

META (Monstrosity of Ethnographic and Theological Academia)

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Round 2

1. **This thinker called Joseph Smith an “authentic religious genius” in a book which says that Mormonism “broke through all the orthodoxies –Protestant, Catholic, Judaic” to return to the “ the Yahwist, the Bible’s first author.” That book by this author, which hypothesizes an official state religion by the year 2000, draws from Emerson’s transcendentalism and his own Gnosticism to discuss to the title philosophy being expressed in different individualist sects including Southern Baptists and Pentecostalism. Relying on translations made by David Rosenberg, this thinker argues that the (*) Pentateuch was a literary work written by a woman called J. He elaborated on his idea of the “dialectic of revisionism” in another work which discusses Isaac Luria’s interpretation of the title book of Jewish mysticism. *The American Religion* and *Kabbalah and Criticism* were written by, for 10 points, what Yale professor better known for *The Western Canon*?**

ANSWER: Harold Bloom <Religion> <NH>

2. **This leader criticized corruption within his own party in the “Dawn Broadcast.” This leader gained infamy for passing the Preventive Detention Act, which allowed anyone to be jailed for up to five years without trial. After he attained his highest post, Fort Christiansborg was transformed into this leader’s residence. This leader used the slogan “Seek ye first the political kingdom, and all else shall be added unto you...” to campaign for his new political party. (*) VALCO and its parent company Kaiser sponsored one of this leader’s projects. This leader negotiated with Charles Arden-Clarke to help his country gain independence in 1957. The National Liberation Council was established after Joseph Ankrah led a coup against this leader. This leader’s construction of the Akosombo Dam provided electricity to workers near Lake Volta. For 10 points, name this first prime minister of Ghana.**

ANSWER: Kwame Nkrumah <World History> <HP>

3. **Robert van Gulik discussed the Xuande Emperor’s painting of three of these animals in a book titled for a type of these animals “in China.” The Japanese artist Mori Sosen specialized in painting these animals. Wislawa Szymborska wrote a poem inspired by Pieter Brueghel’s painting of two of these animals chained in a window. A genre of art in which these animals perform human activities is called (*) *singerie*. An image of one of these animals holding its hands over its crotch is sometimes added to a sculptural motif of three of these animals. A court ruled that a photo of one of these animals was not the property of David Slater, since it is actually a selfie. Figures of three of these animals making hand gestures embody the adage “see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.” For 10 points, name these animals which may be depicted swinging from trees.**

ANSWER: monkeys [accept specific types of monkeys such as the Celebes gibbon or Japanese macaque] <World Art> <JF>

4. **This artist's painting of the obese dwarf Nana Morgante shows him holding an owl on his right hand. Nicodemus holds a blue vase in the background of this artist's deposition, which depicts five angels lifting up the cross at the top. The Strozzi coat of arms can be seen on a banner held by drowning Egyptians in the upper-right corner of a fresco by this artist for the private chapel of Eleonora of Toledo. Scholars believe that an old woman who grasps her hair at the far left of one of this artist's paintings was afflicted with (*) syphilis.** This artist depicted a Florentine leader "as Orpheus" and "clad in white armor" in two portraits of Cosimo de' Medici. Cosimo also commissioned a series of tapestries by this artist depicting Joseph's life for the Palazzo Vecchio. Theatre masks lie on the floor of this artist's most famous painting, which depicts a putto ready to throw flowers on the two central figures. For 10 points, name this Florentine Mannerist painter of *Venus, Cupid, Folly, and Time*.

ANSWER: Agnolo **Bronzino** [or Agnolo **di Cosimo**] <European Art> <HP>

5. *Description Acceptable.* **In one story, a man with this specific profession is plagued with indecision after jumping into a ditch before breaking into someone else's house and being held prisoner. After having spilt some wine, the servant of another person with this specific profession is berated for writing poetry to a woman before that servant eventually kills that person in this profession. In a third story, the narrator declares the "peasantry have no patriotic hatred", leading one woman to house four people with this profession, before burning the (*) house down in an effort to kill them.** The collection containing "The Odour of Chrysanthemums" is titled for a person with this profession. Mother Savage kills four men with this profession to avenge her son's death. Elisabeth Rousset is pressured to sleep with a man of this profession in the story "Ball of Fat". D.H. Lawrence and Guy de Maupassant depicted men with, for 10 points, what profession, members of whom who fought the French in a war ending with the Treaty of Frankfurt?

