

TELEOLOGY: PACKET 1

Questions by Taylor Harvey

1. A controversial essay collection edited by Jonathan Dollimore applied cultural material readings to the life of this person. This person was called “a prophet of modern advertising” in a Rene Girard book that argues for their greatness by noting the prevalence of “mimetic desire” in their life’s work. A direct descendant of this person who shares their surname is a sociologist of disability who wrote *Disability Rights and Wrongs*. This person’s political views were discussed in a Harry Jaffa and Allan Bloom book which asserts that a (*) test imagined by this person was meant to demonstrate “the limits of politics.” In a Laura Bohannon essay often assigned in intro anthropology classes, the author struggles to explain one of this person’s works to a group of Tiv people in Nigeria; that essay is titled “[This author] in the Bush.” This person’s political philosophy was examined in the book *Tyrant* by an author who also wrote about Lucretius in *The Swerve*. For 10 points, name this author who is the subject of Stephen Greenblatt’s book *Will in the World* and whose thought is sometimes analyzed in the Arden editions of his plays.

ANSWER: William **Shakespeare** [accept The **Bard** of Stratford-upon-Avon]

<Thought>

2. A woman in this series dreams that her disengaged surgeon just wants to go home to play PS3 the night before her surgery, a dream she has while staying in a hospital also housing a teenager who destroyed his girlfriend’s face in a biking accident. A homeless cult member from this series explains his interpretation of superstring theory to a boy who has visions of being visited by a poop-headed god in a flying saucer. A painting of the Milky Way a character from this series sees on a disappointing date reminds him of a night in elementary school when he explored a miso factory with five of his classmates. In this series’s first volume, the title character is too anxious to tell his class about his dream of being a space scientist despite the urging of his crush (*) Aiko. The title character of this manga lives with his freeter, sexually-deviant uncle Yūichi after his father goes to jail for possibly assaulting his mother. For 10 points, name this depressing slice-of-life *seinen* manga series by Inio Asano which depicts the Onodera family as crudely drawn birds in an otherwise human world.

ANSWER: ***Goodnight Punpun*** [or ***Oyasumi Punpun***]

<Literature>

3. A short game set entirely in one of these places opens with a cassette recording beginning “in the psychology of the modern civilized human being, it is difficult to overstate the significance of *one of these places*.” That game is Kitty Horrorshow’s *Anatomy*, whose antagonist is a sentient one of these places. An Atari 2600 game visually similar to *Adventure* features a controllable pair of disembodied eyes searching for the remains of Zachary in one of these places. In a large building *named for one of these places*, a guard tasked with constantly staring at a mysterious (*) refrigerator dies when he is unable to stay awake for 24 hours. Jessie Faden explores a surreal federal building called “the oldest” one of these places in the 2019 Remedy game *Control*. Large examples of this type of place provide the setting to both the first *Alone in the Dark* and *Resident Evil* games. For 10 points, name this sort of place where many horror games take place, settings sometimes compared to an amusement park “haunted” examples.

ANSWER: **house** [accept **home** or **estate**; accept **mansion**; accept *Haunted House*; accept The Oldest **House**]

<Video Games>

Note to players: The answer to this question is not the name of a city or town.

4. An animal whose name puns on the name of Rosie the Riveter set a world record at an annual “jubilee” named for and held in this place, which was won seven times by a different animal named Bill Proctor. Expansion of its opening has dampened the human voice-like sound that comes from this place’s Moaning Cave. The uncommon mineral gold telluride is alternatively named for this place, where it was first discovered. At the end of a work titled for this place, a (*) yarn teller offers to tell the narrator about a three-legged yellow cow with a stumpy limb that resembles a banana. Gabriel Moraga gave this place its name after discovering human remains along the banks of the Stanislaus River. In a story partially titled for this place, a man wins a 40 dollar bet by pouring some lead shot down an animal’s throat. This county is the home of Big Trees State Park and contains the cities of San Andreas and Angels Camp. For 10 points, name this north-central California county, the setting of a Mark Twain story about its “Celebrated Jumping Frog.”

