

**Christmas Present** - Humanity's beautiful dark twisted fantasies, all in one set. Sort of.  
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PACKET 1

1. A variation on this specific phrase titles a 2001 Edward Said essay which attacks the portrayal of large-scale identities in a cartoonlike fashion. Hans Köchler's work inspired Mohammad Khatami to introduce a concept framed as an alternative to this one at a 2000 UNESCO conference. An essay titled for this concept provides Chechnya as an example of the "fault lines" along which most future wars will be fought. A book titled for this concept gives Australia as an example of a state developing into a (\*) "torn country," a concept whose archetypical example is Turkey. That book predicts that the modern incarnation of this phenomenon will involve the Sinitic, Orthodox, Islamic, and Western worlds confronting one another. For 10 points, give this three-word phrase popularized by Samuel Huntington to refer to conflict caused by religious or cultural identity.

ANSWER: clash of civilizations [accept "The Clash of Ignorance" until "fault lines" is read; generously accept anything mentioning civilizations and clash; prompt on cultural conflict or similar answers that don't give the specific term]

2. August Schlegel said of this text "It is perhaps the deepest and loftiest thing the world has to show" and translated it into Latin. Some apologists identify apparent scientific truth in this text in comparing its line "curving back within myself, I create again and again" to the Big Crunch theory of the end of the universe. In this text, a man identifies the three gates to darkness as being lust, greed, and anger. This text then states that avoiding these, recognition of one's stage in life or *ashram*, and acting in (\*) accordance with one's nature or *varna* is the path to self-realization. This text's core theme is that, in the context of *samsara*, it is most important for one to fulfill one's *dharma*, so its central character should put aside concerns about slaughtering friends on the fields of Kurukshetra. For 10 points, name this 700-verse dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna from the Mahabharata.

ANSWER: Bhagavad Gita [prompt on Mahabharata until it is mentioned]

3. In 1936, Abraham Wald made the first rigorous mathematical proof of the existence of one of these situations in accordance with a model co-developed by Gustav Cassel. It's not a business cycle, but in 1982 Kydland and Prescott developed a model of this situation that incorporates rational expectations in order to be robust against the Lucas critique. A key principle in modeling this situation is the assertion that budget constraints imply that excess demand must sum to (\*) zero, a law named for Leon Walras. Business cycles are often analyzed with a set of "dynamic stochastic" models of this situation. Modern theory regarding this situation was developed by Mackenzie, Arrow, and Debreu. For 10 points, name this situation in which, for all markets, all competing influences like supply and demand are balanced.

ANSWER: general (competitive) equilibrium of exchange [accept anything mentioning the two underlined words; prompt on equilibrium or competitive equilibrium]

4. According to one source, this city was ruled by twelve kingdoms and a High King, one of whose daughters wed Menno. According to Geoffrey of Monmouth, a "New" version of this city was the oldest name of the site that is now London. This city is the original home of a group of deities who beguile king Gylfi with their magic. Medieval legends describe a man named Brutus who hailed from this city as the founder of Britain. The (\*) Æsir are descendants of this city's inhabitants according to the prologue of the Prose Edda. Medieval legends grew around the story of a lover of Cressida from this city named Troilus. A lover of Aphrodite from this city is carried out on his son's back while this city burns following its sack. For 10 points, name this city which Aeneas hails from.

ANSWER: Troy [or Troia]

5. A book about this thinker opens by borrowing an idea from Quine about the limitations of “starting in the middle.” The example of a mousetrap is used to explain the limitation of this thinker’s concepts in a book about his *Black Box* by Michael Behe. A book about this thinker presents advocates of his ideas as examples of good reductionists, as opposed to “greedy reductionists.” The aim of Thomas Nagel’s *Mind and Cosmos* is to explain how arguments stemming from this man’s ideas fail to explain the (\*) origins of mental phenomena, while the argument that those ideas fail to explain “irreducible complexity” was presented in *Kitzmiller v. Dover*. This man’s notions are presented as examples of “cranes” as opposed to fallacious “skyhooks” in a book about his *Dangerous Idea* by Daniel Dennett. For 10 points, name this author of *On the Origin of Species*.

