

FALL 2007  
CS 210 Computing and Culture

***Assignment 11***  
*Due: November 28, 2007*

**Computers and Religion**  
(20 points)

- 11.1. If you belong to a church or another religious community and your church has an official website, write a brief description of the website. Does it have functionality of an *online community*? If not, should such functionality be added? Why or why not? If you don't want to disclose your religious affiliation, or if your church does not have a website, or if you're an atheist, then perform a Web search to find out about the nature and history of a conflict between Gleb Yakunin and Aleksei (Alexy, Alexis, Alexius) Ridiger and write a short essay to summarize the results of your search. (2 points)
- 11.2. What's the origin of the jack-in-the-box, a well-known toy, and what is the religious connotation here? How did the name Jack originate? (2 points)
- 11.3. What was The Tabernacle (Mishkan) and how does its Hebrew name relate to the religious notion of the Shekhina? Who were the ancient Scenites, or Scenitae, and where did they live? According to Julius Africanus, how did the shepherd's tent of Jacob end its existence? (3 points)
- 11.4. What are the Elohist and Yahwist? Perform a Web search and write a short summary (no more than half a page) on the main differences between the two. (2 points)
- 11.5. How did Herman Melville's Captain Ahab lose his leg? What happened to the sinews of Zeus when he was temporarily overcome by Typhon? What happened to the sinew of Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with... El? (3 points)
- 11.6. According to Selim Hassan, who worshipped Hwl and where? What have Prof. Richard Steiner recently discovered about the ancient spells found in the pyramid of King Unas? Where was Jacob buried? (3 points)
- 11.7. According to Manetho, who was Souphis (I), a.k.a. Suphis, Saophis? What deeds are attributed to Souphis, as related by Africanus and Eusebius? (2 points)
- 11.8. What does Josephus Flavius relay to us regarding the alleged opening of David's sepulcher by Herod? Where is The Ark of the Covenant believed or rumored to be currently located? Is it dangerous to open? (3 points)
- 11.9. *Extra credit* (optional): "...Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold on the horns of the altar." Can you determine which animal's horns those were? (1 point of extra credit)
- 11.10. Provide a list of URLs (Web addresses) where you found the information. Save your work, print it out and submit on the due date.