ANSWER: Calaveras County, California [accept The Calaveras County Frog Jumping Jubilee]

<Other>

5. This artist added minor-key guitar chords to the vocals of a novelty prison song by The Convicts for the song “Inside Looking Out.” This artist gained his stage name when his cousin, the MC Shorty Mac, made an observation about his habit of destroying records he didn’t like. This artist’s series of over 300 *Diary of the Originator* mixtapes are all titled for number chapters, though they are not released chronologically. This artist released red and blue versions of his two-part album (*) 3 ‘n the Mornin’, which contained reworkings of songs by Dr. Dre and Ice Cube. This producer remixed UGK several times on his most successful release *Bigtyme Vol. II*. A “click” led by this producer also featured Big Mello, Lil Keke, and briefly, Big Floyd, the rap persona of George Floyd. This producer, who died in 2000 of a codeine overdose, popularized a style in which tracks were slowed to 60 to 70 BPM and peppered with scratches, time-stops, and skipped beats. For 10 points, name this influential Houston hip-hop producer who lends his name to a style of trippy remix in the track is “chopped and [a term based on his name].”

ANSWER: DJ Screw [accept Robert Earl Davis Jr.; accept chopped n’ skrewed]

<Pop Music>

6. This non-Michigan place houses the Park West Fine Art Museum, which featured many paintings by Mark Kostabi. Penny Pibbets and a host called The Gazillionaire appear in a Dada-inspired stage show hosted in a tent near this place; that stage show is *Absinthe*. The front facade of this place is called “San Pietro-Bernini in plan but Yamasaki in vocabulary and scale” in a 1972 book. At the lavish 1966 opening of this place, (*) waitresses in wigs allegedly approached guests and said “Welcome to [this place]. I am your slave.” This place is described as “As big as 20 Wal-Marts end to end” with “carpeting you can pass out on without contusion” in David Foster Wallace’s essay “Big Red Son,” which documents the 1998 Adult Video News Award. Evel Knievel was in a coma for 29 days after failing to jump the fountain in front of this place in 1969. This place contains the highest-grossing mall in the US called The Forum Shops and a performance venue long used by an in-residence Celion Dion called The Colosseum. 10 points, name this massive Las Vegas Strip hotel and casino with a Roman Empire theme.

ANSWER: Caesars Palace [prompt on the Las Vegas Strip; prompt on The Forum Shops until mentioned]

<Other Pop Culture>

Note to players: description acceptable.

7. A reading enthusiast in this location brags that his son is reading “the complete works of John Galsworthy for the second time this autumn. In English.” A man likens the tremors of this place to a Parkinson’s patient before recalling incidents from his family life and quotes from Schopenhauer while trying to fall asleep. An illustrator of guns in this place relates the story of the torture and murder of her art therapist daughter at the hands of her former client. A woman procures the experimental anti-anxiety medication Aslan to enjoy her time in this place, where she enjoys drinking Lingonberry Lapp Frappes. This place contains Scandinavian-themed locations like the Knut Hamsun Reading Room and the Ingmar Bergman Cinema and is itself named after economist (*) Gunnar Myrdal. A materials engineer has a delirious conversation with an irreverent talking turd before falling off the side of this vehicle in a novel that also features his children Chip, Denise, and Gary. For 10 points, describe the vehicle central to the vacation of Alfred and Enid Lambert in a 2001 novel by Jonathan Franzen.

ANSWER: the cruise ship from *The Corrections* [accept the Gunnar Myrdal before mentioned; accept oceanliner in place of ship; prompt on cruise ship by asking “From what book?”]
<Literature>

8. In her Sixth Supplementary Step, Angela of Foligno states that she would prefer being burned alive instead of experiencing this “most horrible phenomenon” caused by demons. According to Eugene Thacker’s *Starry Speculative Corpse*, George Bataille related a theological version of this concept to the “excess of the world.” A famous passage in the writing of Meister Eckert states that “The final end of being is [this quality] of the hidden Godhead.” Dionysius the Areopagite’s *Mystical Theology* repeatedly describes this phenomenon as “brilliant” and states that its (*) “divine” form arises from the negation of affirmations. The Middle English text *The Cloud of Unknowing* emphasizes this quality of the cloud nearly every time it is mentioned. A mystical poem-vision by St. John of the Cross ascribes this quality to the “Night of the Soul.” For 10 points, name this concept that mystics like Meister Eckert compare the Godhead to, in contrast to the more usual description of the divine as illuminating.

