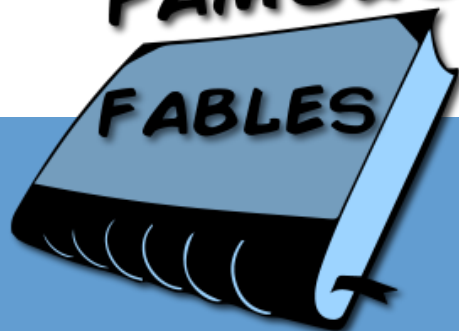




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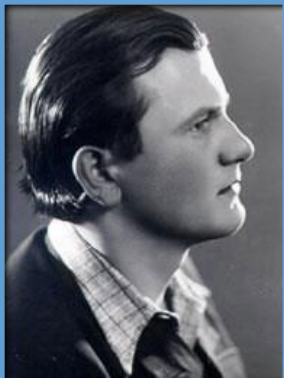
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## FAMOUS FABLE #1: JOHN PAUL II

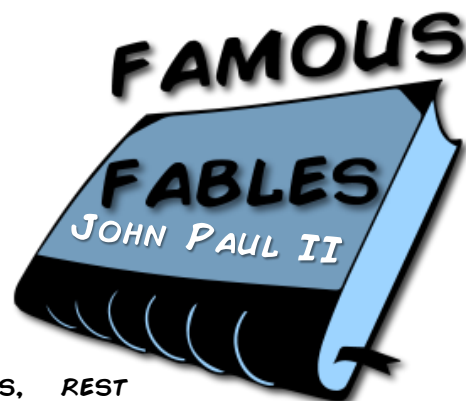
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KAROL JOSEPH WOJTYŁA (YOY-TEE-WAH) WAS BORN MAY 18, 1920, IN WADOWICE, POLAND. HIS NICKNAME WAS LOLEK. HE TOOK THE NAME JOHN PAUL II WHEN HE WAS ELECTED POPE IN 1978. HIS MOTHER EMILIA, DIED IN CHILDBIRTH IN 1929. HIS FATHER KAROL, RETIRED ARMY RECRUITER; BROTHER EDMUND DIED OF SCARLET FEVER IN 1932. WHEN HE WAS A BOY, HE GREW UP IN A TIME WHEN MANY POLES WERE AFRAID TO BE SEEN WITH JEWS, BUT ONE OF LOLEK'S BEST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS WAS JERZEY KLUGER, A JEWISH BOY. LOLEK EVEN PLAYED ON JERZEY'S SOCCER TEAM. AT BOYS' SCHOOL, STUDIED GERMAN, LATIN, GREEK. IN THE UNDERGROUND SEMINARY OF KRAKOW, DURING WORLD WAR II, HE STUDIED PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY. AT THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (ANGELICUM) IN ROME, HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY. IN HIS YOUTH, ENJOYED PLAYING SOCCER, SKIING, KAYAKING AND SWIMMING IN POLAND'S SWAKA RIVER. HE WROTE HIS FIRST POEM IN 1940, TITLED "THE BALLAD OF THE GATES OF WAWEL." HE WAS PART OF AN ACTORS GROUP AND WORKED IN HIS YOUTH AS A STONE CUTTER. HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST ON 1 NOVEMBER 1946, HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST BY CARDINAL ADAM SAPIEHA OF KRAKÓW. HE WAS ELECTED TITULAR BISHOP OF OMBI AND AUXILIARY OF KRAKÓW ON 4 JULY 1958. CONSECRATED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1958. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ARCHBISHOP OF KRAKÓW ON 13 JANUARY 1964 BY POPE PAUL VI. CREATED A CARDINAL IN THE CONSISTORY OF 26 JUNE 1967. HE WAS ELECTED POPE ON OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 1978, AT 6:18 P.M. ROME TIME (1:18 EASTERN), THE WHITE SMOKE FROM THE CHIMNEY OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF JOHN PAUL II. SOME SHORT TIME EARLIER, UPON ACCEPTANCE OF HIS ELECTION, HE HAD BECOMES THE 264<sup>TH</sup> POPE. THE SOLEMN ENTRY UPON HIS MINISTRY, OR INSTALLATION, AS SUPREME PASTOR OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH TOOK PLACE ON 22 OCTOBER 1978. JOHN PAUL II'S PONTIFICATE WAS THE THIRD LONGEST IN HISTORY (16 OCTOBER 1978 - 2 APRIL 2005) AT 26 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, 17 DAYS (9,664 DAYS). THE LONGEST WAS THAT OF ST. PETER (PRECISE DATES UNKNOWN), FOLLOWED BY POPE PIUS IX.



