

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Philip Huang (4), _____95

1. Born in London, he went to Cambridge where he met E.M Forster, John Maynard Keynes, Leonard Woolf and Clive Bell. These friendships continued throughout his life and into the Bloomsbury Group, of which he played a notable part. He published two books of poetry by the time he was 25 and won the Chancellor's Medal, but then abandoned the art. He was a conscientious objector during WWI, after which he published "Eminent Victorians", which consisted of four essays in iconoclasm. Later works included "Books and Characters, English and French, and "The Son of Heaven", a play about the end of the Machu Dynasty. FTP, name this versatile literary figure, whose life is portrayed by Jonathon Pryce in the movie "Carrington."

\Lytton STRACHEY\

2. According to legend, before he arrived men lived like wild beasts, "with neither order nor religion, neither villages nor homes, neither fields nor clothing". The sun god took pity on humanity and sent his son and his daughter Mama Oello Huaco to earth near Lake Titicaca. Brother and sister departed from each other to teach people "everything that had to do with human living". After forty years, the brother left his kingdom to his son Sinchi Roca. FTP, name this legendary first Inca king.

\MANCO CAPAC\

3. Called by a contemporary as "the eloquentest man in England", he was also a philosopher, scientist, man of letters, and Lord Chancellor of England. His last experiment succeeded in arresting the decay of meat by freezing it, at the cost of his life. FTP, name this Englishman, inventor of the expository essay and the inductive method.

\FRANCIS BACON\

4. His best works were perhaps his novels, such as the The War with the Newts, a science fiction satire in which a race of intelligent salamanders is discovered and enslaved by man but eventually take over the world. However, he is best known for his 1920 stage play R.U.R.: Rossum's Universal Robots, which introduced the word "robot" into many languages. FTP, name this Czech writer and thinker.

\Karel CAPEK\

5. He served as assistant secretary of state during the Reagan Administration, and was an advocate of the military buildup and aggressive foreign policy of the 1980's. He ran afoul of the law when during the Iran-Contra scandal he deliberately withheld information from Congress, and in 1991 received a sentence of two years probation and 100 hours community service for withholding information. In 1992, he wrote "Undue Process: A story of how political differences are turned into crimes." FTP, name this war hawk who got out of the Vietnam War draft with a bad back, but lends his name to America's finest tank.

\Elliot ABRAMS\

6. After starting his career as a tour guide at NBC Studios, he joined the Late Show with David Letterman, working as a gofer, talent coordinator, writer and performer. As writer he won three Emmys and wrote himself into the show as "Fugitive Guy", "Panicky Guy", and "Man Under the Seats." He had supporting roles in the movies "Groundhog Day" and "The Abyss", but perhaps is best known for his commercial spots and for a short-lived sitcom about a 30-year old paper boy. FTP, name this goofy comic, star of "Get A Life" and "Cabin Boy".

\Chris ELLIOT\

7. Son of a stock brokerage founder, he grew up in affluence, attended Amherst, and served in WWII. While a student he published some poetry, but his early poetry received mixed reviews and he turned to writing novels, short stories, and plays such as 1955's "Immortal Husband". He then turned to writing poetry again, with more success, becoming Connecticut's first poet laureate. His book of poetry "Divine Comedies" won the Pulitzer in 1976. FTP, name this poet, winner of two National Book Awards and the Bollingen Prize, who died in February 1995.
\James MERILL\

8. Born in 1630 of a Royalist Family, he left England after Cromwell's victory and traveled abroad, studying Greek at Constantinople. After the Restoration he became Lucasian professor of mathematics at Cambridge, teaching among others Sir Isaac Newton. He was also chaplain to Charles II. FTP, name this scholar and preacher whose sermons have earned him a noted place in English literature.
\Isaac BARROW\

9. The Rolling Stones, the World Cup, American Ballet Theater, American Express, Beef Industry Council, the Gap, Honda, US News and World Report -- she has been photographer for all of these. FTP, name this modern equivalent of a court painter, who gave us the Vanity Fair cover of a pregnant Demi Moore.
\Annie LEIBOVITZ\

