

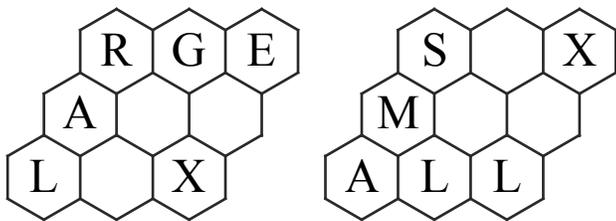
2. St. James Place, Tennessee by Ucaoimhu

A certain cleric has just written a paper claiming that since Tennessee is a terrific place for freshwater fishing, it should have been visited by St. James the Greater. His argument:

A. Tennessee has cool native fish. Five wordplay-only clues clue native fish of Tennessee. (All tagging is omitted.) You may observe something all of these have in common.

B. Tennessee has cool nonnative fish. Eight grid hexes are overstuffed, and name places outside of Tennessee. Each hex begins one (normally-clued) entry; taking the hexes counterclockwise starting at the upper arrow, the *last* letters of these entries will name some nonnative fish raised in Tennessee.

C. Tennessee has big fish. Tennessee's state sports fish used to be the largemouth bass, but is now the smallmouth bass; both eat smaller fish, like those from A and B. The answer to each of 12 (normal) clues will bend in the grid at the middle letter, six forming a 120° angle (a "largemouth") and six a 60° angle (a "smallmouth"). For each, highlight the letter it "eats" — i.e., where the answer forms two complete sides of a rhombus, the letter at that rhombus's remaining corner:



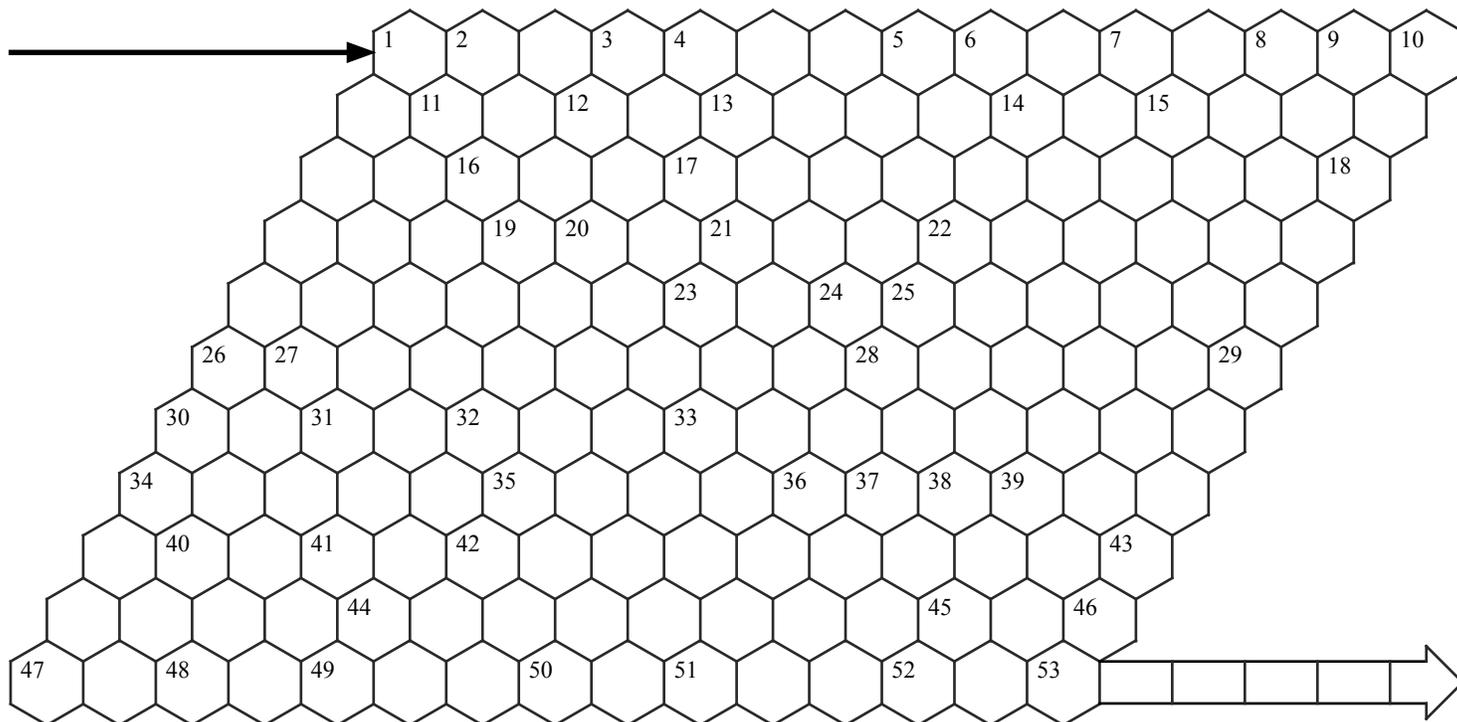
What's eaten by largemouths, and separately by smallmouths (both in grid order) will form a 6' 6 phrase for the basses, as per the observation from A. In the cleric's unusual linguistic

style (applied without regard to word boundaries) this (plus "fish") will also give a traditional name for the fish from B.

D. Tennessee has biblical fish. The traditional name from C is based on a New Testament incident in which a fish (a fish from B, according to tradition) offers an item of value. Each overstuffed grid hex is in a *noninitial* position in the answer to one (normal) clue. For each such clue, if the overstuffed hex is the *m*th hex from the start and *n*th from the end of the answer, note the *m*th letter from the start and *n*th from the end of the clue. These letter pairs, ordered as per B, will say what fish from B (judging by this incident) apparently *do*; it will also say what fish from A and C *are*.