ANSWER: darkness [accept ténèbres or tenebris; accept obscurity]
<Belief>

9. A garment created by this designer featured the phrase “Any Way Good Way” printed on a leotard that combined a soccer jersey with an exposed jockstrap. One of this designer’s collections named for a Jean-Antoine Watteau painting featured a model wearing thick white tights overlain with a metallic fig leaf in front of the genitals. A t-shirt print by this artist features an image of a pair of blue-tinted, bare women’s breasts in a box over the wearer’s chest. This artist’s tall, brown hat from their *Buffalo Girls: Nostalgia for the Mud* collection was re-popularized when (*) Pharrell wore it at the 2014 Grammys. This designer’s 1981 *Pirate* collection inspired the looks of New Romantic bands like Adam and the Ants. This designer opened the London boutique *SEX* with her longtime partner Marshall McLaren, where she popularized outfits making liberal uses of denim, patches, and chains. For 10 points, name this British fashion designer considered the mother of punk style.

ANSWER: Vivienne Westwood
<Visual Art>

10. In a film titled for this concept, a little girl named after this concept questions her father about a videotape she saw him remove from the innards of a wild hog and watches a cooking show starring an itchy man in a rat costume. The name for this concept is the last word in the title of a film in which the narrator's cruel father who models himself on Stalin fails to assassinate the dictator Carlos Ibáñez after becoming his horse trainer. In that film partially named for this concept, the protagonist's buxom Ukrainian-Jewish opera singer mother delivers all of her dialogue in song. This concept titles a (*) Quentin Dupieux film in which a producer demands a director produce an Oscar-worthy scream of pain as the only condition for backing his sci-fi film. The film *Endless Poetry* is a sequel to a 2013 surrealist autobiographical film focusing on Alexander Jododowsky's childhood in Chile; that film is called *The Dance of [this concept]*. For 10 points, name this concept that also names a genre of supposedly unscripted television exemplified by shows like *Too Hot to Handle* and *Big Brother*.

ANSWER: **reality** [accept **reality** television or TV; accept *The Dance of Reality*]
<Film>

11. A character with this name recommends dancing for money and following people while asking “free stuff plox” in the first Runescape Machinima video by Tehnoobshow, who was once the 89th most subscribed YouTuber. A character with this name with the initial phrase “pthhhpth” has a house decorated with a Nintendo 64 furniture logo and a rainbow jigsaw full Kiddie Set. An *Earthbound*-inspired game partially titled for this name is most famous for its 18-year development, bizarre Kickstarter campaign, and its developer's 100-day lock-in protest in response to Nintendo not sending him a (*) DS development kit. A SNES and Genesis 2D shooter-platformer focuses on a robot with this name who crashes his dad's space car on an asteroid while traveling to pick up his date. A lazy purple cat with this name was the first villager designed in the *Animal Crossing* series. A switch stance skater with this first name appears as the second character on the skater select screen in *Tony Hawk Pro Skater* 1, 2, and 4 and has the one-footed smith grind as his signature move. For 10 points, give this short first name of the real-life Brazilian skateboarder with the surname Burnquist.

ANSWER: **Bob** [accept **Bob** the Cat; accept **Bob's Game**; accept **Bob** Burnquist; accept **B.O.B.**]
<Video Games>

12. The Waterloo Scale was developed to assess people who frequently have this experience. David Hufford used folkloric explanations for this experience as the main example of his Experiential Source Hypothesis for supernatural events. People who frequently have this experience are the subject of a 2015 documentary by *Room 237* director Rodney Asher, which includes a scene in which a man describes feeling intense pain in his crotch after having a vision of a metal claw. (*) Hallucinations that frequently accompany this experience are divided into vestibular-motor, chest pressure, and intruder categories. People having this experience often describe seeing a hat-wearing man commanding other moving three-dimensional “shadow men.” The Night Hag is a folklore creature associated with this experience in many cultures, which is probably what inspired the most famous painting by Henry Fuseli. For 10 points, name this distressingly common phenomenon in which people are unable to move after awakening from a dream.