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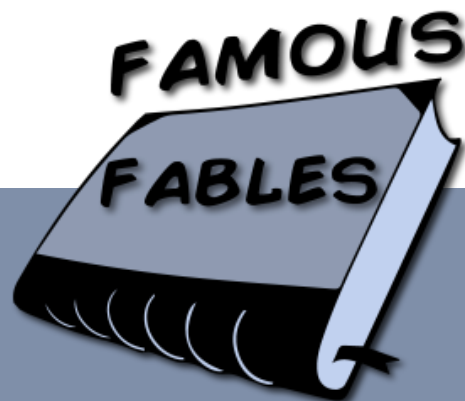
HE HAS UNDERTAKEN 104 PASTORAL VISITS OUTSIDE ITALY AND MADE 146 TRIPS WITHIN ITALY. IN ADDITION HE HAS MADE OVER 700 PASTORAL VISITS WITHIN THE CITY AND DIOCESE OF ROME, INCLUDING 317 OF THE 333 PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE, AS WELL AS MONASTERIES AND CONVENTS, UNIVERSITIES, SEMINARIES, HOSPITALS, REST HOMES, PRISONS AND SCHOOLS. IN THE COURSE OF THESE APOSTOLIC JOURNEYS, POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS TRAVELED OVER 698,310 MILES (1,163,865 KM.), WHICH IS 28 TIMES AROUND THE EARTH OR 3 TIMES THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EARTH AND MOON. THE POPE HAS PROCLAIMED 1,342 BLESSED IN 147 CEREMONIES, AND 482 SAINTS IN 51 CEREMONIES. DURING HIS PONTIFICATE, POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS RECEIVED OVER 17.6 MILLION PEOPLE AT 1160 GENERAL AUDIENCES. IN ADDITION HE HAS RECEIVED BETWEEN 2 AND 4 MILLION OTHERS AT AUDIENCES GRANTED TO PARTICULAR GROUPS, AND HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. TO THIS CAN BE ADDED THE TENS, MAYBE HUNDREDS, OF MILLIONS WHO HAVE ATTENDED LITURGICAL EVENTS IN ROME AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD PRESIDED OVER BY THE POPE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE GREAT JUBILEE YEAR, WHEN ABOUT 8 MILLION ATTENDED PAPAL LITURGIES AND EVENTS. HE WAS FLUENT IN EIGHT DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. ON 13 MAY 1981, HE WAS SHOT IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE BY TURKISH NATIONAL MEHMET ALI AGCA. THE POPE ATTRIBUTED HIS SURVIVAL TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WHOSE FEAST DAY, UNDER THE TITLE OF OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA, IT WAS. LATER, THE POPE VISITED AGCA IN PRISON AND FORGAVE HIM. ON 12 MAY 1982, IN FÁTIMA, PORTUGAL, WHERE THE POPE HAD GONE TO GIVE THANKS FOR HIS SURVIVAL A YEAR EARLIER, A SCHISMATIC PRIEST TRIED TO STAB HIM WITH A KNIFE, BUT WAS STOPPED A FEW FEET AWAY. AT LEAST ONE OTHER ATTEMPT IS KNOWN, THAT OF MOSLEM TERRORISTS TO BLOW UP THE PLANE HE WAS TRAVELING ON DURING A VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES. PHILIPPINO AUTHORITIES THWARTED THE ELABORATE PLOT. TIME MAGAZINE DECLARED HIM 1994 "MAN OF THE YEAR" NOBEL PEACE PRIZE: DESPITE HIS PERSONAL INTERVENTION IN THE FALKLANDS WAR, IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN CHILE AND ARGENTINA, HIS ROLE IN THE FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN BLOCK, AND HIS CEASELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HE NEVER RECEIVED IT. THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO THE OPPOSITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO THE FEMINIST AND POPULATION CONTROL AGENDAS WHICH MOST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT.

