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Q1: Is the eighth-day ritual that forms the beginning of the parsha part of the priestly ordination of the previous week or is it a new procedure with another purpose?

Q2: Why are sin offerings and expiation necessary as part of the ritual? Is it related to residual sin for the golden calf? Original sin? General amnesty?

Q3: These sin offerings are different from others. How and why? (Refer to Leviticus 4)

Q4: Why does Aaron bless the people? Is it spontaneous? What does it add to our understanding of the priestly function and sacrifice?

Q5: What is alien fire? Also, why is the fire the problem, and not the incense they are burning on it? (See Exodus 30:9)

Q6: Why does the temple need to be dangerous as well as holy? Is there any parallel in modern society between extreme holiness and irrational danger?

Q7: What is the tone of Moses' enigmatic statement to Aaron, *"This is what the Lord spoke, 'I will be sanctified through those near to Me, and before all the people I will be glorified.'* (Lev. 10:3). Why does the Torah mention Aaron's silence?

Q8: We are told that the people fell on their faces and praised God when they saw the fire come and consume the offerings (Lev. 9:24). Do you think the people can see when Nadav and Abihu die? (Lev. 10:1-2, the next verses) How do you think they responded to their deaths?

Q9: Why did Moses adopt an attitude of "the show must go on"? How was this different from Aaron? What did they actually do? Think about special occasions in your life that have been interrupted by unexpected or tragic events.

Q10: What is going on with the dispute over whether to eat or burn the people's sin offering goat?

Q11: Is there a connection between the code of dietary laws and the narrative that precedes it?

Q12: Why is Aaron cc'd on God's message to Moses about which animals are kosher, but not on a lot of other commandments?

Q13: Why are some animals suitable to eat, and others not? Why are different classes of animals presented differently? (e.g., we are given a rule to determine kosher mammals, but a list of non-kosher birds)