Trade, Traditions and Transformations

The archaeology of contact in Islamic period Africa
Is Islamic Archaeology/the Archaeology of Islam different for Africa?

- “Islam in Africa is an African religion”
- Trade triumvirate: Gold, Slaves and Ivory
- Islamization/Conversion/Syncretism
The Major sites:

• Teghaouost
• Tadmekka
• Gao
• Jenne-jeno
• Koumbi Saleh
• Timbuktu
Mansa Musa (r. 1312-1337), Gold fields and The Kieta kingdom of Mali
Gao and the Songhai Empire

Figure 5.2. Settlement Structure at Gao
Merchant House of Gao
Timbuktu
Slave trade

Text on the laws of slavery

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