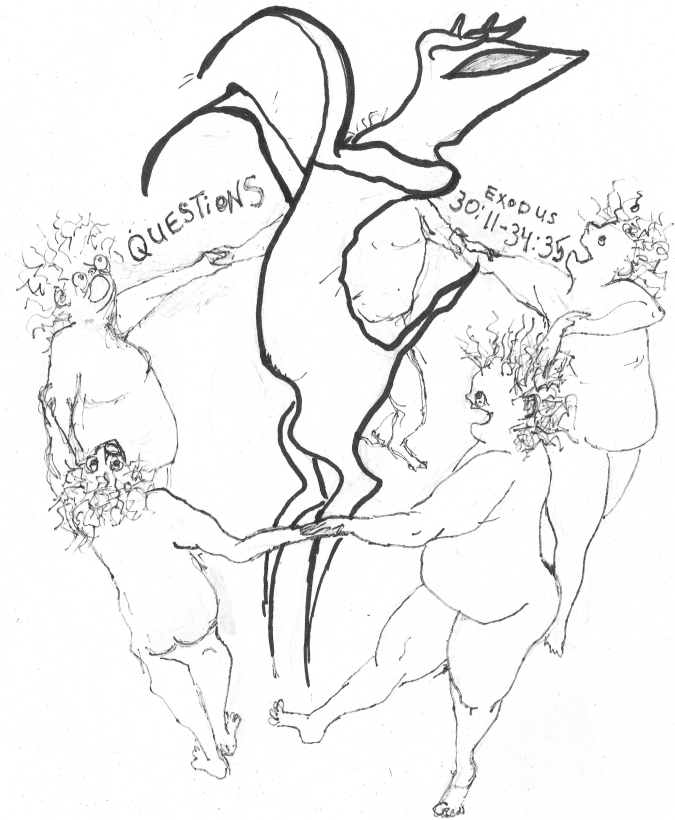


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Q1: What is the purpose of the census? What are the coins “atonement” (or “ransom”) for?

Q2: Is the census a one-time commandment or is it meant for the ages?

Q3: Why is it a problem to recreate the recipes for the oil and the incense?

Q4: Do priests resemble objects? Does their holiness make them more like objects?

Q5: What did the people of Israel think they were being told when they were forbidden to make gods out of gold? When they make one, do they think they are transgressing?

Q6: What is Aaron's plan when he fashions a calf out of gold? Does it succeed?

Q7: Why does it matter what the Egyptians think? Why is this an effective rhetorical strategy for neutralizing God's wrath?

Q8: Why does Moses break the tablets? Is it out of anger? Is it a calculated statement?

Q9: What happens when the Levites kill their fellow Jews? What do they become?

Q10: After the calf is destroyed, why does Moses need to embark on a second negotiation? What's at stake?

Q11: What's up with the tent of meeting? Does it have any relationship to the holy tabernacle? Why does Joshua never leave it?

Q12: Does Moses talk to God face to face (33:11)? Or is that impossible (34:20)?

Q13: What are the terms of the new covenant? What aspects of the law does it emphasize?

Q14: What else intrigues you?