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Love questions, for they are gateways to your future

Preface

Today we are living in a time of great human awakening. In many ways it is as if a tidal wave of new energetics is washing over us and through us. Everything about human life is becoming more potent, and we are beginning to wake up to the realisation that there is very much more to being human than we had previously thought or been led to believe.

This is turning up in our lives in many ways, but in essence we are each being called to re-examine the fundamental issues of human life. Our progress depends upon our attitudes and sentiments being aligned to the actual truths governing human life and not to some false or shallow idea of what the truth might be.

Questions, in this context and at this time in the evolving human story, are particularly valuable. They are a way to open our minds and deepen our perceptions.

At the same time questions give us an opportunity, through contemplation and inner searching, to know ourselves better and to access our inherent intelligence in the form of instinct, intuition, feeling and clairvoyance that transcend the mechanics of thought.

A good image to have about life in these times, is a person scratching at the tip of a massive pyramid submerged in sand, and asking *What is it really all about?*

Each question is a quest that invites us to continue the human journey into the unknown. We often forget that as children we are living in the unknown, and development is the continual growth into the unknown. Thus questions are a natural element of human development and progress.

A question is like a bridge that we build from our need to know into the universe. Each time we dwell or meditate upon a question we build a bridge from ourselves into the universe where the truth and reality exist, and gradually the connection is made and what was previously veiled to us becomes revealed.

This book is a celebration of questions and the incredible human capability to wonder, seek, learn and understand. The 105 questions are intended to challenge and to provide a path towards a more inspired and connected life. They are not intended to substitute the naturally self-arising questions in a life, but to compliment those and to stimulate the filaments of enquiry through which we develop and grow.

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Life is a quest, made up of many small quests

Introduction

When we are born, we enter a vast world in which we are new and everything therein is for us to discover. It is one of the basic things which we all have in common with each other, that at one time we discovered the grass, the sky, other humans, the ability to form sounds, to crawl around and so on.

In our early state of grace, for that is what childhood really is, we are free to explore the world and the things with which it is constituted. And we move from one discovery to the next, as we feel the urge to do so. It is as if we instinctively know that our survival, our purpose and our future all depend upon what we learn.

When we are young, everything for us is a question, we just haven't learned to formulate our questions into words. When we do learn the words, we find that many of our questions are very profound. Why is the sky blue? Why are we here? Where does energy come from? And if we are honest, even as grown-ups we are hard pressed to answer these questions.

Childhood perception is more simple and uncomplicated than that of an adult, and this allows a child to express deep things in simple words. When a child says that love caused humans to be, that might indeed be very close to the truth, but it might take them the rest of their life to substantiate it.

We experience the world through the energies that come into us in the form of impressions. Each new thing we discover becomes a part of us, and in this way we develop and grow; and many of our questions, especially when we are young, come from a hunger for new impressions.

After seeing a picture of Tibet, for example, we might have many questions about it. But information alone is unsatisfying - we want to go there, because only by being there can we absorb the energies of the land, the people and their culture. And only when we have been exposed to it long enough, can we say that we have connected to the essence of Tibet, that it lives inside of us and that we know it.

Real knowledge is the union of the human with the universe, the microcosm and the macrocosm, and many of our questions are part of that process, in our curiosity about things and in our endeavours to understand the how and why of things. The greater the need to know, the more persistent we are in searching.

The original quest, offered to us by birth-rite, is to discover what it means to be

human. We each accepted this quest when we took our first breath, and as we grow up we confirm ourselves with it every day in every conscious effort that we make.

Questions represent the unknown, and it is completely natural for us to ask questions when we come across something which we do not know or understand. Development and growth, by definition, are a journey into the unknown. Almost all of human knowledge and wisdom that we inherit, has come from the pursuit of questions by other humans throughout the ages, as humanity itself as a whole develops and grows.

It is said that knowledge is power; but it is not like that, for knowledge is knowledge and power is power. However, the right knowledge at the right time releases within us the power to respond in an informed and effective way.

Through the fundamental questions - what, where, when, how and why - it is possible to fully characterise any thing in terms of its nature, its place and time in the universe, how it works and why it exists.

Through questioning, we learn what things are, we piece things together, find what belongs with what, learn how to respond, contemplate the unknown and learn the truth. And wherever there are gaps in our learning, more questions arise.

Of course, we can ask a question for many different reasons, and pursue a question in many different ways. As babies, we are very interactive, sucking and feeling our way to knowledge, and during childhood we find the natural way to learn is through playing. School, if it is a good school and the teachers are kind and supportive, offers a great way to learn and to develop learning skills.

As we develop, we tend to use more of the mind, and our interests and enquiries move to the deeper reasons for things. Questioning the reasons why leads to the truth. And the deeper we dig, the more profound truths we uncover, and these add greater meaning and value to our lives and enable us to understand.

If there is any deficiency in modern education, it is that it does not promote the asking of questions. We are given a lot of information, but seldom encouraged to explore the reasons and the causes of things. Because of this we leave school with very little in depth understanding or ability to question things in life.

Questioning our own actions reveals what is motivating us, and questioning that reveals that we can choose and form our own aligning sentiments in life. This means that self-authorship and uniqueness are natural features of being human.

Questioning the reasons behind world events leads to an appreciation of the dynamics at play in humanity at large. But the deeper questions need to consider

why human beings are on Earth in the first place, for this is the context within which we need to work out and build our values and make our responses in life.

Questions can reveal the truth and expose the lies, and are the most powerful tool that we have with which to liberate ourselves from oppression. The external oppression of tyranny is always unmasked by simple honest questions, while we are set free from the inner oppression of ignorance when our questions lead us to the truth.

Most importantly, questions are part of an inner journey, for in asking ourselves about issues of life and the world we get to know ourselves better.

As we do not know what we do not know, we can never be fully conclusive about anything. Even in areas that we believe we know well, there is always very much more to know. Therefore, rather than looking for final answers or judgements, it is better, at least in deeper matters, to gather information and keep an open mind.

Questions arise quite naturally in a life, reflecting its situation and needs. However, it is often difficult to find the question that fits our inner state. This is particularly relevant today as humanity is awakening, for some questions lead us astray while other questions lead us into relevant areas of consideration about life.

The 105 questions in this book are offered as a means of facilitating the new type of enquiry that is appearing in the world today, looking for truth and the perceptions that we need to have in order that we might live together awakened and free.

These are special questions, many of which are extremely profound. They are not intended to have 'instant' or 'correct' answers like an exam; rather, they are questions to have ruminate in your mind and soul environments, to live in the hinter regions of consciousness, that they might take root there and grow from the nourishment of your ponderings and meditations, into plants of truth and reason.

These questions welcome you and mean you well. Each question is a gateway to new knowledge, and an opportunity to explore. How far you travel is up to you.



*What are you capable of when you
make the extra stretch?*