

Hit or Myth

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1. In Kuba mythology, one of these creatures named Yo Bumba is one of the first 9 animals vomited up by the creation god Mbombo. A depiction of the orion constellation, called aak-ek, from the Madrid Codex shows one of this creatures below celestial spheres. In malaysian traditional medicine, folding a coconut leaf into the shape of this animal can ward off (*) ghosts. Ijapa is one of these creatures in a cycle of Yoruba tales, and Urashima Tarou is brought to an underwater palace by one of these creatures. Sciron killed his foes by pushing them off of a cliff to be devoured by--for 10 points--what animal, whose shell was used in China to develop the oracle bone script?

ANSWER: Tortoise (Turtle)

2. Examples of Christian influence on artwork from these people include a cruciform pendant on a set of rosary beads held in a depiction of a cultist and two crosses on the throne of a king in a picture of a precession. Although not Celts, these people interacted with mythical creatures called pookas which were accompanied by the appearance of (*) cursed gold. An image of an artificer at work lends support for these people's knowledge of glassblowing, while the twin dragon design on an amulet created by these people suggests interaction with the middle east and asia. Images of Horse Traders, Swamp Hags, Estates, Duchies, and Provinces can all be found in the mythical world of, for 10 points, what people or system in which the aforementioned people can be found?

ANSWER: The People from Dominion

3. One god of this realm originally came from a group with translates as "the pack." A description of one god of this domain tells of him "hit[ting] the earth like an asteroid" and calls that god a creation of several others, including (*) "Rakim and Lakim." Supposedly, a curse by a deity of this type was responsible for the Oklahoma City Thunder's loss to the Golden State Warriors in the Western Conference Finals of the 2016 NBA Playoffs. A Jamaican god of this practice was defeated by minions of Rob Stone while doing this action, gods of which include the creators of "Catch me outside," "Fuck KD," "1st Day Out Tha Feds," and "The Real Slim Shady." For 10 points, name this practice, gods of which include Gucci Mane, Lil B, Ski Mask, and Eminem.

ANSWER: Rap God (Trap God | Slump God | Based God)

4. In the religion of this ethnic group, moonless nights suggest that the moon god is having sexual relations with her husband, and the waxing and waning are her various degrees of embarrassment for everyone knowing she had been committing such an act. A god was transformed into a monstrous form in this mythology after eating a cursed dish made of brains of a black snake, a black squirrel and a wild turkey. Upon death in this religion, the dead cross a (*) log in this river and are blocked if they have ever killed a dog in their life. Those dead must avoid being eaten by an ethereal eagle and a celestial alligator. These people believe in a pervasive spiritual power known as "hiliswa," which pervades objects, animals, and people to different degrees. Land began as a single hill in the myth of these people, and the first people in this mythology were Lucky Hunter and Corn Woman. The solar deity Ibofanga was created by the Master of Breath in the mythology of--for 10 points--this tribe native to Oklahoma.

ANSWER: the religion/myth of the Muscogee Creek

5. The Xaxara, a broom used in Candomble rituals, is directed towards a god of this phenomenon. A Japanese yokai which can control this phenomenon can be warded off using red things as well as dogs, which bears similarity to a ritual of sleeping with red objects or under a red lamp in Europe. According to a Huron myth, an army of skunks gathered and all sprayed with their tails to end an instance of this phenomenon, which can be prevented by drinking five drops of skunk spray. James McDougall, a fur trader who called himself the "chief" of this phenomenon, carried a bottle of this (*) substance and threatened the Pawnee Indians that "All I have to do is pull the cork, send it forth among you, and you will all die." This substance may have been spread to native Americans via blankets, a legend that is questioned by some historians. For 10 points, name this disease personified by Sopona, Shakpana, and Housoushin.

ANSWER: Smallpox (prompt)

6. A Florence Earle Coates poem about this thinker describes him as gazing "far into futurity" and asks "what wonders to this titan are revealed?" An essay by C. R. Morey says that this thinker "is not destined to live as [a] masterpiece." This thinker may have been crippled by a faction of (*) Weather Underground during a 1970 incident, in which protesters tied dynamite to this thinker's leg and detonated it." Early depictions of this thinker pictured him with a hat. This thinker poses with his elbow on his knee and his hand at his chin in his most famous pose. For 10 points, name this thinker created by Rodin.

ANSWER: The Thinker (Penseur | The Poet)

7. Ethnic group or religion accepted. The "paidai" is a lineage of ancestors used as a tool by practitioners of this religion. Magical wooden plaques are used to guard sacred shrines in the religion of this ethnic group, and rituals in this religion often use a magic oxhorn. The priests of this religion succeeded officials called "masters who assist the (*) astral square," and the two first humans in this religion's myth system were decapitated before becoming gods. Gods in this religion are represented by painted masks in a type of Chinese opera named for this religious system. For 10 points, name this Chinese folk religion which began as a compilation of Exorcism methods.

