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Love questions for they are gateways to the future

Preface

Today we are living in very interesting and important times in the human story. It is true that humans always exist at the crossover between the past and the future; but at special times we also exist at the crossover between epochs in evolution where new domains of possibility open up.

We are currently living in such an evolutionary time. This is turning up in our lives in many ways: particularly we are finding everything about human life is becoming more potent and we are beginning to realise that there is very much more to being human than we had previously thought or been led to believe.

In essence we are each being called to re-examine the fundamental issues of human life that we might align our lives to the actual truths governing human life and not to some false, shallow or outdated idea of what the truth might be.

Questions, in this context and at this time in the evolving human story, are particularly valuable, for they are a way to open our minds to the incredible mysteries and enigmas of life and existence.

At the same time, questions give us an opportunity, through contemplation and inner searching, to know ourselves better and to access the inherent intelligence of the human faculty of the instinct, intuition, feelings and so on.

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

It is easy to forget that as children we spent much of our time living in the unknown, where curiosity was our motto and discovery our raison d'etre. In this way we found out about life and the world that we live in. But beyond things are the ways of things are the reasons of things, and it is here that our questions must lead if we are ever to know meaning and truth.

This book is a celebration of questions and the incredible human capability to wonder, explore, learn and understand. The 105 questions signpost a path towards reality and a deeper connection with life. They are not intended to substitute the naturally self-arising questions that a person might have, but to compliment them and to stimulate the process of enquiry through which the journey of evolution can continue.

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Is life is a quest, made up of many small quests?

Introduction

When we were born, we left our isolation chamber and entered a vast world to coexist with countless other living beings. In this world everything was new to us and we were new to it. One of the basic things that we all have in common is that at some time we each appeared into this world fresh and innocent.

In our early state of grace, for that is what childhood really is, we were free to explore the world and the myriad things that it contained - grass, trees, sky, rain, wind, other humans and so on. And we moved from one discovery to the next as if we instinctively knew that our survival, our purpose and our future all depended upon it.

As we explored and interacted with the world, so the capabilities of the human faculty developed to facilitate us in our purpose. And the more complex activities we tried, the more we developed, so that our incoherent utterances became words and sentences, crawling became walking and running, and scribbling became writing.

At an early age 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? What does it mean to be human? And, if we are honest, even as grown-ups we are hard pressed to answer these questions.

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

We experience life through the energies that come into us in the form of impressions. Each new thing we discover adds to the stock of reference that becomes our knowledge base. Many of our questions, especially when we are young, come from a hunger for new impressions.

A picture of Tibet, for example, might give rise in us to many questions. But information alone is unsatisfying - we want to go there, because only then 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 and that it lives inside of us.

Questions continue to arise when we are at the forefront of our knowledge and experience, and are a sign that we are still developing. Human evolution is itself a journey into the unknown and gives rise to new questions all the time.

Almost all of the knowledge and wisdom that resides in the libraries and museums of the world has come from those figures, mostly lost now in history, who through their dedication and devotion penetrated the unknown and shared their experiences and perceptions with us through their writings and art.

One such knowledge is that the human is a small universe. It contains within its design many different systems, levels or hierarchies of power, and can process a broad spectrum of frequencies. As such we can connect to anything in essence that lives in the greater universe.

We can know peace and tranquillity, dignity and honour, genuineness and humility, purpose and destiny, the creation laws and forces in the universe. There are no barriers to keep humans ignorant of what they are genuinely moved to know, and neither is knowledge forced upon us; it is natural that we grow into greater harmony and conjoinment with the universe and this what questions are all about.

A river, for example, exists on many different levels and with love, respect and patience our desire to know the river might allow the essence of the river to come close enough to us that we might feel its elemental nature surging within it. In other words, to know the river we must become the river.

Thus our questions are very often an attempt to bring into ourselves that which we feel is missing. We might feel a need for patience, but: What really is patience? How to develop it? Who has it? These are the questions that would navigate us towards patience; and the same for other qualities and capabilities.

Questions are gateways to new knowledge and therefore to the future. By making investigation we invest in the future. Growing up brings new questions and opportunity to deepen existing questions away from the facts of life towards causation and truth.

As babies, we suck and feel our way to knowledge, and in childhood we learn naturally through playing. But as we grow up, the higher mental faculties come more into effect enabling us to reflect, reason, dwell, meditate, and contemplate and so on.

The real measure of human intelligence is our grasp of reality. Through the fundamental questions - what, where, when, how and why - it is possible to characterise anything in terms of its nature, its place and time in the universe, its function and behaviour and the reasons for its existing.

Modern education does not promote the forming and asking of questions as much as it could and perhaps should. We are given much information, but seldom encouraged to explore the causes of things, to question the accuracy of the facts or to challenge the reasons why we are told them.

However, it is natural for us to question and examine our experiences. This is how we discern between reality and fantasy or between truth and lies. This is particularly so when we feel that something is not right or does not fit.

Even today, in our supposedly free and open society, there are certain questions that we are not allowed to ask and are manipulated away from even considering; and this brings into question the integrity of the establishment.

Questions are perhaps 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.

Proposed in the right way questions open up aspects of domains of life that otherwise remain closed to us. For example, the dictionary tells us that 'peace is freedom from disturbance'; but what really is peace, what does your unique experience and relationship with peace tell you about it, and how would you express it?

Most importantly, questions are part of an inner journey; for listening to ourselves and finding our own questions that resonate from deep within ourselves, connects us to the mystery and miracle that each of us is.

Were we robots, our lives would be the out-play of fixed programs, and our questions would only relate to those programs. But we are not robots, instead we can each make an individual and unique response to life; and in this case questions are part of the natural spiritual journey and the development of each life.

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

These are special questions, not intended to have 'instant' or 'correct' answers like an exam but rather to wonder about, to research and ponder. They welcome you and mean you well. Each one is a gateway to the unknown and an opportunity to explore. How far you travel is up to you.



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