

QUESTION MEETING

General Convention
2010

Question 1 – Brother Rice

As a means of identifying each of the seven messengers of the Church, what was the main message for each stage in the history of the Gospel Age Church?

Seven Churches

Ephesus
Smyrna
Pergamos
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Laodicea

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Ephesus **33** **Paul**
Smyrna
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Philadelphia
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Ephesus 33 Paul
Smyrna **73** **John**
Pergamos
Thyatira
Sardis
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Laodicea

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Ephesus 33 Paul
Smyrna 73 John
Pergamos **325** **Arius**
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Laodicea

Seven Churches

Ephesus	33	Paul
Smyrna	73	John
Pergamos	325	Arius
Thyatira	1157	Waldo
Sardis		
Philadelphia		
Laodicea		

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Thyatira	1157	Waldo
Sardis	1517	Luther
Philadelphia		
Laodicea		

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Ephesus	33	Paul
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Laodicea		

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Sardis	1517	Luther
Philadelphia	1667	Penn
Laodicea	1874	Russell

Question 2 – Brother Freer

If our Lord returned in 1874 and his first act was to raise the sleeping saints in 1878, what was our Lord doing during this period between 1874 and 1878?

Question 3 – Brother Mora

As a consecrated family member, parent or spouse; how should one deal with premarital or extramarital relations by family members, children or spouses?

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As a consecrated family member, parent or spouse; how should one deal with SIN by family members, children or spouses?

Question 4 – Brother Rice

Genesis 2:7 say God formed man of the ground, breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. But of Eve, Genesis 2:21-22 says God caused “a deep sleep to fall upon Adam ... and he took one of his ribs ... [and] made ... a woman, and brought her unto the man.” (a) Does Adam’s rib refer to a literal bone? (b) Did God use DNA from Adam’s rib to create a cloned version who ultimately became Eve?

Question 5 – Brother Freer

In the end of the age, the spirit of the world seems to be more rampant among the brethren than ever. As a result, we sometimes find that much of our time together is used to address issues that seem to be distractions from the Adversary.

Can you give us any practical ways in which to combat the resulting desire in our hearts to “forsake the assembling of ourselves together”?

Question 6 – Brother Mora

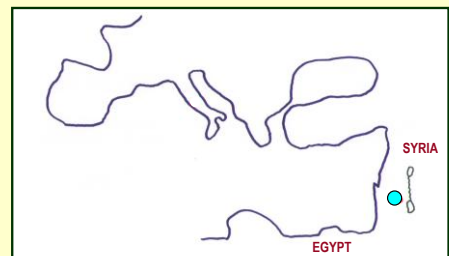
Regarding 1 Tim 5:8 and Luke 9:60

- Provide For Own vs. Preach Gospel
- How much help to provide grandchildren
- How much to spend on college for bright kids
- Invest in retirement funds vs. pay off house
- Fear of coming destruction of social order

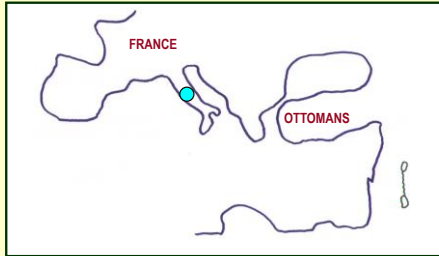
Question 7 – Brother Rice

North and **South** appear as prophetic images in the Old Testament. For example, in Zechariah 14:4 they suggest the heavenly and earthly phases of the Kingdom (D653). However, they also appear in Daniel 11:11, 13 and clearly cannot have the same meaning. Is there some additional lesson linked to **North** and **South** we should understand?

North / South



North / South



Question 8 – Brother Freer

Did Jesus retain his pre-human identity when, as the Logos, he gave up his existence on the heavenly plane? (Reference R5065).

Question 9 – Brother Mora

How important is the role of witnessing in seeking the Kingdom of God during the Harvest time?

How should we use chronology in our witnessing?

Are there things that we should stress and other things that we should avoid?

Are there any temptations not to witness?

Question 10 – Brother Rice

How should we understand Amos 9:13? “Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.”

“The **plowman** shall overtake the **reaper**, and the **treader** of grapes him that **sows** seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt” (AMOS 9:13)

“If ye walk in my statutes ... I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase ... your **threshing** shall reach unto the **vintage**, and the **vintage** shall reach unto the **sowing** time. (LEVITICUS 26:3-5)

Question 11 – Brother Freer

Regarding Revelation 7:13, 14

Who are pictured that come out of Great Tribulation?

When does this occur?

What is their reward: earthly or heavenly?

Question 12 – Brother Mora

When we are witnessing to a person or group and they say that they “just can’t believe in a murderous, vengeful God,” and they reference scriptures such as

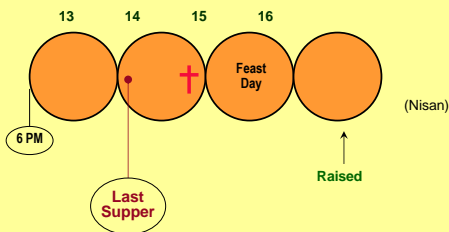
1 Sam 15:3, “Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey,”

How do we respond to that?

Question 13 – Brother Rice

I saw in a Watchtower publication that for 2010 the Jehovah’s Witnesses celebrated the Memorial Tuesday, March 30 — two days later than Bible Students. Why is there such a difference in dates?

Memorial Day



Question 14 – Brother Freer

Please explain 2 Corinthians 3:18, “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Question 15 – Brother Mora

1 John 5:16 reads: “If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.”

How can we determine when a brother has committed a sin which is unto death, and when the sin he has committed is not unto death? John tells us to pray for the one but to not pray for the other.

Question 16 – Brother Rice

What antitypical significance may we attach to the firstborn of both Egyptian families and Egyptian cattle being subject to death during the Passover type?

Question 17 – Brother Freer

Did the blood of Jesus reach the Father when He (Jesus) died on the cross, or 40 days later when Jesus ascended to the Father to present the blood?

Jesus said on the cross, into your hands I commit my spirit.