10. His contemporaries regarded him as a Flemish painter because he was born in what had been the Spanish Netherlands, but we know him as a French painter. An independent artist, in fact it was his refusal to submit to the will of patrons, and the novelty and freshness of his work, which delivered French painting from its Italian influence. His method of juxtaposition of colors was original, and later carried further by Delacroix and Seurat. Scenes of theater, love, and frivolty were his subject matter, but a feeling of melancholy caused by his own sense of mortality underlie his art. FTP, name this artist who died of tuberculosis at the age of 37.
\Jean-Antoine WATTEAU\

11. A medium-sized province, it contains two percent of the world's population although most of its people live in rural areas. During World War II the Chinese capital lay in this province, at Chungking. FTP, name this region best known today for its spicy cuisine.
\SZECHUAN\

12. The title character of this tale is deserted by his friends when they learn he is dying. Fellowship, Kindred, Cousin, Knowledge, Beauty, Five Wits, Discretion and Strengh all reject him as he comes nearer to death. All desert him except for Good Deeds, who alone grants him the means by which he finds salvation and escapes the grave. FTP, name this 15th century morality play which translated into Dutch is Elckerlije and in German into is Jedermann.
\EVERYMAN\

13. Born in Dublin, he served in Parliament for 32 years and was a confidante of the Prince of Wales, the future George IV. He regarded this as the most important facet of his life, but when he died in 1816 in debt and out of office, they buried him in the Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey. FTP name this playwright who in 1775 at the age of 24 produced the farce St. Patrick's Day, the opera The Duenna, and the memorable satire The Rivals.
\Richard SHERIDAN\

14. "Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
Some village Hampden, that with dauntless breast
The little tyrant of his fields withstood;
Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,
Some Comewell guiltless of his country's blood."
The sympathy the poet shows for these humble dead who lived "far from the maddening crowd" marks a break from the Stoic nature of neoclassicism, foreshadowing the sensitivity of the Romantic Age. FTP, name this narrative poem written by Thomas Gray.
"ELEGY WRITTEN IN A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD"

15. The name's the same: the most attractive form of Parvati, wife of Shiva, and the actress in such movies as "Dangerous Liaisons", "Henry and June", and "Pulp Fiction".
UMA

16. In 1281, he inherited from his father Ertogrul the weakest of the Turkish principalities which succeeded the disintegrating Seljuk Empire. However, it was also the only one which bordered the weakened Byzantine Empire. He built up manpower by emphasizing his unique position as leader of the land war against the Christian infidels. He attracted nomadic tribesmen and Turkish artisans who had been driven into Anatolia by the Mongols. And he inaugurated the famous policy of incorporating conquered ruling classes into the system, whether they were Christian or Muslim. FTP, name this warrior-leader and founder of the Ottoman Dynasty.
OSMAN

17. A member of the alkaline family, its atomic weight is 226 but none of its isotopes are stable. It is not found free in nature, but within uranium ores such as pitchblende. FTP, name this element discovered by Pierre and Marie Curie 1898, with atomic number 88.
RADIUM

18. Because it requires a heavily humid climate, it does not grow more than 30 miles inland. It can live to be over 2000 years old, hence its scientific name Sequoia sempervirens. FTP, name this tree which grows from northern California to southern Oregon, the world's tallest living thing.
(California) REDWOOD

19. Built by Thracians and named Eumolpias, it was captured by Philip II of Macedonia in 342 B.C. and renamed Philippopolis. Under the Treaty of Berlin in 1878 it was made capital of Eastern Rumelia, and was joined to the rest of Bulgaria in 1885. FTP, name this city located on the Maritsa River, the second largest city of Bulgaria.
PLOVDIV

20. The last Ice Age receded, the English Channel was created, giant mammals disappeared, human beings domesticated animals, developed agriculture, and learned how to use bronze, iron, coal, gas, and nuclear power. FTP, name this most recent Epoch of earth's history.
HOLOCENE