

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Andrew Schechter (3), ____95

1. Warning: two answers required. Have you ever tried to work out the chronology in Greek mythology? It can be pretty challenging. For instance, at this wedding, the Goddess of Discord threw an apple marked 'For the Fairest.' As everyone knows, the ensuing dispute over who should receive it led directly to the Trojan war, in which the hero Achilles played a prominent role. But Achilles is the son of, FTP, what couple who were married at the infamous wedding?

\PELEUS and THETIS\

2. First up are Angus and Laura, followed by Bernard and Lydia, and then Hamish and Carrie. We get a brief interlude with Gareth, and then we reach the stunning conclusion with Charles and - but of course you wouldn't want me to spoil the ending of, FTP, what hit film starring Hugh Grant?

\FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL\

3. Is it a 10 cent loaf of bread or a 15 cent loaf of bread? Is that candy nickel a stick or 2 for a penny? The answer sure matters in this film about a family driving out West, carrying a yellow handbill calling for 800 workers to pick oranges and peaches, in FTP, what classic 1940 movie starring Henry Fonda?

\THE GRAPES OF WRATH\

4. Name the fictional speaker for the following lines: "You will never be able to establish on the basis of the Gospels whether, and to what extent, Christ considered as his property the tunic he wore, which he perhaps then threw away when it was worn out... But the question is not whether Christ was poor: it is whether the church must be poor. And 'poor' does not so much mean owning a palace or not; it means, rather, keeping or renouncing the right to legislate on earthly matters." FTP, name this Sherlockian hero of Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose."

\Brother WILLIAM OF BASKERVILLE (prompt for more on WILLIAM)\

5. Recently Jonathan Edwards assured himself of a place in sports history by breaking the 60-foot barrier in, FTP, what track and field event?

\TRIPLE JUMP\

6. Mumia Abu-Jamal has become something of a cause celebre, with the publication of his book of essays "Live from Death Row" and a well-organized international campaign to free him, and he'll probably be one for years. After all, it's already been 13 years since he was convicted of murdering, FTP, what Philadelphia police officer?

\Daniel FAULKNER\

7. In honor of all those culinary pleasures which we reserve for Christmastime, name, FTP, the dish that is my seasonal favorite: "And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast! And he... He Himself! The Grinch carved" what?

\the ROAST BEAST\

8. Okay, one geography question. Get on Route 70 out of St. Louis heading west. If you drive for about 200 miles you'll end up in, FTP, what major city, where according to Rogers and Hammerstein, "everything's up to date"?

\KANSAS CITY\

9. As I sit here, drowsily sipping my decaffeinated coffee, I reflect that there is one type of quiz bowl question which I really hate since I always know the answer but I always catch on late. FTP, spell 'decaffeinated'.

\DECAFFEINATED\

10. Man, life sucks. I'd kill myself, but I'd probably go to hell, and that might suck worse, so I guess I won't. This is the gist of, FTP, whose most famous speech?

\HAMLET\

11. Monotonic, irrotation, divergenceless, uniform. If you take the vector field formed by the gradient of a scalar function, which of these, FTP, must it be?

\IRROTATIONAL\

12. This actor told Matthew Broderick about the men's need for shoes in the movie "Glory," and he let Dan Ackroyd know how good it feels to have people fighting over you in "Driving Miss Daisy." FTP, name Brad Pitt's co-star in "Seven."

\Morgan FREEMAN\

13. Take the number of Roman Emperors during the year AD 69, multiply by the number of atoms in a buckyball, divide by the number of Jacob's sons, and finally add the number of stocks incorporated into the Dow Jones Industrial Average. FTP, what's the total?

\(4 * 60 / 12 + 30 =) 50\

14. I've been making my vacation plans recently - endless hours of talking to airline agents, and even worse, being put on hold by airline agents. But being a Gershwin fan, there's one airline that I don't find so bad. FTP, which one is it?

\UNITED\

15. They've done "The Skydivers," "Bride of the Monster," and "Manos: Hands of Fate," but "Plan 9 From Outer Space" still waits in the wings. FTP, what cult movie within a TV show is about to become a movie within a movie?

\MST3K or MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000\

16. "I had been here before; I knew all about it." Thus the hero of this book recalls his involvement with Marchmain House and its inhabitants, particularly Sebastian and Julia Flyte, in FTP, what novel about England between the wars?

\BRIDESHEAD REVISITED\

17. Patrick Stewart, George Baker, Sian Phillips, John Hurt, Brian Blessed, and Derek Jacobi were members of the ensemble cast of what Masterpiece Theatre mini-series?

\I, CLAUDIUS\

18. I read a old mystery recently. It started out well - dinner party with a diamond, then breakfast with no diamond. It has a great butler, well, house steward, anyway, a crazy old spiritual spinster, an attorney, and a detective who knows everything about roses - and they each narrate part of the story. The ending was a bit contrived for me, but apparently not for Wilkie Collins' audience, who loved, FTP, what novel?

\THE MOONSTONE\

19. This ballet recounts a classic Russian legend pitting good against evil. Evil, in this case, takes the form of the demonic magician Kashchei, who keeps a retinue of monsters with him, as well as a band of prisoner princesses. But this is one guy who needs to tread very lightly on egg-shells, as Prince Ivan discovers. By the way, good is represented by, FTP, what magical creature, the title of this work by Stravinsky?

\The FIREBIRD\

20. Here are a few 'little known facts': Fir trees give us fur for coats, and wool in the wintertime. You can tell how old a tree is by counting its leaves. The clouds make the wind blow, and the bugs, they make the grass grow. Well, wouldn't that be enough to make you bang your head against a tree - thus loosening the bark so it can grow faster - Oh, good grief! FTP, what musical contains all this nonsense?

\YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN\