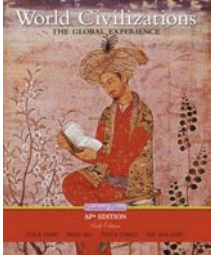


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Chapter 5

The Classical Period: Directions, Diversities, and Declines by 500 C.E.

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Chronology

1000 B.C.E.	1 C.E.	200 C.E.	500 C.E.
c. 1000 Polynesians reach Fiji, Samoa 1000 Independent kingdom of Kush 800–400 Spread of Olmec civilization; cultivation of maize (corn), potatoes; domestication of turkeys, dogs c. 300 Rise of Axum	c. 30 Crucifixion of Jesus c. 100 Root crops introduced to southern Africa through trade 100 Beginning of decline of Han dynasty 180 Rome begins to decline c. 200 Extensive agriculture practiced in Japan 227 Beginning of Sassanid Empire in Persia	284–305 Reign of Diocletian c. 300 Ethiopia adopts Christianity c. 312–337 Reign of Constantine 370–480 Nomadic invasions of western Europe c. 400 Growth of Mayan civilization c. 400 Polynesians reach Hawaii 450 Huns begin to invade India 476 Collapse of Rome	c. 500 Buddhism takes root in east and southeast Asia c. 500 Formation of Ghana c. 600 Beginning of Islam 618 Tang dynasty in China: glorious cultural period 700 Shintoism unified into single national religion in Japan

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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Important Changes Elsewhere

- Africa, Japan, northern Europe
- Outside the dominant areas, but influential
- Establishment of enduring contacts

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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Developments in Africa's Kush

- Kush, from 1000 B.C.E.
 - Linked to Egypt, but autonomous
 - Conquered Egypt c. 750 B.C.E.
- Axum
 - Defeats Kush, c. 300 B.C.E.
- Ethiopia
 - Defeats Axum
 - Contacts with Mediterranean

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Trade Routes at the End of the Classical Era



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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Legacy of Egyptian, Kushite civilization unclear
- Extension of agriculture
 - First along Sahel
 - Followed by establishment of west African kingdoms
- Ghana
 - First great sub-Saharan state

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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Japan

- Agriculture widespread by 200 C.E.
- Migrations from Korea, done by 200
- Tribal organization
 - Worship of common ancestor
 - Developed into states
- Shintoism
 - Worship of rulers
 - Unified by 700 C.E.

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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Northern Europe

- Germanic, Celtic, Slavic peoples
- Regional, often transitory kingdoms
- Scandinavians emerging as seafarers
- Religion
 - Gods associated with natural forces
 - Spread of Christianity

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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Central America

- Olmec Civilization, from c. 1200 B.C.E.
 - Sophisticated art
 - Disappeared c. 400 B.C.E.
 - Followed by Teotihuacan
- Maya, from 400 C.E.
- Inca, later
- These similar to other river valley civilizations

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Civilizations of Central and South America



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Beyond the Classical Civilizations

Polynesia

- Isolated development
- Reached Fiji, Samoa by 1000 B.C.E.
- To Hawaii by 400 C.E.

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Decline in China and India

Collapse of Classical Civilizations

- All or in part
- All suffer from expansion in Central Asia

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Decline in China and India

Han Collapse

- Decline by 100 C.E.
 - Intellectual creativity slows
 - Local landlords gain in power
 - Rising social tensions
- Yellow Turbans, 184 C.E.
 - Daoist revolutionaries

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Decline in China and India

Invasions

- Three centuries of disruption
- Buddhism introduced
- Ended by Sui Dynasty
- Tang Dynasty, 618 C.E.
- Chinese culture resumes

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Decline in China and India

The End of the Gupta Empire

- Invasions from 500 C.E.
 - Probably Huns
 - Gupta Empire destroyed by 400 C.E.
 - Invaders integrated into warrior class
- Rajputs emerge from these groups
 - Small states, emphasis on military virtues
- Hinduism gains ground from Buddhism
- Islam introduced from 600's

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Decline and Fall in Rome

Prelude

- Population decline
- Brutal, arbitrary rulers
- Cities shrink
 - Flight from taxation
- Pervasive gloom

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Decline and Fall in Rome

Symptoms of Decline

- More disruptive than in China, India
- Plagues
- Creativity seems to falter
- Probably an accumulation of factors