ANSWER: Nuo folk religion (Tujia religion | Chinese Exorcist Religion)

8. Two Magic the Gathering cards referencing this event are enchantments that give +2/+2 and +3/+3 respectively, as well as horsemanship to target creature. MTG Spells referencing this event include Broken Dam and Control of the Court. A card referencing this event gives +2 life for each creature in play, and shows three men holding their hands in a praying position. Cards like "Riding the (*) Dilu Horse" and "Empty City Ruse" reference this work, which is also referenced in cards like "Riding Red Hare," "Borrowing 10,000 Arrows," "Shu Elite Infantry," and "Sun Quan, lord of Wu." For 10 points, name this event referenced by the cards "Peach Garden Oath" and "Cao Cao, Lord of Wei."

ANSWER: The Romance of the Three Kingdoms (antiprompt)

9. It is unclear whether a being taking the form of one of these creatures was an "umaiar" or whether that being was created during the Ainulindale. That creature was said to have died by

eating itself when it could not satisfy its eternal hunger. The two (*) trees Telperion and Laurelin were destroyed by one of these creatures. That creature, Ungoliant, was an ancestor of Shelob. Large demonic versions of these creatures live in the forest of Mirkwood, and proved a difficult foe for the company of Bilbo Baggins. For 10 points, name these creatures, which in other myth systems include Iktomi and Anansi.

ANSWER: Spiders

10. One member of the "Holiday Trinity" of figures in these religions is known as the "Chanukah Zombie." Members of one of these religions congregate on Christmas and Easter to worship an unexploded nuclear ordnance found in the sewers. Two religions of this type agree on the "excellent (*) programming" of a figure, but disagree on whether or not he was the messiah. The Kwanzaa-Bot hands out books titled "What the Hell is Kwanzaa" in one of these religions, while in another Robot Jesus can save sinning robots from Robot Hell, located in New Jersey. Bender attends the church of one of these religions, for 10 points, name these religions which include the religion of the swamp people and Robotology.

ANSWER: Religions from Futurama

11. In Nuu-chah-nulth mythology, a story about one of these creatures ends with an old person saying "Here comes Raven. He is going to bother [this creature]." In Ainu mythology, a spider god who assisted in childbirth was transformed into one of these creatures, and Ainu workers who went near the domain of these creatures would carry a scythe in case a giant red one of these creatures named *akkorokamui* attacked. The St. Augustine (*) Globster may have been one of these creatures, one of which was killed by Kupe the Navigator in Maori mythology. According to the Konungs skuggsjá, there are likely two of these creatures in the ocean, each with a mouth as large as a bight in a coastline, and Pierre Denis De Montfort published a list of ten British warships that were supposedly sunk by colossal versions of these creatures. For 10 points, name these creatures depicted molesting a woman in "The Dream of the Fisherman's Wife," a classic piece of ukiyo-e.

ANSWER: Octopus (p)

12. People that took 20 hours trying to remedy one of these occurrences supposedly "ran out of staples and had to use a gluestick" and after he experiences one of these occurrences, one character must listen to the squeaking of a rubber duck, have his brain touched, and have items like a brick and an anchor dropped onto his knee. Although it is never shown, another one of these incidents happened to Tom, who declares "Aww man, it itches!" about the solution, a device which parodies one sometimes used by those with polio. That device is so feared by one character who is declared to be a (*) "lucky, lucky, lucky, lucky, lucky, lucky boy" for surviving one of these accidents that he is driven to collect dust, becomes friends with a penny, a chip, and a used napkin, filter-feeds, and says that he will "never ever never never ever ever never" leave his house again. The aftermath of one of these accidents is written into another character's composition in the episode "Suction Cup Symphony," and this happens to another character after sandboarding in the episode "I Had an Accident." For ten points, name these accidents, one of which occurred when Patrick was thrown out of Squidward's window and landed on his gluteus maximus.

ANSWER: Characters (on *Spongebob*) **breaking** their **butts** (description acceptable; accept any answers involving the injury of someone's rear, prompt on answers involving "gluteus maximus" after it is read) <EH>

13. A Ziggurat built by this religious group contains the room of a thousand fountains, as well as archives which were sanctioned during the Council of First Knowledge. The Wellspring of Life is an example of a "vergency" in this mythology. Silka beads are worn by members of this religious order that cannot wear a typical (*) hairstyle. A mantra beginning "Emotion, yet peace/Ignorance, yet knowledge" is practiced by initiates into this religious order. The martial arts practiced by this religious group includes forms called "Makashi" and "Shii-Cho," and initiates to this religious order are called "padawans." Members of this religion are forbidden to love, have children, or have attachment to family. For 10 points, name this religious order from Star Wars.