ANSWER: **sleep paralysis** [accept **aponia**; prompt on **dreaming**; prompt on **hallucinations**; prompt on seeing an **incubus** or **succubus**; prompt on having a **nightmare**; prompt on **parasomnia**; prompt on having a **sleep** disorder]
<Other>

13. At the beginning of one film, the narrator recalls jumping in a lake with her sister and hearing the “croak croak” frogs over footage of this event. That footage of this event shot with a wrist-mounted camera makes up Amel Alzakout’s film *Purple Sea*. A film set during this event begins with a boy climbing a tree to find the proper branch with which to make a slingshot before carving smiley faces into the leaves of cacti. Only iPhone footage was used in a different film about this event called *Midnight (*) Traveler*. A film set during this event contrasts slow, non-sequitur sequences of a radio DJ and an old woman cooking with disturbing scenes featuring men in gold ponchos. Footage from 23 different countries was used in a 2017 documentary about this event directed by Ai Wei Wei. Residents of Lampedusa go about their normal lives seemingly ignoring this event in the 2016 film *Fire at Sea*. For 10 points, name this ongoing event during which the Nabi family filmed their journey from Aleppo to Germany.

ANSWER: European **refugee** crisis [accept European **migrant** crisis; accept the **Syrian** Civil War]
<Film>

14. This man once shot at an artist painting a portrait he commissioned of Thomas Jefferson after the painter correctly labeled Jefferson as the author of the Declaration instead of the Constitution since this man insisted on the converse. After faking his death, this man began caning his wife Elizabeth Frothingham in front of the assembled crowd at his mock wake after he determined she wasn’t mourning for him hard enough. Strange ventures made by this man include his literal herding of stray cats to a ship destined for the Indies and his hoarding of whalebone on a whim. The second edition of this man’s anti-clergy polemic *A (*) Pickle for the Knowing Ones* includes a page full of punctuation marks that he encourages to “peper and solt it as they plese,” since it eschews all punctuation, capitalization, and spelling conventions. This man supposedly made bank after selling bed warmers in the tropical Caribbean climate as molasses tools and serendipitously broke a coal miners’ strike in Newcastle after someone jokingly told him to ship coal there. For 10 points, name this eccentric Revolution-era Newburyport-based millionaire who perhaps legendarily made his fortune from a series of lucky but hair-brained business deals.

ANSWER: Timothy **Dexter** [accept Lord Timothy **Dexter**]
<Other>

15. The 1963 one-hit-wonder group The Rocky Fellers, known for their song “Killer Joe,” was made up of four brothers born in this country. A street style of EDM that developed in this country that combines high pitched whistle hooks and repetitive bass with indigenous badjao percussion is called Budots (‘BOO-dots’). This non-Western country is the birthplace of electronic musician PK Shellboy, who formed the pioneering HexD group Fax Gang with bandmates he met on a Discord server. Brownman Revival and Tropical Depression are bands that play this non-Caribbean country’s unique style of reggae music, while Rivermaya and (*) Eraserheads are among this country’s many popular alternative rock groups. Like nearby countries, this country saw an explosion of idol groups like SB19 in the 2010s, a style that grew out of a popular music style usually abbreviated OPM. Freddie Aguilar’s folk song “Bayan Ko” became a protest anthem during a 1986 revolution in this country. For 10 points, name this Asian country where pop songs are often performed in Cebuano, Spanish, and Tagalog.

ANSWER: **Philippines**
<Pop Music>

16. This phrase begins the title of a Penguin Short collection of fast food restaurant reviews written by Will Self, in which it proceeds “A Prawn Cracker.” An amnesiac barrel-organist and an ex-astronaut monkey appear in a novel that begins with this phrase, the third of absurdist Welsh noir author Malcolm Pryce’s *Aberystwyth* series. The precocious wannabe cub scout Bertie and the gold-toothed dog Cyril appear in a novel that attributes this quality to scones, the fifth of Alexander McCall Smith’s *44 Scotland Street* novels. In another novel, a woman wonders if her “longing to betray” is equivalent to this feeling after relocating from (*) Geneva to Paris. A novel titled for this phrase opens by discussing whether events like a 14th-century war between two African kingdoms or the French Revolution are destined to repeat themselves according to Nietzsche’s principle of eternal return. In that novel titled for this phrase, the death of the dog Karenin unites Tomas and Sabina. For 10 points, identify this phrase that titles a Milan Kundera novel that contrasts it with heaviness.

