1 Belief systems and how they spread – Part 2

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	**Write it 3 times** (English)		
rule			
Islam			

Recall

- You know a religion can spread without an army.
- You have seen a trader carry more than goods.
- You know three religions can share one region.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 Conquest and conversion

Muslim **rule** expanded through military expansion; **Islam** subsequently expanded through merchants, missionaries and Sufis. The CED separates the two and orders them.

Worked example. A region may convert decades after it stops being ruled by a Muslim state.

■ 2 Plural regions

Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism continued to shape South and Southeast Asia; Christianity, Judaism and Islam continued to shape Europe. Both regions are religiously plural in the CED's account.

Worked example. Writing about 'the religion' of either region contradicts the source before the answer starts.

■ 3 Continuity

The CED's verb throughout is 'continued to shape'. These systems were already present; the claim is persistence, not arrival.

Worked example. New Hindu and Buddhist states emerging is innovation inside continuity.

Watch out: Explaining Islam's spread by conquest alone misses the CED's own mechanism. Merchants, missionaries and Sufis are the named agents, and none of them is an army.

Practice

2.1 State the mechanism for the expansion of Muslim rule and of Islam. [2]

2.2 Name the three agents of Islam's expansion. [3]

2.3 Name the three belief systems the CED lists for Europe. [3]

2.4 State what 'continued to shape' claims. [2]