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## FAMOUS FABLE #2: MOTHER TERESA

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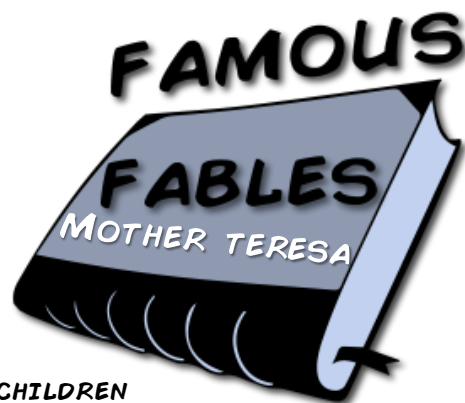


MOTHER TERESA IS A HOUSEHOLD NAME FOR HER GOOD WORKS, BUT MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER BEYOND "NUN WHO HELPED THE POOR." SHE WAS BORN AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU IN 1910 IN ALBANIA, TO A FINANCIALLY COMFORTABLE FAMILY - THEY LIVED IN ONE OF THE TWO HOUSES THEY OWNED. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8 YEARS OLD, WHICH ENDED HER FAMILY'S FINANCIAL SECURITY. AGNES WAS FASCINATED WITH MISSIONARIES FROM AN EARLY AGE, AND SHE KNEW BY AGE 12 THAT SHE WOULD COMMIT HERSELF TO A RELIGIOUS VOCATION. WHEN SHE WAS 18 YEARS OLD, AGNES LEFT HOME AND JOINED THE SISTERS OF LORETO IN RATHFARNHAM, IRELAND. ALTHOUGH SHE LIVED TO BE 87 YEARS OLD, SHE NEVER SAW HER MOTHER OR SISTER AGAIN AFTER THE DAY SHE LEFT FOR IRELAND. AFTER A YEAR LEARNING ENGLISH IN IRELAND, AGNES TRANSFERRED TO THE SISTERS OF LORETO CONVENT IN DARJEELING, INDIA. SHE TOOK HER VOWS AS A NUN IN 1931, AND THAT'S WHEN SHE CHOSE THE NAME TERESA - TO HONOR SAINTS THERESE OF LISIEUX AND TERESA OF AVILA. TERESA BEGAN TEACHING HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY IN CALCUTTA AT ST. MARY'S, A HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE WEALTHY. SHE REMAINED THERE FOR 15 YEARS AND ENJOYED THE WORK, BUT WAS DISTRESSED BY THE POVERTY SHE SAW ALL AROUND HER. IN 1946, TERESA TRAVELED TO DARJEELING FOR A RETREAT. IT WAS ON THAT JOURNEY THAT SHE REALIZED WHAT HER TRUE CALLING WAS: "I HEARD THE CALL TO GIVE UP ALL AND FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE SLUMS TO SERVE HIM AMONG THE POOREST OF THE POOR." IT TOOK TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION BEFORE SHE WAS ABLE TO BEGIN DOING THE WORK SHE FELT COMPELLED TO DO. SHE NEEDED TO RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THE SISTERS OF LORETO TO LEAVE THE ORDER - WHILE RETAINING HER VOWS - AS WELL AS PERMISSION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CALCUTTA TO LIVE AND WORK AMONG THE POOR. SHE ALSO PREPARED BY TAKING A NURSING COURSE. IN 1948, TERESA SET ASIDE HER NUN'S HABIT - ADOPTING INSTEAD THE SIMPLE SARI AND SANDALS WORN BY THE WOMEN SHE WOULD BE LIVING AMONG - AND MOVED TO A SMALL RENTED HOVEL IN THE SLUMS TO BEGIN HER WORK. TERESA'S FIRST YEAR IN THE SLUMS WAS PARTICULARLY HARD. SHE WAS USED TO A LIFE OF COMPARATIVE COMFORT, AND NOW SHE HAD NO INCOME AND NO WAY TO OBTAIN FOOD AND SUPPLIES OTHER THAN