ANSWER: **Prussian officers** [accept other nouns like **captain** or **soldier**; prompt on anything which does not indicate to which army they belonged by asking about their affiliation] <Short Fiction> <NH>

6. **Xabier Arakistain curated the works the works of this group at the Alhondiga Museum. A 2016 exhibition at the Tate Modern projected Andy Warhol's works alongside the works of this group. One of this group's works declares "We sell white bread" in Futura Bold Extra Condensed. This group created a series of "report cards" rating the work of Tony Shafrazi and others in his profession. The Whitechapel Gallery distributed a survey to various museums in response to a statement made by this group in 1986 that "It's even worse in Europe." This group distributed letters to various art (*) collectors that were each topped with a frowning flower. In response to "An International Survey of Recent Painting and Sculpture" by The Met, this group published a poster that parodies *La Grande Odalisque* by covering the title subject's face with a gorilla mask.** For 10 points, name this group of anonymous female artists who fight sexism in the art world.

ANSWER: **Guerilla Girls** <Art Criticism/Theory/Misc.> <HP>

7. **The Old and New Books of Tang referred to the leaders of two sides in one of these campaigns as Mo-yi and Fu Lin. In one campaign of this type, a leader sent his son to lead a procession of the True Cross to raise morale. During that campaign, Gregory Pterotos defected to the winning side, causing the other side's leader to kill him. George Hamartolos recorded that one of these campaigns ended after one leader dipped a robe of the Virgin Mary into the sea, repelling enemy ships. The tomb of (*) Abu Ayyub al-Ansari, a leader who died in one of these campaigns, was found during a later one which saw the first use of the "Basilica" artillery. Thomas the Slav led one of these campaigns in 821, while Alexios IV was put on the throne as a result of another. Orban designed a cannon used in the final campaign of this type, partly helped by the Kerkoporta being left open. Mehmed II led the final iteration of, for 10 points, what type of campaign to attack the Byzantine capital?**

ANSWER: **sieges** of **Constantinople** [accept **sack** instead of siege if they buzz on any of the clues regarding the 1453 sack, including "Basilica" artillery, and the sentence beginning "Orban" and onward] <European History> <NH>

8. The first recorded use of the phrase “bated breath” is found in Act I of this play in an exchange featuring a discussion of how the Biblical Jacob’s sheep gave birth to spotted sheep. Two lovers in this play compare themselves to Dido and Aeneas and Pyramus and Thisbe before one of them condemns “The man that hath no music in himself” who he says is “Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils.” A speech in this play calls one concept “the mightiest in the mightiest” and notes how it “droppeth (*) as the gentle rain from heaven”. That speech outlines the “quality of mercy” during a scene in which one character disguises herself as the lawyer Balthasar. In this play, Salarino is asked “If you prick us, do we not bleed?” while discussing the fate of another character’s ships. In this play, the Prince of Morocco reads a scroll beginning how “All that glitters is not gold” after picking a golden casket in an effort to win Portia. For 10 points, name this Shakespeare play which derides usury in the form of the Jewish lender Shylock.

ANSWER: *The Merchant of Venice* <Long Fiction> <NH>

9. In the collection he appears in, this character reads a story before seemingly going insane and dismissing a man from his service, only for that man to realize the story was about his future adventures with Attaf. While suffering from insomnia, this character goes on his boat, only to hear a beautiful slave singing and be drawn to her house. In that story, this character listens to a story of a man who met his future wife at a brothel owned by her father. This character threatens to execute a servant if he can’t solve the murder of a woman found in a (*) chest in the story “The Three Apples”. This character, often called “Commander of the Faithful” and accompanied by Masrur, appears in a collection in which he drugs a merchant’s son and pretends to let him hold this character’s title, before that man, Abu al-Hasan-al-Khali’a, tricks him out of 1000 dinars. The collection *One Thousand and One Nights*, features, for 10 points, what real life Abbasid caliph?

ANSWER: Harun al-Rashid [accept either underlined part because we’re asking for a character] <Extra/Other Literature> <NH>

10. Ronald L. Enfield took hundreds of photographs of protests in this state. A manifesto first outlined in this state is separated into sections titled “What we want now!” and “What we believe.” In this state, Vietnam War protesters marched on Century Plaza to disrupt a Democratic Party fundraiser awarding Lyndon Johnson. The SLATE political party was founded in this state in 1958. Edwin Meese III ordered the state militia to attack residents in this state while they were protesting the government appropriation of (*) People’s Park. A speech given in this state asks its listeners to “put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels” and was given by Mario Savio. Paul Cohen was arrested in this state for wearing a t-shirt that read “**** [bleep] the draft” outside of a courthouse. For 10 points, name this state which was the center of the Free Speech Movement and New Left in its university at Berkeley.