ANSWER: Charles Darwin

6. In this region, the rabbi Samuel bar Abba became extremely close friends with a king to the point at which news of that king’s slaughter of 12,000 Jews at Mazaca was no trouble. The Pumbedita Academy located in this region trained most of the scholars who became Amoraim and Gaonim. An event perpetrated by a ruler of this region is the chronologically second of the five sad events commemorated on Tisha B’Av. Four different kingdoms, only the first of which belongs to a ruler of this region, correspond to four (\*) metals in one of that ruler’s dreams. King Zedekiah’s final defeat led to an extended period of exile in this region whose cause was the subject of the Book of Lamentations. For 10 points, name this region in which the Jews were held in “captivity” following Nebuchadnezzar’s conquests.

ANSWER: Babylonia [or Bavli; accept Asorestan for historical reasons; prompt on looser regional names like Mesopotamia]

7. This book ends with the author responding to a number of criticisms posed by the reader, who represents a structuralist critic. This book uses the term “enunciative modality” to refer to the particular subject-position a speaker is in when making a statement. This book’s introduction notes that traditional questions of history, such as cause-and-effect relationships of different events, are being replaced by investigations of hierarchies, and that notions of centuries and periods are being replaced by “rupture and discontinuity.” The title (\*) method outlined in this book, which involves analyzing systems of thought called “discursive formations” and “epistemes”, was employed by the author in several earlier works such as *The Order of Things*. For 10 points, name this book by Michel Foucault describing his method of intellectual excavation.

ANSWER: *The Archaeology of Knowledge* [or *L'archéologie du savoir*]

8. Porphyry cited the example set by this figure as one of the early lawgivers of Athens in his argument for abstaining from meat consumption. This figure was typically depicted sitting in his serpent-drawn winged chariot. In the *Metamorphoses*, this figure is rebuffed by the Scythian king Lyncus, who attacks him and is turned into a lynx. This male figure’s brother was coated with ambrosia and nearly had his (\*) mortality burned away in the hearth before the intervention of his mother Metanira; Celeus fathered both this man and that brother, Demophon. Unlike the four other original priests, this man was given his own cult within the Eleusinian mysteries. For 10 points, name this first man to be taught the art of agriculture by Demeter.

ANSWER: Triptolemus [or Buzyges]

9. Huey P. Newton presented American members of this group as the only social elements capable of revolution against mechanistic society. The essay *The Last Heroic Deed of the House of Bourbon* presents the Neapolitan *lazzaroni* as members of this group. Another essay argues that members of this group in Paris provided the class basis for a coup by (\*) Louis Napoleon. This group is potentially both a revolutionary and counter-revolutionary force and therefore must be secured to overthrow capitalist colonialism according to *The Wretched of the Earth* by Frantz Fanon. For 10 points, give the term for section of the working class comprising degenerates, outcasts, and criminals which Karl Marx said would never achieve class consciousness.

ANSWER: lumpenproletariat [or lumpenproletarians accept lazzaroni before it is read; anti-prompt on anything reasonably similar to the following: thieves, beggars, bandits, outlaws, unemployable people etc; do not accept or prompt on just "proletarian" or "proletariat"]

10. This was the first name of a philosopher who explored the concept of reference, or *suppositio*, in depth in his *Perutilis logica* and who also wrote a widely-read commentary on Aristotle's *Physics* that expanded on his teacher's concept of *impetus*. That philosopher with this first name studied under Jean Buridan and served as a bishop in Saxony. Another philosopher with this first name wrote an attack on the philosophy of Averroes while debating with Parisian intellectuals during his service as a Dominican provincial. That philosopher with this first name prepared the first medieval commentary on the (\*) *Organon* and wrote a three-part commentary on Peter Lombard's *Sentences*. That philosopher, who was known during his lifetime as *doctor universalis*, is the patron saint of scientists who taught the formulator of the *Quinque viae*. For 10 points, give this first name of the teacher of Thomas Aquinas, who was known as "the Great" or "Magnus."