ANSWER: Jedi

14. This ethnic group acts indebted to the dead in order to avoid "cien" or ghostly vengeance. Members of this ethnic group bless children by spitting on them, as giving compliments is often seen as a "jinx." Twins are seen as birds in these people's religion, and thus it is not necessary to give them a funeral when burying them. These people believe that the body disintegrates into flesh, breath, and intellect at death, and bodies should face (*) west upon burial. These people's cosmology includes a story in which the earth was connected to the heavens by a rope, which was cut either by a hyena or by an angry god. For 10 points, name any of a few ethnic groups which believe in the God Kuoth Nhial and were studied by E. E. Evans Pritchard.

ANSWER: Nuer (Dinka)

15. The tuko gecko may be the source of a sound often attributed to these creatures, which is loud when the creature is further away and quiet when it is closer. One of these creatures can be killed with a whip fashioned out of the tail of a stingray, while another of these creatures takes the shape of a beautiful (*) girl which marries into a family before preying on her husband. One of these creatures which can detach its torso is called the *manananggal*, and these creatures are grouped under the larger category of *Aswangs*. These creatures dislike garlic, salt, and sunlight--for 10 points--name these bloodsucking creatures native to a certain island nation.

ANSWER: Vampires from the Philippines

16. Miles Quaritch provided information regarding this ethnic group, which believes that ancestors can be communicated with at the Tree of Voices. The Diarchal rule of this ethnic group has only been brought together under one leader on 6 different occasions. That ruler is chosen for his ability to tame a certain animal and is known as (*) "toruk makto." The Tree of Souls grants direct access to this ethnic group's goddess, and that connection can be made using a connecting hair braid known as a tswin. That connection, tsahelu, is how members of this ethnic group communicate with Eywa. That connection can also be used to control direhorses and the great leonopteryx. For 10 points, name this ethnic group that lives on Pandora in a James Cameron movie.

ANSWER: Na'vi

17. One figure from the mythology of this ethnic group leaves sparks as it flies and makes the footprints of a horse. The word for dragon in the language of this ethnic group refers actually to a humanoid enemy, typically with multiple heads, wings, and which breath fire. A creature from this group's mythology, the "miracle (*) chicken," can be grown by incubating the egg of a black hen under one's arm. The origin story of this ethnic group tells of two brothers who followed a magical deer, which led them to two young women that they married. Those two men were Hunor and Magor. The mother of an early mythological leader of this ethnic group may have been impregnated by the Turul bird. Hunor went on to found the Huns and Magor founded, for 10 points, what ethnic group whose nation is Hungary.

ANSWER: Magyar ("Hungarian" b4)

18. When one asks this man how he can have both wealth and religion, this man responded "A wife is man's conscience, his children perpetuate his memory, wealth enables him to live, arms are needed to extirpate the tyrants." Historical records suggest that this person's visitation by Noor Jahan did not occur. A disciple of this person disguised himself as a grass cutter in order to steal a (*) horse from a fortress, and then repeated his trick for a second horse. When he was young, this figure was almost killed when his uncle unleashed a poisonous snake on him, and this figure wore two swords, named "miri" and "piri." This guru fought in the battle of Amritsar of 1634, and was the first to militarize the sikhs--for 10 points--name this son of Guru Arjan and 6th Sikh guru.

ANSWER: Guru Hargobind

19. An electronic artist behind the songs "Back From Mystery City" and "Permanent Midnight" has this name. In a place with this name, women cut their fingers with knives and then sign their names in a book using their own blood. In Joseph Glanville's "Saducismus Triumphatus," witches dancing at crossroads will be taken to a place with this name to meet with the devil. A character given this name's first two victims are a gay couple who buy his (*) coffin for interior decoration, and that character is turned into a vampire after trying to recruit the similarly named Dracula to help abolish the slave trade. For 10 points, name this name of a swedish meeting place for witches and the devil, as well as a 1972 blacksploitation horror film.

ANSWER: Blacula (Blockula | Blaakula)

20. A leader of a religious group named for this deity is the author of a children's book titled "The Dogs and the Birds in My life" and used the pseudonym "Celestia De Lamour" when building an artificial island and a 330 foot long illegal boardwalk in Biscayne National Park. A daughter of this deity temporarily aborted her child in order to perform a rain dance, only for a snake to eat the fetus. In one story, a parrot owned by this deity is stolen and upon escaping is dismayed to find that this deity has died, pledging to become a (*) disciple of this deity. In Japan, Syncretic statues of this being with Mary were used to avoid Christian persecution, and were called "Maria Kannon." This being was granted many arms to help free all sentient beings from samsara--for 10 points--name this Chinese version of the bodhisattva Avalokitesvara.

ANSWER: Guan Yin (prompt)