ANSWER: California <American History> <HP>

11. The Princess Anne militia failed to ambush this man’s forces and were subsequently defeated at the Battle of Kemp’s Landing. This man and Andrew Lewis forced Chief Cornstalk to sign the Treaty of Camp Charlotte, which relinquished his tribe’s rights to hunting along the Ohio River. After this man ordered gunpowder to be transferred from Williamsburg to the *Magdalen*, he was forced to flee. A document written by this man was extended by Henry Clinton’s Philipsburg (*) Proclamation. This man created the “Ethiopian Regiment,” which suffered a disastrous defeat at the Battle of Great Bridge. Following his loss at that battle, this man fled and allowed Robert Howe to raze Norfolk. This former governor of Virginia names a conflict between colonists and Mingo Native Americans that was ended at the Battle of Point Pleasant. For 10 points, name this British lord whose namesake “proclamation” allowed for freedom for any slave who fought for the British during the Revolutionary War.

ANSWER: Lord John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore [accept either underlined portion] <American History> <HP>

12. Lord Palmerston said “[this surname], you are the man” after an ambassador to the Ottoman Empire with this surname negotiated Greece’s boundaries at the Poros Conference. John Forbes Watson and John William Kaye were commissioned by a politician with this surname to produce a 480 plate book titled *The People of India*. Another politician with this surname penned the lines “A steady patriot of the world alone / The friend of every country – but his own” while attacking the French Revolution in his magazine *Anti-Jacobin*. A politician with this surname gained his nickname for pursuing a reconciliatory approach following the (*) Sepoy Mutiny. A politician with this surname fought a duel against Viscount Castlereagh over the deployment of troops during the Napoleonic Wars. That politician with this surname was chosen over the Duke of Wellington to succeed Lord Liverpool as prime minister. For 10 points, name this surname which was shared by the Governor-General Clemency and the prime minister with the shortest tenure, George.

ANSWER: Canning [accept George, Charles, or Stratford Canning] <European History> <HP>

13. This story’s protagonist recounts running into her friend Jackson at a department store before facetiously comparing her daughter to Akim Tamiroff. In this story, the protagonist denies her maid Grace’s request to allow her husband to stay at her house shortly after a sarcastic phone call with her husband Lew. This story concludes with the protagonist asking her friend “I was a nice girl...wasn’t I?” after she forces her daughter to sleep in the middle of her bed. The story of a soldier being killed by an (*) exploding oven is referenced in this story before one character announces that her friend has been run over. In this story, Mary Jane talks to Ramona and her imaginary friend while visiting a friend from college. The suburban housewife Eloise begins to understand the seclusion of her daughter, who plays with her imaginary friend Jimmy Jimmereeno in, for 10 points, what second of the Nine Stories by J.D. Salinger?

ANSWER: “Uncle Wiggily in Connecticut” <Short Fiction> <NH>

14. In his 7th Satire, Juvenal stated that he saw “people flock to hear [this work’s author’s] pleasing voice” and “[this work]”. Near the end of its 2nd book, one character promises to build a golden temple where he will carve “ancestral wars and the awful visages of great-hearted kings” for Minerva after dedicating a victory to her following an ambush on a mountain. This book’s author is depicted as a convert to Christianity and a fan of Vergil in Dante’s *Inferno*, possibly explaining why this work was divided into 12 books like the *Aeneid*. This poem’s 1st book praises (*) Domitian, while in its 10th, Menoeceus kills himself by jumping off of a wall as part of one character’s demands to end a war. Earlier, that character and Manto converse with the spirit of Laius about the fate of the title city. Not to be confused with an earlier anonymously written poem is, for 10 points, what poem by Statius about the title city?

ANSWER: Thebaid [accept Thebais] <Mythography> <NH>

15. This author is said to have desired to be “Michelangesque” in a short commentary which elaborates on his “incomparable power” in his society while remaining flawed to the English. That commentary, which discusses Goethe’s opinion that all of his novels “had been dug out of a suffering woman’s heart”, is collected in William Ernest Henley’s work *Views and Reviews*. In the section entitled “The Reassembled Body” of a larger work, the title character of one of this author’s works is said to desire a “Fragmented (*) Woman” until the author unites the woman’s parts and “fetishism is abolished”. That book analyzing a story by this author draws on Ferdinand Saussure’s linguistics to details its author theory of five codes in a text. S/Z by Roland Barthes explores “Sarassine”, a story by, for 10 points, what French author of *The Human Comedy*?

