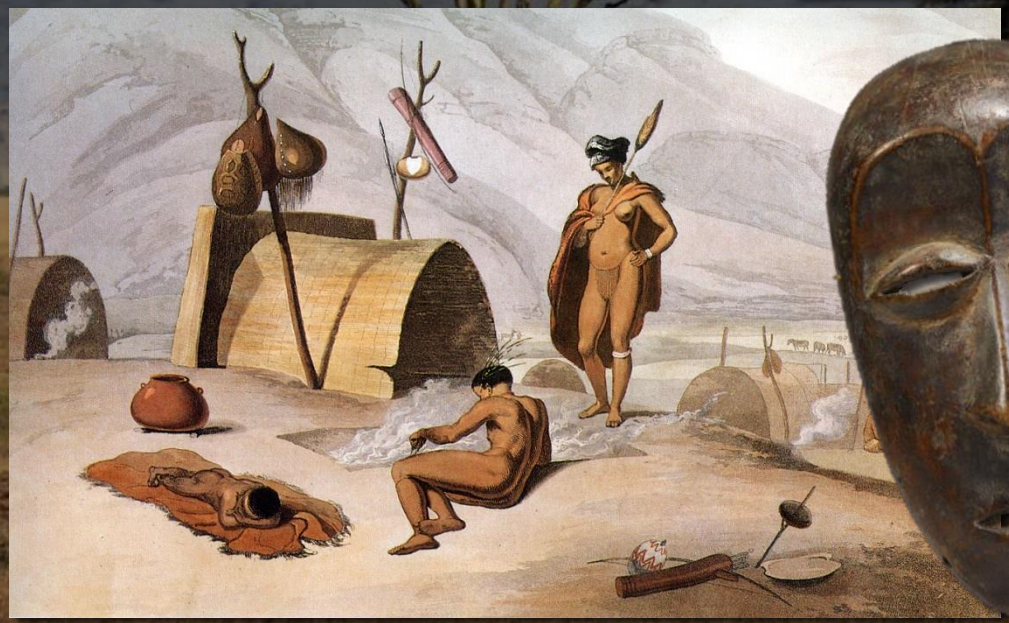
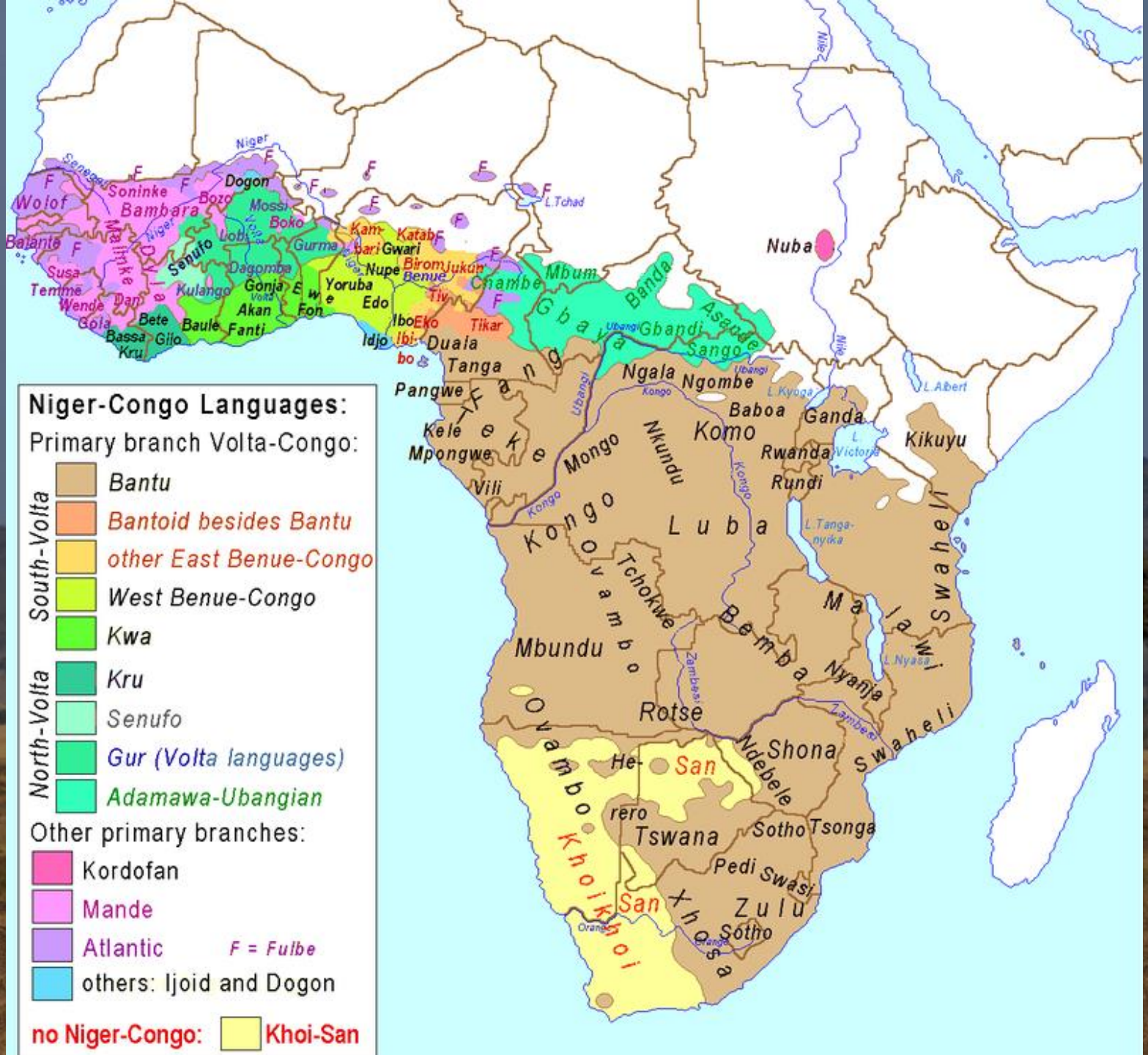