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BEGGING. SHE WAS OFTEN TEMPTED TO RETURN TO CONVENT LIFE, AND HAD TO RELY ON HER DETERMINATION AND FAITH TO GET HERSELF THROUGH IT. ONE OF HER FIRST PROJECTS WAS TO TEACH THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR - DRAWING ON HER EXPERIENCE WITH TEACHING THE CHILDREN OF THE RICH. SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES THIS TIME, BUT SHE TAUGHT THEM TO READ AND WRITE BY WRITING IN THE DIRT WITH STICKS. IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING LITERACY, TERESA TAUGHT THE CHILDREN BASIC HYGIENE. SHE VISITED THEIR FAMILIES, INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR NEEDS AND HELPING PROVIDE FOR THEM WHEN SHE COULD. WORD BEGAN TO SPREAD ABOUT TERESA'S GOOD WORKS, AND SOON SHE HAD OTHER VOLUNTEERS WANTING TO HELP. BY 1950, SHE WAS ABLE TO START THE MISSION OF CHARITY - A CONGREGATION

DEDICATED TO CARING FOR "THE HUNGRY, THE NAKED, THE HOMELESS, THE CRIPPLED, THE BLIND, THE LEPERS, ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO FEEL UNWANTED, UNLOVED, UNCARED FOR THROUGHOUT SOCIETY, PEOPLE THAT HAVE BECOME A BURDEN TO THE SOCIETY AND ARE SHUNNED BY EVERYONE." SHE WENT ON TO OPEN A HOSPICE FOR THE POOR, A HOME FOR SUFFERERS OF LEPROSY, AND A HOME FOR ORPHANS AND HOMELESS YOUTHS. MOTHER TERESA WAS HONORED WITH MANY AWARDS THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, FROM THE INDIAN PADMA SHRI IN 1962 TO THE INAUGURAL POPE JOHN XXIII PEACE PRIZE IN 1971 TO ALBANIA'S GOLDEN HONOUR OF THE NATION IN 1994...AND, MOST FAMOUSLY, THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1979. SHE REFUSED THE TRADITIONAL NOBEL HONOR BANQUET, INSTEAD REQUESTING THAT THE \$192K FUNDS BE GIVEN TO HELP THE POOR OF INDIA. SHE CONTINUED HER WORK WITH THE POOR FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE, LEADING THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY UNTIL JUST MONTHS BEFORE HER DEATH ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1997. BY 1996, MOTHER TERESA WAS OPERATING 517 MISSIONS IN MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES. OVER THE YEARS, MOTHER TERESA'S MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY GREW FROM TWELVE TO THOUSANDS SERVING THE "POOREST OF THE POOR" IN 450 CENTRES AROUND THE WORLD. THE FIRST MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOME IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTH BRONX, NEW YORK; BY 1984 THE ORDER OPERATED 19 ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. MOTHER TERESA WAS FLUENT IN FIVE LANGUAGES: BENGALI, ALBANIAN, SERBO-CROATIAN, ENGLISH, AND HINDI.

