**ALS Questions**

**-Diagnosed seven years ago. Has ALS taken over your life?**

**-Please describe a typical day.**

**-Breathing and swallowing are crucial challenges for many, if not most, ALS patients. You seem to be meeting both.**

**-I was 25 when I was diagnosed with MS. I was ill equipped to deal with this incursion into my life. You were 45. You strike me as steady and strong. Have you mastered coping?**

**You have said the symptom that instructed you that something was wrong came when you were hiking in Crete. What happened and what did you think?**

**Diagnosis (actually non- definitive diagnosis)**

**You have said that early on, you decided not to obsess on finding a cure. Good strategy for preserving your head?**

**Is there such a thing as knowing too much about your disease?**

**How important is your state of mind?**

**Significance of Africa trip.**  **life-threatening event (Africa/Greece/tracheostomy/18hr air ambulance)**

**Near death by nurse**

**Has ALS taken over your identity? -Are you your illness?**

**You say you are figuring out how you can do more than the average Joe EVEN when you   
have ALS. I did the same with MS when I was in the news business. Are we trying to prove ourselves to others or to ourselves?**

**How important is a good suport network?**

**What should your doctors know about your life?**

**What do they know?**

**You’ve seen a lot of doctors. Have you been satisfied with your medical care?**

**Talk about… Greek hospital experience'  
Rhode Island hospital experience**

**Diagnosis (actually non- definitive diagnosis)**

**Do you have a bottom line message to these medical students?**