E. It's not that long a trip. Each of the remaining 28 clues is in the cleric's unusual linguistic style, and hence two words must be reinterpreted before solving. Where the first word of the two is the *m*th word from the start of the clue and the *n*th word *before the second of the two*, note the *m*th letter from the start and *n*th letter from the end of the clue (as it appears on the page). The *m*th letters (read in clue order as a phrase enumerated 4 2 7, 6: 9) will form an ambiguous wordplay-only cryptic clue cluing either of *two* better-known locations for St. James the Greater, only a few thousand miles from Tennessee; this clue also gives the identity and full report of the reviewer of the paper, who lives a similar distance away. Also, in case the clue is too abstruse, the *n*th letters for *n* = 1 and (separately) for *n* = 2 will say what specific letters can be put in the lower arrow to name those two locations.

(Final note: Though a fine fish, Tennessee's state commercial fish, the channel catfish, was deemed unsuitable for inclusion in the paper. The *n*th letters from E for *n* = 3 will list the two qualifications the author required every fish in the paper to have, on biblical grounds; those for *n* = 4 will give the note the author made regarding the catfish's lack of one of these.)



CLUES

- 1. Mock or combat crowd-supported ruler (8) [NI3]
- ↘ 2. Lie to buy alien's true accessory (5)
- ↘ 2. Uninteresting clothes Peck ruined with soda (5 5)
- ↘ 3. Bear bearing fires, tenders, et al.? (5)
- ↘ 4. Sung sound Lily Erlanger cut in half (4)
- ↘ 5. Yes, irk lunatic with excerpts from Masses (6)
- ↘ 6. Less formal bird heard before "win a contender" in a film finale gets superficially useful (6)
- 7. Firm that makes watches from eggs after endless nonsense (6)
- ↘ 7. Ask to keep lutetium off one's feet (8)
- ← 7. A girl from *Tom Sawyer's Key & CB Nuts* (5)
- ← 8. Oil nifty Ubers with faux trailing bits (4)
- ↘ 9. Nine observers at first fear about half of Yakima (4)
- ↘ 10. Orchid with quintet of sylvan daisies (5)
- ↘ 11. Like a worse excuse for a Debussy tune (2 3)
- ↘ 11. Short little current monarch (7)
- 12. Pets spoiled by a gauge-turning priest (6)
- ← 12. To anatomists, pearlike hearts and backs of sheep, platypi, mackerel, and octopi (4)
- 13. Tales of strange conservatives (7)
- 14. Olympic gymnast Korbut's first game and most unusual knoll (4)
- ← 15. Grand falsehoods about gold and triumphs (7)
- ↘ 16. Anna gets Maureen hiding a Wii, Jill (2 5)
- 17. Sardonic actor Marvin said his life is great? (5)
- ← 18. Delegacy's last Parisian sou feeds Hun that's tossed back cold elixir (7)
- ↖ 19. Uneven parts of measly moon city Copenhagen is close to (5)
- 20. Tread things without sooth from queen and cardinal (5)
- 21. Note valley containing bass fishery, finally (8)
- ↖ 22. Defect known by MBA shooed next to set (4)
- ↗ 23. Country artist Travis from Toad Island having three rhymes to fill (5)
- 24. Badgers rang not at all sadly (4)
- ↘ 25. Pretend sound-producing device is how a pirate tells a successor to go for the ears? (3 6)
- ↗ 26. Many a musical passage is old Gershwin coming back (6)
- 27. Attendant taking in liquid topical analgesic (4 3)
- ← 28. Went to location in about 504 (7)
- ← 29. Random avionics India gives a bunch of teams including the Memphis Tigers (4 8 1, *abbr.*)
- ↗ 30. Playable plumber's namesakes give Apple phone software some wounds? (6)
- ↗ 31. Throw meringues out for some harsh creature with wings (4)
- 32. Portion of ox in rum for giver in South America (5)
- ↘ 33. *Chicago* star embraces new artistic category (5)
- ↘ 34. Wounds of Russell's Auntie, as per report (5)
- ↘ 35. Temp that's concentrated haters, etc., in breakfast places (4)
- ↖ 36. Cleans around chic actor Hoffman and others (7)
- 37. Thinking of chunk near Trip (5)
- ↘ 38. One ruby or sapphire ring around a letter from Athens (5)
- ↗ 39. Game woman seizing cheater with a leery air (6)
- ← 39. Game rooms hotel put into ocean vessel (6 6)
- ↗ 40. Fish baskets left by large First Nations group (5)
- ← 41. Expel Carr's store group that promotes beasts' welfare (4, *abbr.*)
- 42. Caine unveiled behind pan belonging to old Mesoamerican folks (5)
- ↗ 43. Fixture lighting up SC back in the day (6)
- ← 43. Perverse low Romulus had brand that was ancient (5)
- ↗ 44. Lake mess damaged round small key in the middle of the north side? (1-3)
- ← 45. Naughty Nin's free hugs (5 7)
- ↖ 45. Lash up front that Kim set a-whirling (4)
- ← 46. Say, interrupting deer that is really moose saying what sixty linnets are (6)
- 47. Singer Tormé assumes five LA athletes flipped over superhero Kamala Khan (2. 6)
- ↗ 48. Manhandled a peer showing what *spur* precedes in the motto of Kansas (6)
- ↖ 49. Contend cat sound sounded reptilian (5)
- ↖ 50. Female graduate has indigo sapphire or ruby (7)
- ← 51. Is eventually going to second foyer (5)
- ← 52. Look at that power Seattle's shore does fear (4)
- ← 53. Run a line through sludge (6)