God, gold and glory? Why did the Europeans explore and colonize?

I. Better technology? Caravels and maps
   But: what about Ming China?

I. Motivations: Henry the Navigator
   A. the Crusading mentality (God and gold)
   B. profits of luxury trade with the “Spice Islands”
      [Magellan’s voyage, 1519-22]

I. Trading network: African coast, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia

IV. Spanish concentration on the New World
    conquests: Cortés- Aztec confederation by 1522
    Pizarro-Inca empire in 1531
    [slave trade-from the Mediterranean to the African coast]
    world trade network based on silver mines, slaves, cotton and spices
    sugar plantations

V. Christian mission of conversion in uneasy alliance with conquest
   ex: Christmas 1511 sermon of Montesinos in Hispaniola
   Bartolomeo de las Casas (1474-1566)
      “A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies”
   debate with Sepulveda (1550-51)
   a critic of colonialism?