Gospel Music Trivia Answers

Gospel Origin and History

1. Who was the father of black gospel music? **Thomas Andrew Dorsey**
2. The first published use of the term “Gospel Song” happened in 1874 in a songbook by what American composer? **Philip Paul Bliss**
3. Modern gospel music began in 1930 when what church denomination publicly endorsed the genre? **Baptist**
4. The Gospel Music Association sponsors annual awards for outstanding achievement in Christian music. What is the name of those awards? **Dove Awards**
5. Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Mahalia Jackson were raised in or influenced by what church movement? **Pentecostal**
6. What famous R&B artist was criticized for secularizing gospel music? **Ray Charles**
7. What type of gospel music is sometimes called “quartet music” due to the fact much of it is sung by male quartets? **Southern Gospel**
8. Which of the following is not a style of gospel music: Bluegrass Gospel, Serial Gospel, or Celtic Gospel? **Serial Gospel**
9. Who was known as the “Queen of Gospel” and described by Harry Belafonte as “the single most powerful black woman in the U.S.”? **Mahalia Jackson**
10. **Follow the Drinking Gourd**, while not strictly a gospel song, is part of early spiritual history primarily because its lyrics suggest a path to freedom for escaped slaves. Who is credited with writing this song? **Peg Leg Joe**

Gospel Musicians

1. What well-known female Christian singer is widely considered the “crossover pioneer” in making the transition from gospel to pop and back again? **Amy Grant**
2. Which Christian band/artist has the most Dove Awards? **Stephen Curtis Chapman**
3. What world famous secular rock band began by singing Christian music? **U2**
4. **A New Hallelujah** won a Dove Award in 2009 and featured the African Children’s Choir as backup. Who is the soloist? **Michael W. Smith**
5. Who is the only solo performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll, Country and Gospel Halls of Fame? **Elvis Presley**
6. In season one of **The Wire** what gospel group’s version of Tom Wait’s **Way Down in the Hole** was used as the theme song? **Blind Boys of Alabama**
7. Which of the Neville Brothers is known for his solo gospel singing? **Aaron Neville**
8. What gospel group did the Rolling Stones convince to record their song, **Salt of the Earth** in 1969? **The Fantastic Violinaires**
9. What husband and wife team were named Christian Songwriters of the Century by ASCAP? **Bill and Gloria Gaither**
10. As a member of the Billy Graham Crusade for many years, this Canadian-born bass-baritone was best known for his rendition of **How Great Thou Art**. Who was he? **George Beverly Shea**

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Gospel Songs

1. What is the name of the number one best-selling black gospel song of all time? **Oh, Happy Day (Edwin Hawkins Singers)**
2. Who is the subject of CeCe Winans’ **Alabaster Box? Mary**
3. “Go ahead drive the nails in my hands, Laugh at me where you stand” are the first two lines of what Dove award winning song? **Rise Again (Dallas Holm)**
4. What Dottie Rambo song, recorded by the Isaacs, won the Dove Award for Bluegrass Recorded Song of the Year in 2012, four years after she died? **Mama’s Teaching Angels How to Sing**
5. One of the most famous call and response gospel songs of all time has the line “If you get there before I do.” What’s the name of the song? **Swing Low Sweet Chariot**
6. What popular traditional gospel song was written by a slave ship’s captain and was originally played only on the black keys of the piano? **Amazing Grace**
7. What well-known gospel tune became the anthem of the civil rights movement in the 1960s? **We Shall Overcome**
8. “____ – ____ cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee” make up the first two lines of this well-known gospel hymn. What are the first three words (also the title)? **Rock of Ages**
9. Named the number one greatest song in Christian music by **CCM Magazine** in 2006, this inspirational anthem by Rich Mullins continues to be performed by top gospel artists all over the world today. **Awesome God**
10. This gospel song from Marvin Gaye’s 1971 album, **What’s Goin’ On** encourages people to put aside hate and live with love. **Wholy Holy**

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