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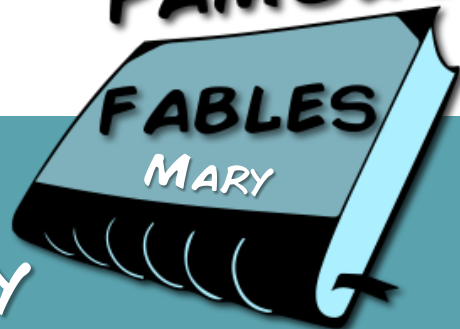




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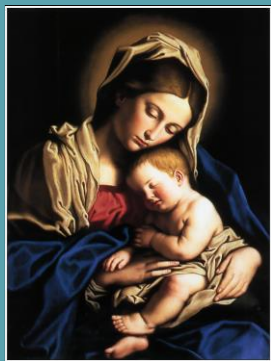
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## MARY



# FAMOUS FABLE #3: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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MARY WAS A YOUNG GIRL WHEN THE ANGEL APPEARED TO HER TO ASK HER TO BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS. WE KNOW THAT SHE WAS BETROTHED TO JOSEPH ALREADY AT THE TIME. SHE WAS A MODEL OF VIRTUE AND A GOOD DAUGHTER. SHE WAS A GOOD MOTHER TO JESUS AND WAS FAITHFUL. SHE WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO OTHERS - VISITING HER COUSIN ELIZABETH AND HELPING HER IN HER OLD AGE WHEN SHE WAS PREGNANT WITH JOHN THE BAPTIST. WHAT IF MARY HAD NOT GONE TO HELP ELIZABETH? SHE WENT WITH JOSEPH TO BETHLEHEM AND HAD JESUS IN A CAVE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN. WHAT IF MARY HAD REFUSED TO TRAVEL ON DONKEY FOR WEEKS WHEN SHE WAS 9 MONTHS PREGNANT? AFTER SHE HAD JESUS, SHE SAVED HIS LIFE WITH JOSEPH BY GOING TO EGYPT. WHAT IF SHE HAD SAID THAT SHE PREFERRED TO STAY IN HER HOMETOWN? THEN SHE PROTECTED AND CARED FOR JESUS FOR 30 YEARS. SHE WAS THERE DURING HIS PUBLIC LIFE AND HELPED HIM PERFORM HIS FIRST MIRACLE AT THE WEDDING AT CANA. WHAT IF SHE DECIDED NOT TO GO TO THAT WEDDING BECAUSE SHE WAS TIRED? MARY WAS THERE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS FOR JESUS WHEN HE WAS DYING. WHAT IF SHE WAS TOO SAD OR UPSET TO GO? MARY WAS THERE WHEN JESUS ROSE AND VISIT THE APOSTLES IN THE UPPER ROOM. WHAT IF MARY HAD LOST HOPE AND DECIDED NOT TO GO TO THE UPPER ROOM?

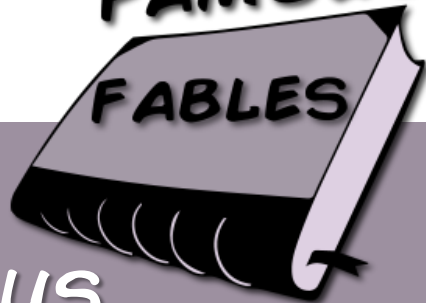


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## FAMOUS FABLE #4: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

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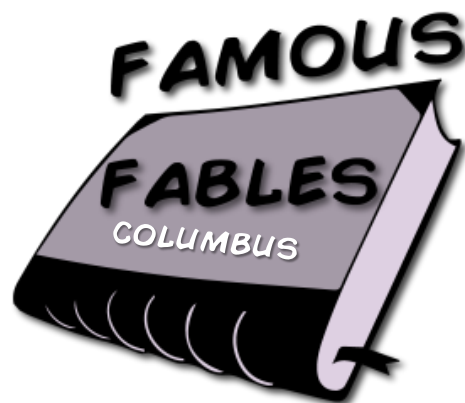