BANTU-SPEAKING PEOPLES
Pastoral nomadic people migrated
from the African savannas to Nigeria
(located around Sub-Sahara west Africa)

Origin center of Bantu
Speaking People

- Mixed ethnically
- Introduced slash and burn farming
- Iron-smelting expanded to South Africa
- Almost ½ of Africa speaks Bantu






Niger-Congo Languages:
Primary branch Volta-Congo:
South-Volta
Bantu
Bantoid besides Bantu
other East Benue-Congo
West Benue-Congo
Kwa
North-Volta
Kru
Senufo
Gur (Volta languages)
Adamawa-Ubangian
Other primary branches:
Kordofan
Mande
Atlantic
F = Fulbe
others: Ijoid and Dogon
no Niger-Congo:
Khoi-San
Wolof
Bambara
Soninke
Dogon
Bozo
Mossi
Boko
Gurma
Katab
Gwari
Nupe
Yoruba
Edo
Igbo
Eko
Ibi-bo
Idjo
Tikar
Chambe
Mbum
Banda
Asande
Sango
Gbaya
Gbandi
Nuba
L.Tchad
Niger
Senegal
Volta
Benue
Ubangi
Kongo
Zambesi
L.Albert
L.Victoria
L.Kyoga
L.Tanganyika
L.Nyasa
Duala
Tanga
Pangwe
Fang
Teke
Kele
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Vili
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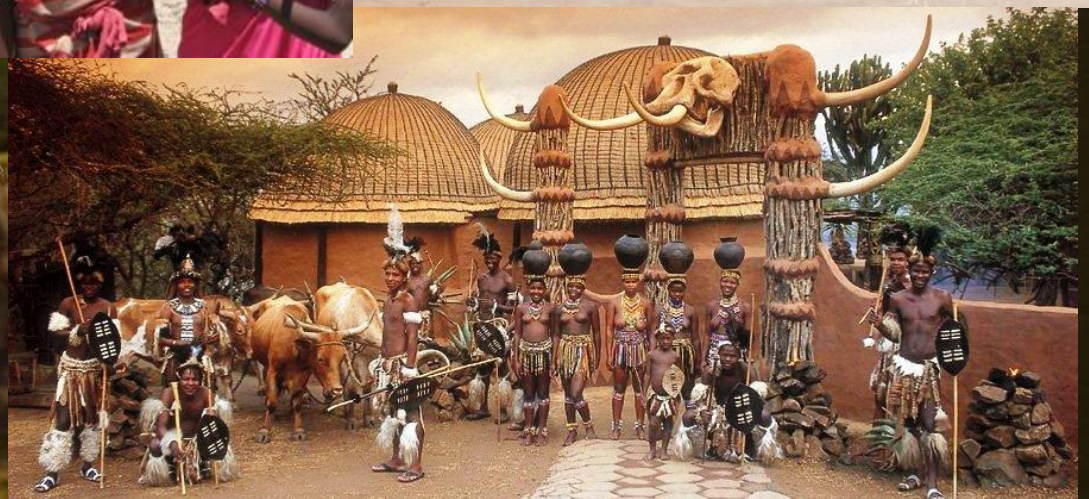
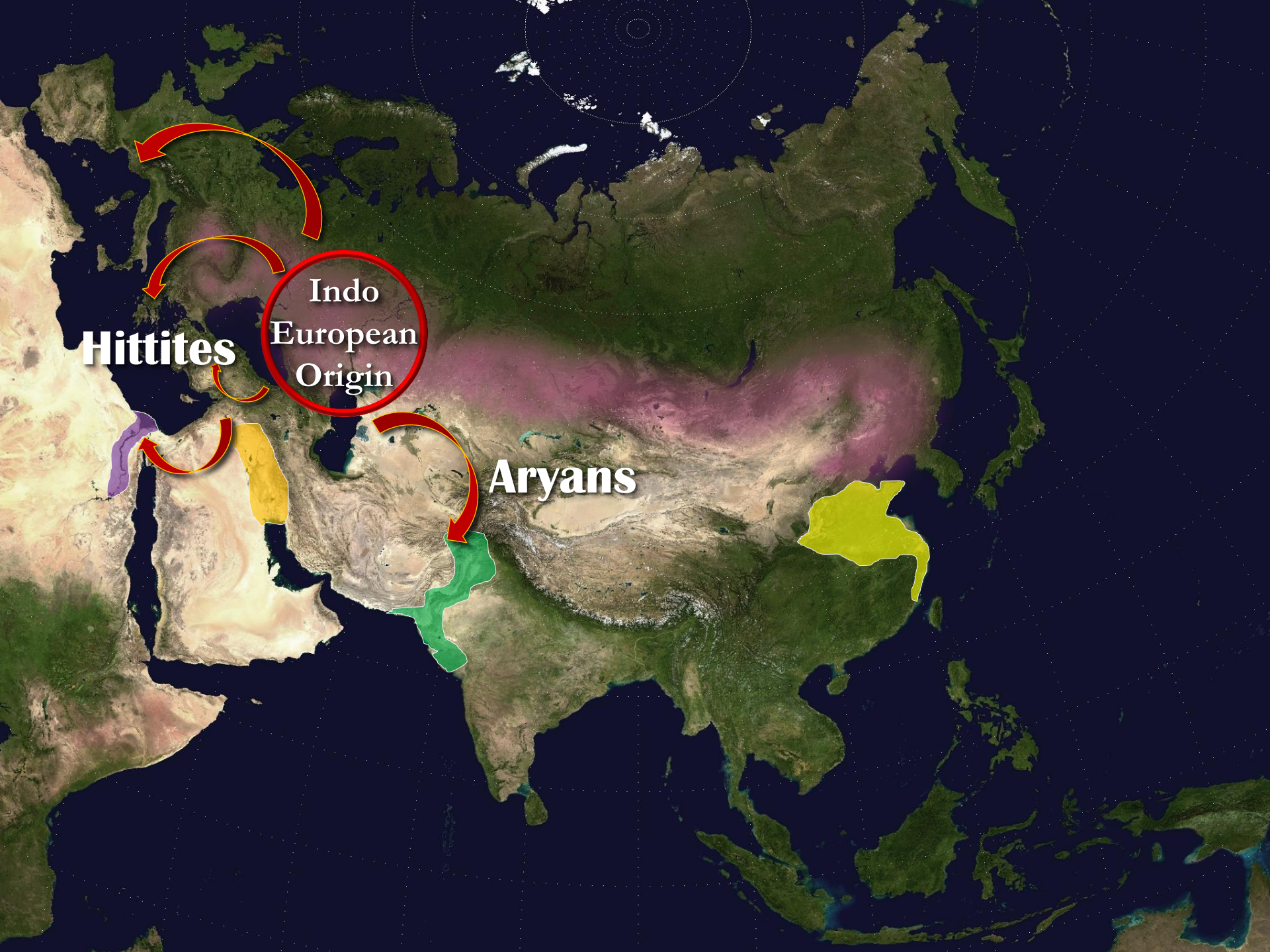