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Decline and Fall in Rome

Effort at Revival: Division of the Empire

- Great estates emerge
 - Landlords gain power at the expense of government
- Diocletian (284-305)
 - Reorganizes bureaucracy, tax collection, status of emperor
- Constantine (312-337)
 - New capital, Constantinople
 - Christianity serves as a unifier

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Decline and Fall in Rome

Division of the Empire

- Western Empire declines
 - Economic weakness
- Eastern Empire, Constantinople
 - Becomes center of Roman world
- Collapse
 - Has massive legacy in western imagination
 - Uneven – Eastern Empire thrives

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Germanic Kingdoms after the Invasions



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Decline and Fall in Rome

The Early Byzantine Empire

- No real "fall"
- Shaped by context of late Roman Empire
 - Autocratic emperors
 - Greek language
- Justinian
 - Attempt to reconquer Western Empire
 - Influential codification of Roman laws

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Decline and Fall in Rome

The Middle East

- Parthian rule
 - Emerges in late Hellenistic period
 - As far as India
- Sassanid Empire
 - Persian uprising replaces Parthians
 - Revival of Persian traditions, including Zoroastrianism
- Both empires connect east and west
 - Fall of Rome has little impact on this region

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Decline and Fall in Rome

North Africa

- Regional Kingdoms
- Spread of Christianity, but uneven
 - Coptic church

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Decline and Fall in Rome

Western Europe

- Greatest disruption
 - Civilization itself shattered
 - Cities shrink
- Christianity provides structure
- Yet, "fall" of Rome not noted at the time

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The Mediterranean, Middle East, Europe, and North Africa, c. 500 C.E.



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The New Religious Map

Rise of World Religions

- Disease creates demand for new answers
- Buddhism spreads into Asia
- Rise of Christianity, Islam
- Civilization declines and redirected
- Syncretism with earlier beliefs

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The New Religious Map

Hinduism, Buddhism, and Daoism

- Buddhism altered as it spreads
 - Doctrine of bodhisattvas develops
 - Shift from focus on ethics to focus on salvation
- Fall of Han opens China to Buddhism
 - Mahayana Buddhism – Buddha as a savior
 - Transformed, especially in women’s role
 - Buddhism opposed by many
- Daoism
 - Becomes more popular among peasants

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The New Religious Map

Christianity

- Moves westward
- Structured
- Exclusive – idea of one truth
- Jesus of Nazareth
 - Message of salvation
 - Disciples spread message

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The New Religious Map

Early Christianity

- One supreme god who loved humankind
- The best life included worship, fellowship
- Poverty might be the best path
- Eagerly accepted
 - Paul moves Christianity away from Judaism
 - Persecuted for centuries
- Strong organization, following by 400

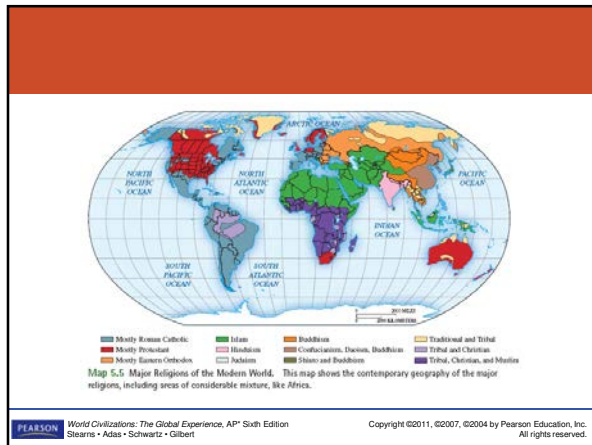
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The New Religious Map

Christian Culture

- Following among all social classes
- Synthesis with classical culture
 - Borrowing in government, architecture, art
 - Latin language and literature

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The New Religious Map

Islam

- 600s
- Spectacular spread both east and west

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The New Religious Map

The Spread of the Major Religions

- A feature of the end of the classical world
- Develop under similar circumstances
- Animism retreats

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The New Religious Map

The World Around 500 C.E.

- Three major themes
 - Response to the end of classical forms
 - Reactions to new religious map
 - Some areas lay groundwork for later developments
 - Improved farming techniques in some areas
 - Rise of civilizations in some regions

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Global Connections: The Late Classical Period and the World

Global Connections

- Classical civilizations had been mostly isolated
- Now contacts spread
- At the same time, trade more challenging
 - As strong governments collapse, dangers multiply

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