

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Andrew Schechter (5), ____95

1. He once said, after finishing one of his books, that he felt no pride or sense of accomplishment; writing was just what his circumstances had caused him to do. He couldn't be proud of himself, after all, since he didn't really have a self to be proud of. FTP, whose view was this, fully consistent with the premise of his book, "Beyond Freedom and Dignity"?

\(B.F.) SKINNER\

2. Stephen Soderburg, the director of "Sex, Lies, and Videotape" came out with another movie a few years ago starring Jeremy Irons as a tubercular writer living in a nightmare version of 1920's Prague - interweaving the life and literature of, FTP, what author of "The Castle," "Amerika," and "The Trial"?

\Franz KAFKA\

3. "I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." FTP, who said this, while standing on the shoulders of giants?

\Isaac NEWTON\

4. Born in 1800, this Austrian musical scholar spent his early years as a private tutor to the sons of Archduke Karl, only beginning his magnum opus at the age of fifty-one. For the next ten years, using previous lists, studies of stylistic development, and handwriting analyses, he compiled his great "Chronological Thematic Catalog of the Musical Works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart." FTP, name him.

\Ludwig Ritter von KOCHER (umlaut over the o) \

5. While we're on the subject, K. 626, Mozart's Requiem Mass, has a different obscure musical figure associated with it. FTP, name the pupil of Mozart who completed the Mass after his master's death.

\Franz SUSSMAYR\

6. FQTP, to the nearest power of ten, give the number of inches in a mile.

\10 TO THE FIFTH or 100,000 (actually 63,360) \

7. This musical group made the big time by winning the 1974 Eurovision Contest, performing with an orchestra conducted by a Napoleon impersonator. The group's two couples were both married briefly, to the joy of fans worldwide, but neither marriage lasted. After the group's break-up in 1982, the two men went on to write the musical Chess with Tim Rice. FTP, name the group whose music is featured in "Muriel's Wedding" and "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

\ABBA\

8. Clearly the strongest player of the 1940's, this man is considered one of the fathers of Soviet chess. During World War II he was granted 3 days a week for chess study by special order of Molotov himself. And his study paid off, as he captured the World Championship in 1948 and held it for most of the next 15 years, yielding only for a year each to Smyslov and Tal. FTP, name this teacher of Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov.

\Mikhail BOTVINNIK\

9. "Still a Few Bugs in the System," "Guilty, Guilty, Guilty!" "As the Kid Goes for Broke," "Speaking of Inalienable Rights, Amy..." and "In Search of Reagan's Brain" are all collections of, FTP, what cartoon strip?

\DOONESBURY\

10. A clear rendering of some terminology is crucial; a crossword rarely offers such tantalizingly intriguing challenges; anagram, crossword, rebus, othello, scrabble, tetris, ideogram, chess. Take the first letter from each of the words in these phrases and, FTP, form the word for a poem whose lines' first letters form a word.

\ACROSTIC\

11. Amontillado, turtle-soup, Blinis Demidoff, Veuve Cliquot 1860, Cailles en Sarcophage, and grapes, peaches, and fresh figs were on the menu at, FTP, what miraculous meal described by Isak Dinesen and made into a motion picture?

\BABETTE'S FEAST\

12. Name the heroine. "She was the most important person in the Galaxy. She was the only important person in the Galaxy. She knew that even as she stood before the ticket machine and wondered where to go. Because in all the Galaxy, she and she alone, except for they themselves, knew the location of the Second Foundation." FTP, name this creation of Isaac Asimov.

\ARCADIA or ARKADY or DARRELL\

13. This term has, on occasion, been used to refer to government; never more appropriately than today, given the size and power of the federal government. But originally it was just a huge fish which awed Job in the Old Testament. FTP, name this fish used as a book title by the philosopher Hobbes.

\LEVIATHAN\

14. Okay, here's one boring question about an obscure US President, drawn entirely from my encyclopedia. Born in, well, skip that part. While in office he lowered taxes, reduced the national debt, and protected industry with high tariffs, creating a short-lived prosperity. He sponsored the Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawing war, and he passed the Dawes Plan to lend Germany money to rebuild its economy. FTP, name him.

\Calvin COOLIDGE\

15. This noted English scientist invented the miner's safety lamp, which had great practical importance. He used electrolytic methods to produce elemental sodium, potassium, strontium, and calcium, among others, and he named chlorine. Still, he himself said that his greatest discovery was Michael Faraday, his brilliant laboratory assistant. FTP, name him.

\Sir Humphry DAVY\

16. This Norse god was a deadly enemy of Loki's. Their enmity started when he had to fight Loki, both in the form of seals, to retrieve Freya's necklace, and the feud only got worse until the Last Trump, at which he and Loki impaled each other. FTP, name this god who blew the Last Trump when he saw the jotuns attack the Rainbow Bridge.

\HEIMDALL\

17. You may recall from the Book of Daniel that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had such faith that they were willing to be thrown into a fiery furnace rather than worship a golden idol. The king in this story was so impressed by this, and also that they weren't very flammable, that he proclaimed the wonder of their God. Quite unlike another Babylonian king of the same name, who destroyed Jerusalem and carried the Jews in Captivity. FTP, what royal name is this?

\NEBUCHADNEZZAR\

18. The name's the same: the king who hung the sword over Damocles' head; the king who pardoned Pythias after being amazed by the great friendship between Damon and Pythias; and the god who married Ariadne after Theseus had ungratefully abandoned her. FTP, what is it?

\DIONYSIUS\

19. As Pope said, to err is human, to forgive divine. Still, there are times... take, for instance, the unfortunate case of Barker and Lucas, who in 1632 were fined 300 pounds for a simple printing error. They had left the "not" out of the seventh commandment, thus producing, FTP, what famed religious document?

\the WICKED (or ADULTEROUS) Bible\

20. The movie "Stand By Me" described a quest undertaken by 4 12-year-olds to find the body of Ray Browsers, another kid. The idea for this story came from the short novel, "The Body, by FTP, what author?

\Stephen KING\