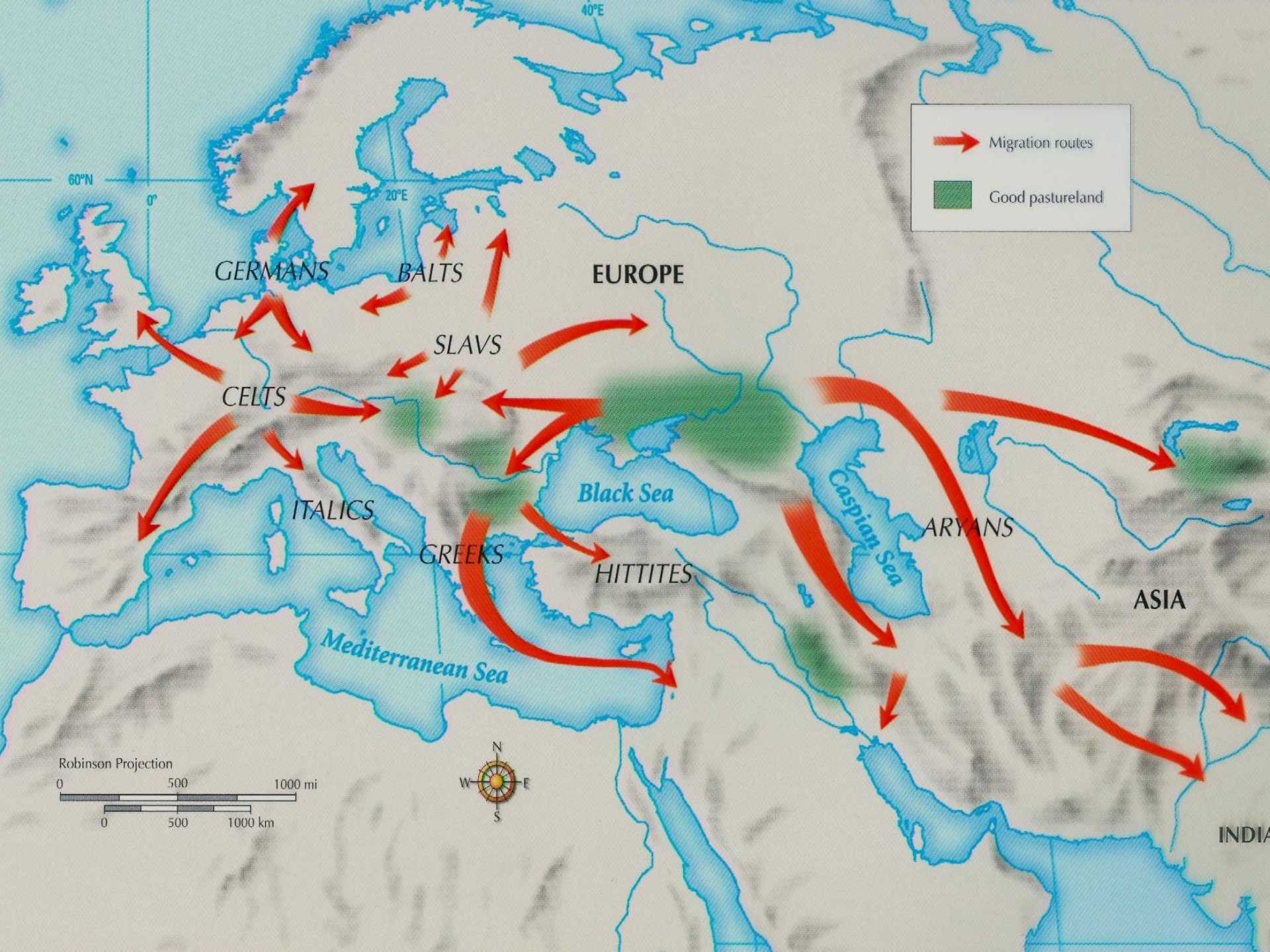
INDO-EUROPEANS

Pastoral nomadic people who came from the Eurasian steppes

(located around the Caspian & Black Sea)

Origin center of Indo-European People
Steppes
Dry grasslands that stretch across central Asia