ANSWER: Albert [or Albertus Magnus]

[NOTE TO MODERATOR: Read prompt instructions carefully, just in case]

11. A *sura* that shares its name with this practice criticizes the Jews for ignoring the message of Islam because its messenger was born among the gentiles. Participating in this practice has become common among Shi'a since the Iranian Revolution, though traditionally Shi'a scholars ruled that participating in this practice was immoral until the coming of the Imam. *Instead of* [emphasize] a simple *wudu*, a full *ghusl* is recommended to be done before participation in this practice, which replaces the *zuhr* and is distinguished from similar instances by the presence of a (\*) *khatib* who gives a sermon. Though this practice is only *recommended* [emphasize] for women, it is mandatory for men - the genders are traditionally segregated during it. For 10 points, identify this congregational prayer held within a Mosque on a specific day of the week.

ANSWER: Friday prayer [or jumu'ah; accept anything that indicates that Muslims are praying on Friday; prompt on congregational prayer or salat by asking "when?"; prompt on noon prayer or afternoon prayer or Zuhr prayer (until read) by asking "on what day of the week?"]

12. This thinker criticized philosophers for being wily spokesmen for prejudices they baptize as truths, likening Kant's work to Tartuffe. This thinker said in one book that he proudly called himself an "Immoralist" for a crucial discovery distinguishing him from all humanity and that before his work, there was no such thing as psychology. In that book, this thinker reflected on the philosophical importance of his works in chapters with ironic (\*) self-laudatory titles. This thinker, who called for a new brand of philosophers who are "free spirits", stated that his criterion for the greatness of a man was his love of his fate. This thinker believed himself to be the first of a new breed of philosophers in opposition to pessimistic thinking like that of Socrates. For 10 points, identify this author of *Ecce Homo* and *Beyond Good and Evil*.

ANSWER: Friedrich Nietzsche

13. Though he abandoned this paradigm decades ago, Ray Jackendoff wrote an influential monograph on it in 1977. The theta criterion is a constraint that applies to this paradigm, which designates empty categories that result from movements or transformations as “traces.” The topmost node within this paradigm’s central structures, which are exclusively binary-branching, is called the maximal projection of the head. The (\*) minimalist program developed bare phrase structure as an alternative to this paradigm, which is typically visualized as a tree branching down from a given type of phrase, such as an inflectional phrase or IP. The creator of this paradigm incorporated it into his theory of generative grammar in the 1970s. For 10 points, name this theory about the common syntax of all human languages created by Noam Chomsky.

ANSWER: X-bar theory [accept government and binding theory or G&B theory; prompt on generative grammar or anything mentioning Noam Chomsky; prompt on grammar or syntax]

14. In a story named for this male character, a girl assigns tasks of retrieving objects like a cowry shell born of swallows, a robe made from the skin of a fire-rat, and a stone begging-bowl. This character receives a stipend in the form of gold nuggets for upkeep of a girl whom he wishes to see married off before he dies, but who manages to defray five different suitors. The emperor sends an army to the house owned by this character, but the army is unable to prevent a (\*) heavenly chariot from descending and taking this man’s daughter to heaven. This character and his wife are childless in their old age until he finds a gem in a stalk, which grows to be the moon princess Kaguya-hime. For 10 points, identify this old man from Japanese mythology who harvests a certain Asian plant for a living.

ANSWER: the bamboo cutter [or Taketori no Okina; accept anything indicating that we’re talking about the old man who chops bamboo for a living from Japanese mythology; prompt on old man]

15. This thinker proposed that the first human speech was when a man looked up at the sky and said “Aga”. This thinker, who condensed many of his ideas into a thirty-six hour long speech called the *Nutuk*, enthusiastically promoted the pseudo-scientific notion that his country’s language was descended from an ancient advanced Eurasian civilization, known as the (\*) Sun Language Theory. This thinker advocated toleration of religion provided that it did not interfere with “sane reason”, a position heavily influenced by French *laïcité* that prompted his opposition to *millets*. Republicanism, nationalism, and secularism and three more ideas constitute the components of this man’s “Six Arrows” ideology. For 10 points, name this father of modern Turkey.