ANSWER: Honore de Balzac <Literary Criticism/Theory> <NH>

16. In 2018, a team of Polish archaeologists identified a secretary bird in scenes of this place, building on earlier work by Rolf Herzog, who determined that this place was not reached by sea. The identification of the “shell” obtained from this place with the tortoiseshell described in the *Periplus of the Erythraean Sea* gives credence to the theory that this place was actually the city of (*) Opone. This place was sometimes referred to as the “Land of God,” Ta netjer. An expedition to this place led by the Chancellor Nehsi was recorded in inscriptions in the mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahri. The luxury resources like frankincense and myrrh in this “land of plenty” made it the destination of several Egyptian trading expeditions, including one sent by Hatshepsut. For 10 points, name this semi-legendary kingdom that is likely somewhere in East Africa.

ANSWER: Land of Punt [accept Ta netjer before mentioned] <World History> <JF>

17. A poem titled for a person with this profession features a discussion between “He” and “She” about a knight before “She” asks “May I not put myself to college?”. The collection containing that poem also contains “Solomon and the Witch” and “A Prayer for My Daughter” and is entitled *Michael Robartes and [a person with this profession]*. It’s not by Maeterlinck, but *The Dreaming of the Bones* and *The Only Jealousy of Elmer* are collected among other plays in *Four Plays for [people with this profession]* by the same author. Two people of this profession are depicted about to murder each other on an “ivory image” while the speaker repeatedly states “Love is like the lion’s tooth” (*) in a poem entitled “Crazy Jane Grown Old Looks at [people with this profession]”. After asking “Are you the leaf, the blossom or the bole?”, the speaker of another poem comments on people performing this profession before asking “How can we know [one of them] from [what they do]?”. W.B. Yeats wrote extensively about, for 10 points, what rhythmic activity?

ANSWER: dancers <Extra/Other Literature> <NH>

18. One character in this novel pretends to help his younger brother with homework on the rooftop in order to spy on his neighbor Maryam. A theology student accuses one character in this novel of being a spy for the English shortly after his brother is seen singing atop a chair while surrounded by soldiers. Mrs. Shawkat organizes a marriage between her son Khalil and another character, whose wedding is interrupted by the singer Jalila revealing her previous relationship with the bride’s father. The servant Umm (OOM) Hanafi makes a “potion” to fatten up the daughters of the family she works for in this novel, who are often harassed by Australian soldiers. A woman falling down the stairs and fracturing her collar (*) bone is an agreed upon cover story in this novel after a visit to the shrine of al-Husayn results in her being hit by an automobile. Khadijah often complains about her large nose in comparison with her beautiful sister Aisha, who both live in the oppressive house of al-Sayyid Ahmad Abd al-Jawad in, for 10 points, what first novel of the *Cairo Trilogy* by Naguib (NAH-JEEB) Mahfouz?

ANSWER: Palace Walk [accept Bayn al-qasrayn or Between the two Palaces] <Long Fiction> <NH>

19. This thinker refuted the ideas of destroying “violence by violence” and to “com[ing] to an agreement with the Government” in an essay which he concludes by elaborating his idea of the only permanent revolution being “a moral one: the regeneration of the inner man”. This philosopher asserted that people in political and religious authority lose sight of Christ’s teachings when they try to legitimize violence with the (*) Bible in a book which frequently references his essay collection “What I Believe” and draws heavily from Adin Ballou’s Catechism on Non-Resistance in its first chapter. He wrote a letter advocating for a non-violent solution for India to gain its independence, which inspired Gandhi to create a farm named for this man. For 10 points, what author of *The Kingdom of God is Within You* wrote extensively on anarchism but is better known for novels like *Hadji Murad* and *War and Peace*?

ANSWER: Count Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy <Political/Geography Thought> <NH>

20. Several correspondences between Lord Stamfordham and Arthur Balfour reveal the crown's reluctance to give asylum to a former ruler after the creation of this country. Beatrice and Sidney Webb refer to this country as a "new civilization" in their magnum opus. Richard Pipes referred to an event that led to the creation of this country as "an extremely chancy undertaking" rather than "inevitable." During an economic shift in this country, it distributed propaganda posters that read "Arithmetic of an alternative plan: two plus two equals (*) five." A leader of this country published a trio of memoirs, beginning with *The Minor Land*, that embellished a minor victory during World War II. In the book *Ten Days that Shook the World*, John Reed documented events that led to this country's creation. Anna Anderson claims to have escaped a tragedy in, for 10 points, what country where Lenin executed the Romanovs?

ANSWER: Soviet Union [accept USSR or CCCP] <Historiography> <HP>