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demonstrates that an understanding of the changing definitions of "salt" is also crucial to a historical comprehension of the transition