ANSWER: The Unbearable Lightness of Being [accept *The Unbearable Lightness of Being A Prawn Cracker*; accept *The Unbearable Lightness of Scones*; accept *The Unbearable Lightness of Being in Aberystwyth*]
<Literature>

17. A paper by Peter Adamson argues that Al-Farabi’s two conceptions of what the word “indefinitely” means muddled his commentary on a problem mentioning one of these events. Ammonius’s “Reaper” argument was written in response to a philosophical example mentioning one of these events. Diodorus Cronus’s Master Argument was formulated in response to an earlier thinker’s example mentioning one of these events; Cronus’s treatment asserts that one of these events is either impossible or necessary. Richard Taylor’s essay (*) “Fatalism” opens with a discussion of an earlier philosopher’s treatment of one of these events by considering the validity of bivalence. A section in chapter 9 of Aristotle’s *On Interpretation* discusses the thorniness of the problem of future contingency by introducing two men who predict whether or not one of these events will occur the next day. For 10 points, name this sort of clash which Aristotle may have thought of because of real examples that happened at Aegospotami and Salamis.

ANSWER: sea-battle [accept a naval battle; prompt on battle]
<Thought>

18. An essay by this critic juxtaposes a description of the audio recording of Christian Marclay’s piece *Guitar Drag* with plot elements from Colson Whitehead’s *John Henry Days* to argue that every lynching of a Black American is an “unsinging” of John Henry’s ballad. The first section of a book by this critic connects the vulgarity of obscure country-blues singer Harmonica Frank to the rhetoric of LBJ, and relates the songwriting of Robert Johnson to the failed social project of New England Puritans. This critic drew a throughline from Dada to the Situationist International to post-punk music in his book *Lipstick Traces*. A book by this critic that touts the importance of Bob Dylan’s *Basement Tapes* coined a term for the often eerie country and blues music featured on the *Anthology of American Folk Music*; that term is (*) “Old Weird America.” This critic’s most famous book examines artists like Sly Stone, Randy Newman, and Elvis through the lens of mythic American archetypes. For 10 points, name this music critic known for taking a literary and historical approach in books like *Invisible Republic* and *Mystery Train*.

ANSWER: Greil Marcus (The essay in the leadin is the ninth from *History of Rock ‘n’ Roll in Ten Songs*)
<Pop Music>

19. In a film by a director with this surname, a woman escapes a kidnapper by running into a mall, where she encounters her former-salaryman husband working as a janitor, prompting her to willingly return to the car of the kidnapper. A film by a director with this surname opens with a woman reading aloud from a book about Bluebeard in a mental hospital before an abrupt cut to a man bludgeoning a woman in bed with a pipe. A recursive image of two computer monitors appears in a film by a director with this surname focusing on a group of college students investigating a webcam suicide linked to a website promising to allow users to meet a ghost. A director with this surname made (*) *Tokyo Sonata* and another film in which a detective struggles against a Mesmerist who uses a lighter to hypnotize people into carving X’s into other people’s chests. In a film

made by another director with this surname, an elderly man dying of cancer sings a song to himself while sitting on a swing set during a snowfall. For 10 points, give the common surname of the J-Horror director of the films *Pulse* and *Cure*, Kiyoshi, and the director of *Ikuru*, Akira.

ANSWER: **Kurosawa** [accept Kiyoshi **Kurosawa** or Akira **Kurosawa**]

<Film>

20. This label released *Saudades*, the breakthrough record by Brazilian berimbau player Naná Vasconcelos. A 1994 album released by this record label features Norwegian saxophonist Jan Garbarek soloing over Gregorian Chants performed by the Hillard Ensemble. This record label's "New Series" featured the original recordings of John Adams's *Harmonium*, Steve Reich's *Music for 18 Musicians*, and Arvo Part's *Tabula Rasa*. This label released Keith Jarrett's live album *The Köln Concert*, the best-selling solo piano record of all time. Reactions against free jazz resulted in a (*) "style" of jazz named for this label, associated with the ethereal and restrained soundscapes facilitated by long-time producer Manfred Eicher. For 10 points, name this German record label known for pristinely produced jazz records with a three-letter name.