ANSWER: Mustafa Kemal Atatürk [accept either underlined portion]

16. Women brought offerings bare-footed on the first day of this deity’s festival, which occurred between June 7th and 15th. The word “immolate” derives from the practice of placing *mola salsa* on the victims of sacrifices dedicated to this deity. Plutarch credits Numa Pompilius with appointing two clergy to service the temple to this deity he constructed. Offerings to this deity were traditionally left on a low altar in the (\*) *atrium* of a home. This deity was depicted accompanied by the ass which brayed loudly when Priapus attempted to rape her in her sleep. This goddess’s temple on the Palatine Hill contained a sacred fire which was constantly guarded by female priestesses. For 10 points, name this Roman goddess of the hearth and namesake of some virgins.

ANSWER: Vesta [do not accept or prompt on “Hestia”]

17. The main Greek sources used in creating this text are known as the *Textus Receptus*. This text's primary author was assisted by a *collegium* which included Aurogallus and Justus Jonas, the latter of whom interpreted Gerson ben Moshe's Masoretic text. The author of this text claimed, while creating it, that James was an "epistle of straw." The reply "Papists and donkeys are the same thing" is a defense of this text's addition of the word (\*) "alone" to Romans 3:28, so that it reads "alone through faith." This text inspired a similar effort by William Tyndale and used Erasmus' Greek as a source. It was completed in Wartburg Castle, where its creator was living under the protection of Frederick the Wise. For 10 points, identify this most famous German translation of the Bible, created by a Protestant Reformer.

ANSWER: Luther Bible [or equivalents indicating Martin Luther's German translation of the Bible; accept Lutheran Bible; prompt on less specific answers like Old Testament or Bible or German Bible]

18. Brian Stotko published an influential examination of this person's habit of doing crossword puzzles twice or more daily. After many repetitions, this person was able to navigate mazes more quickly, but was not able to reduce their error rate in doing so. While observed by Brenda Milner, this person was able to draw a line between two outlines of a five-pointed star by looking at their own hand in a mirror in a famous study of (\*) motor learning. After suffering a bicycle accident at age seven, this person suffered from epilepsy for twenty years until William Scoville removed part of his hippocampus. For 10 points, identify this psychology patient who had basically no episodic memory after surgery in 1955, after which he was studied until his 2008 death.

ANSWER: Henry Molaison [or HM; or Henry Molaison]

19. A key metaphor in this essay is a comparison between the work of magicians, who keep great distance from their patients on account of their authority, and that of surgeons, who penetrate deeply into their patient through their cuts. This essay notes that even though the Romans and medieval clerics saw the same items as objects of veneration and idolatry, respectively, they recognized their uniqueness in each case. This essay opens with a quote from Paul Valéry stating that "for the last (\*) twenty years neither matter nor space nor time has been what it was from time immemorial." This essay encapsulates the concept of the historical identity of a work as its "aura", which is eliminated by modern media such as film and photography. For 10 points, name this essay discussing the change of the meaning of art in the modern world, written by Walter Benjamin.

ANSWER: "The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction (or Reproducibility)" [or *Das Kunstwerk im Zeitalter seiner technischen Reproduzierbarkeit*]

20. These people believed in a group of benevolent nature sprites called *alux* ["a-LOOSH"]. A malevolent earthquake-causing god of these people took the form of a corpse with an owl's head to stalk the earth at night and wore a death collar with disembodied eyes attached. At the top of this people's world-tree sat a god of the heavens who fathered two patrons deities of the arts who took monkey forms. These people believed that four ancient brothers guarded the water deposits of the earth and (\*) held up the sky and that some of their heroes were born when a skull impregnated a woman by spitting. These worshippers of Itzamná and Ixchel played a sacred ball game in which the captain of the winning team would be sacrificed to gods like Gukumatz and Chaac. For 10 points, name this people whose myths are collected in the *Popol Vuh*.

ANSWER: Maya [Kich'e, Yucatec, or any other group]