EUROPE WOULD BE REALLY CROWDED... CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WAS BORN IN 1451 IN THE REPUBLIC OF GENOA, ITALY. HE WAS THE SON OF A WEAVER. COLUMBUS FIRST WENT TO SEA AS A TEENAGER, PARTICIPATING IN SEVERAL TRADING VOYAGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND AEGEAN SEAS. ONE SUCH VOYAGE, TO THE ISLAND OF KHIOS, IN MODERN DAY GREECE, BROUGHT HIM THE CLOSEST HE WOULD COME TO ASIA. HIS FIRST VOYAGE INTO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN 1476 NEARLY COST HIM HIS LIFE AS THE COMMERCIAL FLEET HE WAS SAILING WITH WAS ATTACKED BY FRENCH PRIVATEERS OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL. HIS SHIP WAS BURNED AND COLUMBUS HAD TO SWIM TO THE PORTUGUESE SHORE AND MAKE HIS WAY TO LISBON, PORTUGAL, WHERE HE EVENTUALLY SETTLED AND MARRIED FELIPA PERESTRELLO. THE COUPLE HAD ONE SON, DIEGO IN ABOUT 1480. HIS WIFE DIED SOON AFTER AND COLUMBUS MOVED TO SPAIN. COLUMBUS PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL OTHER EXPEDITIONS TO AFRICA GAINING KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATLANTIC CURRENTS FLOWING EAST AND WEST FROM THE CANARY ISLANDS. MUSLIM DOMINATION OF THE TRADE ROUTES THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST MAKES TRAVEL TO INDIA AND CHINA DIFFICULT. BELIEVING A ROUTE SAILING WEST ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WOULD BE QUICKER AND SAFER, COLUMBUS DEVISED A PLAN TO SAIL WEST TO





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GET REACH THE EAST. HE ESTIMATED THE EARTH TO BE A SPHERE APPROXIMATELY 63% ITS ACTUAL SIZE AND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CANARY ISLANDS AND JAPAN TO BE ABOUT 2,300 MILES. MANY CONTEMPORARY NAUTICAL EXPERTS DISAGREED, ADHERING TO THE SECOND CENTURY BC ESTIMATE OF THE EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE AT 25,000 MILES. THIS MADE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CANARY ISLANDS AND JAPAN ABOUT 12,200 STATUTE MILES. WHILE EXPERTS DISAGREED WITH COLUMBUS ON MATTERS OF DISTANCE, THEY CONCURRED THAT A WESTWARD VOYAGE FROM EUROPE WOULD BE AN UNINTERRUPTED WATER ROUTE. REJECTED BY THE PORTUGUESE KING FOR A THREE-SHIP VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY, COLUMBUS TOOK HIS PLAN FIRST TO GENOA AND THEN TO VENICE BUT WAS REJECTED THERE TOO. HE THEN WENT TO THE SPANISH MONARCHY OF ISABELLA OF CASTILLE AND FERDINAND OF ARAGON, IN 1486. THEIR NAUTICAL EXPERTS TOO WERE SKEPTICAL AND INITIALLY, COLUMBUS WAS REJECTED. THE IDEA HOWEVER, MUST HAVE INTRIGUED THE MONARCHS, FOR THEY KEPT COLUMBUS ON A RETAINER. BUT THEIR FOCUS WAS ON A WAR WITH THE MUSLIMS AND COLUMBUS WOULD HAVE TO WAIT. COLUMBUS CONTINUED TO LOBBY THE ROYAL COURT AND SOON AFTER THE SPANISH ARMY CAPTURED THE LAST MUSLIM STRONGHOLD IN GRANADA IN JANUARY OF 1492, THE MONARCHS AGREED TO FINANCE HIS EXPEDITION. IN AUGUST OF 1492, COLUMBUS LEFT SPAIN IN THE SANTA MARIA, WITH THE PINTA AND THE NIÑA ALONG SIDE AND THEN DISCOVERED THE AMERICAS.

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