ANSWER: **ECM** [accept **Edition of Contemporary Music**]

<Art Music>

21. Matthew Block's website on this text's sources identifies over 150 books it plagiarized, including E. Washburn Hopkin's *Origin and Evolution of Religion*. This book introduced a divine spark-like concept called the Thought Adjuster, which is compared to the Egyptian *ka* and the Hindu *atman*. This book's fourth and last part details Jesus's "silent years" claiming that he wandered the Roman Empire along with two Indian companions. The complex cosmology presented in this text states that God dwells in the Isle of Paradise, which is surrounded by a region of one billion perfect worlds called Havona, which itself is orbited by seven super universes, one of which contains the Earth. According to this book, humans are descended from a common lemur ancestor, with the first humans being twins named Andon and Fonta, born "993,419 years prior to 1934." This text's eponymous (*) foundation claims that aliens transmitted it to a person known as The Sleeping Subject, a patient of Dr. William Sadler, who may have actually written it. For 10 points, name this 2000-page book of anonymous authorship, an esoteric spiritual text written in Chicago sometime in the early 20th century.

ANSWER: *The Urantia Book*

<Other>

22. Carolina Eyck played this instrument in the premiere of Kalevi Aho's "Eight Seasons" concerto for it. Clara Rockmore was an early virtuoso of this instrument, one of which is used to depict a snowstorm in Shostakovich's score for *Odna*. Most recordings of Percy Grainger's glissando-heavy *Free Music* pieces feature four of these instruments in place of a string quartet. Bohuslav Martinů's *Fantasia* for this instrument also features oboe, piano, and a string quartet. This instrument's (*) inventor also designed The Thing, a covert listening device that was used unnoticed for years in the Spaso House. This is the most uncommon instrument featured in Miklós Rózsa's scores for the films *The Lost Weekend* and *Spellbound*. Players of this instrument can manipulate pitch with the right hand while adjusting volume with the left by adjusting oscillations of its two-loop antenna. The Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations" features a part for, for 10 points, what early electronic instrument name for its Russian inventor?

ANSWER: **Theremin** [accept **etherphone** or **etherphone**, accept **thereminophone**; accept **termenvox** or **thereminvox**]

<Art Music>

23. In a poem titled for this concept, a man “Longs to be an orange / to feel fingernails run a seam through him”; that poem is part of a series of seven poems by Yusef Komunyakha. Hume’s view of this concept as a “joy of the mind” is cited in a book detailing the historical-philosophical treatment of it written by Simon Blackburn for a series published by the New York Public Library. This is the first title concept in a book in which Chia-chih warns the Hong Kong businessman Mr. Yee of his impending assassination as he buys her a diamond ring. The opening of Shakespeare’s sonnet (*) 129 states that “The expense of spirit in a waste of shame” is *this concept* “in action.” This concept and “caution” title a novella by Eileen Chang. An infamous series of engraving by Marcantonio Raimondi known as *I Modi* or *The Ways* was accompanied by a series of sixteen sonnets named for this concept by Pietro Aretino. In the Inferno, those punished for this sin are eternally swept around in a whirlwind. For 10 points, name this Deadly Sin that resulted in the punishment of Paolo and Francesca.

ANSWER: **lust** [accept **Lust**, *Caution*]

<Literature>

24. A cowboy and saloon girl dance a duet to a Hershy Kay-arranged version of a song named for one of these things in the Adagio second movement of George Balanchine’s *Western Symphony*. Three examples of these things provide the three-act structures of the dance piece *Blood Memories*. Balthasar de Beaujoyeulx choreographed a 1581 spectacle named for one of these things that Jennifer Homans’ *Apollo’s Angels* calls the first-ever ballet. A 1970 ballet named for one of these features includes the solo “Vortex” and was set to Duke Ellington music by (*) Alvin Ailey. The Accused and the Pastor dance a *pas de deux* in a ballet titled for a town named for one of these things that opens with a guilty verdict being read; that ballet is sometimes considered the magnum opus of Agnes de Mille. One of these features partially names a Bill Whelan-composed production that features jigs and reels originally performed by Jean Butler and Michael Flatley. For 10 points, name this type of natural feature that proceeds “dance” in the name of a hugely popular touring Irish dance show.

ANSWER: **rivers** [accept **Riverdance**; accept “Red **River** Valley”; accept *Fall **River** Legend*; prompt on **valley** by asking “What other feature is mentioned in the title of the song?”]

<Fine Arts>