Why We Wonder Why We Wonder







Confucius

Why should we honor those who came before us?



Respect and harmony in relationships

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Lao Tzu

When is doing less actually the best thing we can do?



Wu Wei (effortless action)

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Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Are we born good or do we learn to be good?



Natural goodness of humans

Heraclitus

How do we deal with the fact that

everything is always changing?

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Augustine of Hippo

How do we understand something as invisible as time?



Time and memory

Where does suffering come from and how can we respond to it?

Buddha (Siddhartha)



Suffering & mindfulness

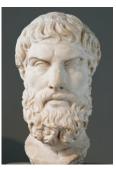


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Epicurus What simple things bring us



the most joy?

Simple pleasures and happiness

Baruch Spinoza

How are we connected to the universe and everything in it?



Unity of nature & divinity

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Mary Wollstonecraft

Constant change

What happens when we do not give everyone a fair chance?



Equality & education



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Martha Nussbaum

How can we treat everyone with care even when we disagree?



Dignity and compassion



Peter Singer

What responsibilities do we

have to other living beings?

Animal ethics and compassion



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Thich Nhat Hanh

How can we feel more connected

Mindfulness and inter-being

Montesquieu

Why is it safer when we share

power and responsibility?



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Cornel West

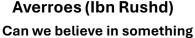
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Why is it important for us to speak truth even when it is hard?



Justice and truth-telling

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and still look for evidence?



Reason and religion

Diogenes

Do we really need all the things we want?



Separation of powers



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Hannah Arendt

What should we do when we see something that is not right?



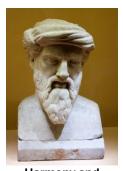
Responsibility & action



Simplicity and critique of society

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Pythagoras Is there hidden order in the way our world works?



Harmony and numbers



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Democritus

How do we know something is real if we can not see it?



Atoms and the unseen world



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Gottfried Leibniz Do we live in the best world we can imagine?



Best of all possible worlds



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Voltaire
How do we stay open to ideas
that challenge our own?



Reason and tolerance

Michel Foucault

How does the way we learn

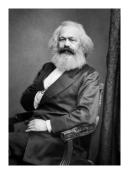
shape who has power?



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Karl Marx

Why do some people have more power than others?



Class and power

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John Rawls

How would we design rules if we did not know our place in society?



Fairness and justice



Power and knowledge



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Angela Davis

How do we fight for justice in our own communities?



Resistance and liberation



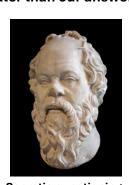
Rachel Carson
What do we owe the Earth
and all living things on it?



Nature and responsibility

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Socrates What makes our questions better than our answers?



Socratic questioning

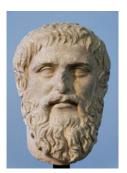


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Plato Do we believe there's a perfect version of everything?



World of forms / idealism



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Avicenna (Ibn Sina)

What makes us who we are, apart from the fact that we exist?



Essence vs

Existence

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Simone de Beauvoir How do we shape who we are becoming?



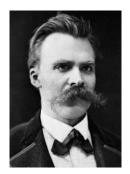
Freedom and becoming



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Friedrich Nietzsche

What does it mean for us to grow stronger through challenges?



Overcoming the self



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Zhuangzi

Can we always tell what is real in our lives?



Dreams and reality

Judith Butler

How do we decide who we

really are?



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Blaise Pascal

What do we risk by believing or not believing something?



Belief and uncertainty



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Albert Camus

Can we create our own meaning even if life feels uncertain?





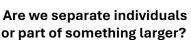
Absurdity and meaning



Identity and gender



Alan Watts



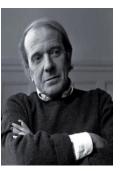


Illusion of the separate self

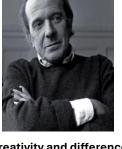


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Gilles Deleuze Why should we celebrate being different?



Creativity and difference



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Soren Kierkegaard How do we become our true selves?



Authenticity and angst

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Rumi

How can we listen more closely to the voice inside us?



Inner truth and spiritual love

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Aristotle

What do we need to live a good and meaningful life?



Virtue ethics

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Descartes

How do we know what is real in our world?



Rational doubt

John Stuart Mill

How can we make decisions

that help the most people?



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David Hume

Can we be sure the future will always be like the past?



Problem of induction



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Immanuel Kant Should we always follow

rules even when it's hard?



Duty and moral law



Utilitarianism

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Thomas Aquinas Can we believe things that we cannot prove with reason?



Reason and faith



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Hypatia Why should we stay curious about how things work?



Logic and science



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John Locke

How do we build our knowledge from experience?



Tabula Rasa (blank slate)



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Bertrand Russell

How can we ask better questions to understand the world?



Clarity in thinking



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Marcus Aurelius

How can we stay calm when life feels chaotic?



Stoicism & self control



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Epictetus

How do we decide what is worth worrying about?



Being at peace with what you can control



Boethius

Do we control our own future or are some things meant to be?



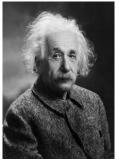
Fortune and fate



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Albert Einstein

Why should we keep asking questions even about big mysteries?



Wonder and imagination



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Lynn Margulis

How much of life depends on cooperation, not competition?



Symbiosis in evolution



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Niels Bohr

Can two opposite views of reality both be true?



Reality depends on how we observe it

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Slavoj Zizek

Do we really know what shapes our desires and beliefs?