Indo
European
Origin
Hittites
Aryans


40°E
60°N
0°
20°E
Migration routes
Good pastureland
GERMANS
BALTS
EUROPE
SLAVS
CELTS
ITALICS
GREEKS
HITTITES
Black Sea
Caspian Sea
ARYANS
ASIA
Mediterranean Sea
Robinson Projection
0
500
1000 mi
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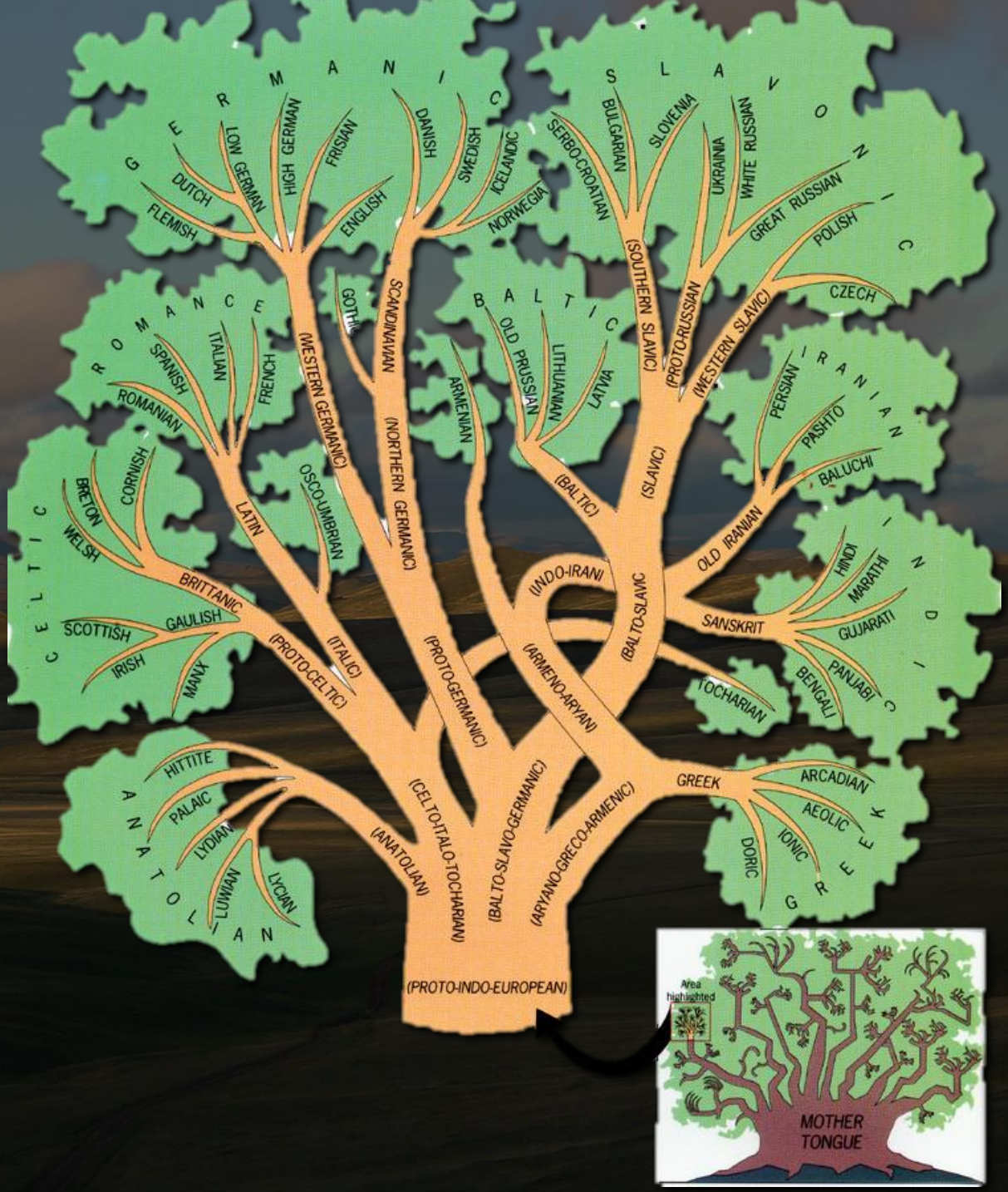
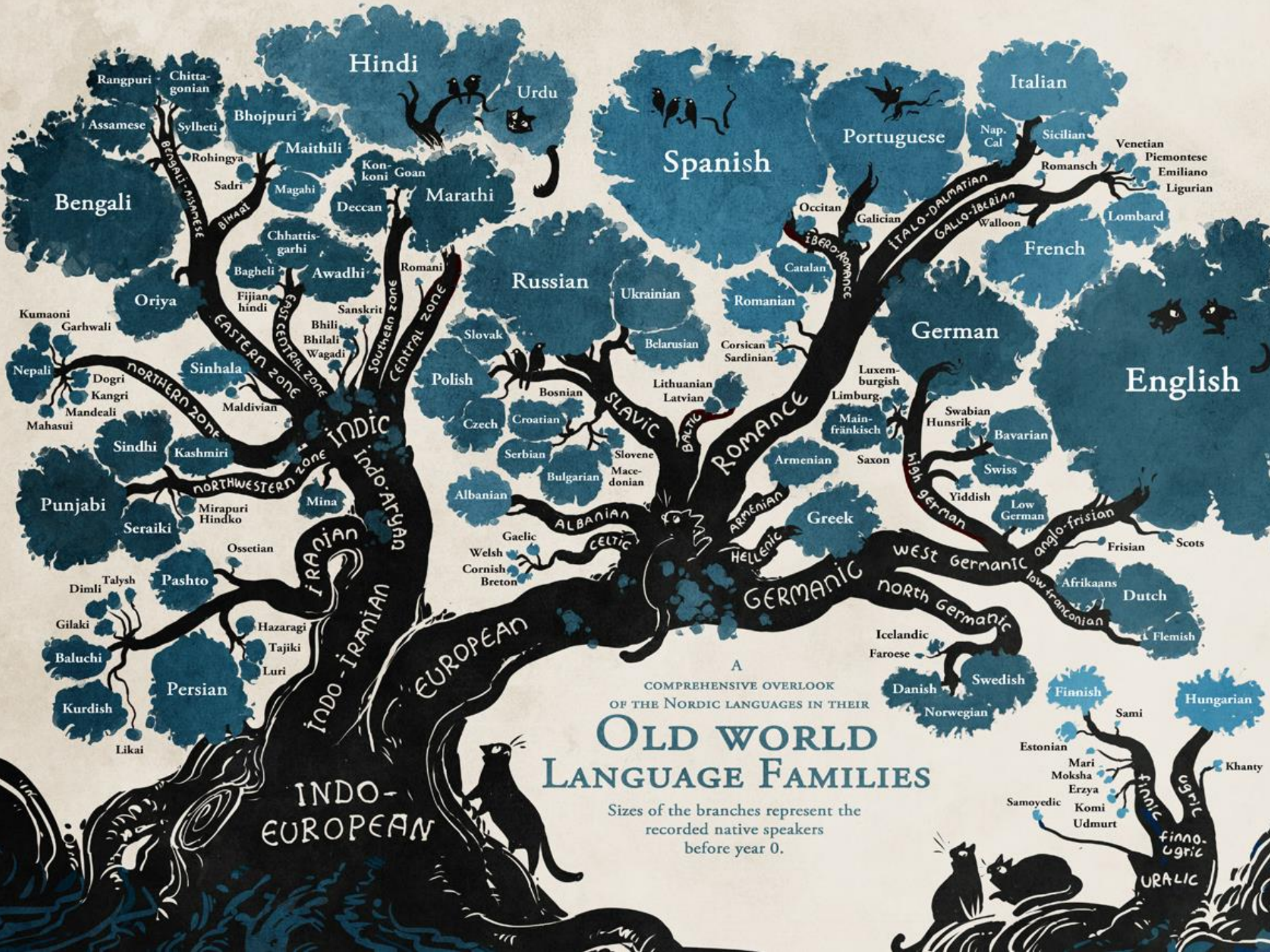
1000 km
N
W
E
S
INDIA

- Mixed ethnically with various groups (dominated & transformed cultures)
  - Did Iron-smelting and expanded it
    - Invaded river valley civilizations
      - Horses as weapons & had chariots

½ of the worlds population speaks Indo-European language





A COMPREHENSIVE OVERLOOK OF THE NORDIC LANGUAGES IN THEIR

OLD WORLD LANGUAGE FAMILIES

Sizes of the branches represent the recorded native speakers before year 0.

Language Family Resemblances

English	Sanskrit	Persian	Spanish	German
mother	mātár	muhdáhr	madre	Mutter
father	pitár	puhdáhr	padre	Vater
daughter	duhitár	dukhtáhr	hija	Tochter
new	návas	now	nuevo	neu
six	sát	shahsh	seis	sechs

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