Ideology as invisible structure



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Charles Darwin

How does change over time shape who we are as a species?



Evolution by natural selection



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Alan Turing

What happens when machines begin to think like us?



Foundations of computing and Al



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Isaac Newton

Is the universe like a machine, following precise rules?



Laws of motion & universal gravitation



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Max Weber

Do our systems give us freedom, or trap us in an iron cage?



Rationalization & Bureaucracv

John von Neumann

Can human decisions ever be reduced to calculations?



Game theory & **Systems of Strategy**

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Claude Shannon

How can we share ideas reliably, even when signals are full of noise?



Information theory and communication





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Francis Crick Are we just the activity of our brains?

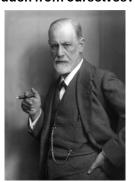


Mind as product of the brain

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Sigmund Freud

How much of who we are is hidden from ourselves?



The unconscious mind

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Thomas Nagel

What is it like to experience the world as someone or something else?



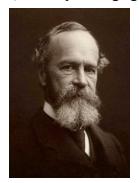
Subjective experience ("What is it like to be a bat?")



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William James

Are we ever the same self twice, or always changing?



Stream of consciousness

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Byung-Chul Han

Are we free today or just exhausted by endless performance?



Burnout society & the
pressure of selfoptimization
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Galileo Galilei

Should we trust what we see with our own eyes, even if others disagree?



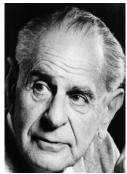
Observation as a path to truth



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Karl Popper

Can we create our own meaning even if life feels uncertain?



Falsifiability in science



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Ludwig Boltzmann

If the universe tends toward disorder, how do order and life arise at all?



Entropy and the statistical nature of reality Knowledge & Truth

Thomas Kuhn Do we discover truth, or



Paradigm shifts in science



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David Chalmers

Why do we feel anything at all, instead of just reacting like machines?



The 'hard problem' of consciousness



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Daniel Dennett

Is our inner experience real, or just a story the brain tells itself?



Consciousness as an illusion

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Kurt Gödel

Are there truths that no formal system of knowledge can ever prove?



Incompleteness theorem



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William of Ockham

Is the simplest explanation always the best one?



Ockham's Razor



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Ludwig Wittgenstein

Do we only understand truth through the way we use words?



The Language Game



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Mencius

If people are naturally good, why do we need rules at all?



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Humans are inherently good, guided by compassion Values & Culture

Jacques Derrida

If meanings are never fixed, how do we live with shifting truths?



Deconstruction meaning as difference and play Values & Culture

Francis Fukuyama

Is democracy the final form of government?



The 'end of history'



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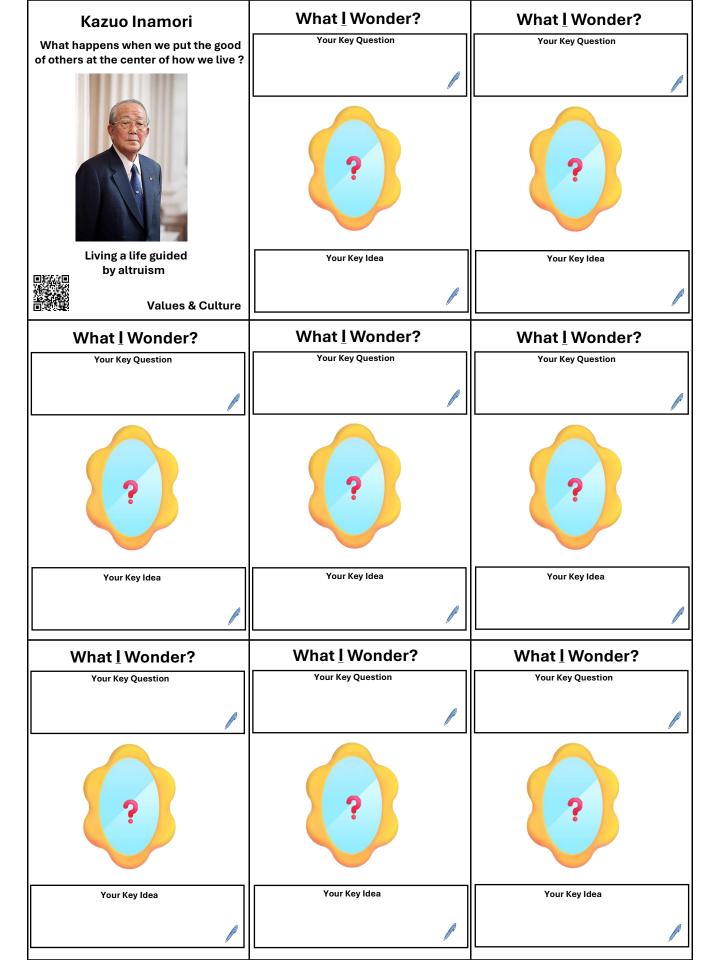
Noam Chomsky

Do we freely choose our beliefs, or are they fed to us by the media?



Mass media as a tool for shaping opinion (Manufactured Consent)

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Goal:

• Collaborate to build a connecting path of ideas

How To Play

- Place 2 random cards (Start & Destination).
- Deal **7 cards** to each player.
- Each player plays 1 card, linking it to any in play and explaining the link (question/idea/category).
- Others may challenge unclear links.
- Game ends when Start → Destination is connected, and the final player summarizes the journey.

Full Guide

Play Online



Be generous Be clear Be curious

