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## **Hot Questions**

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- 1. Imagine that everyone around you had a bubble floating above their head which displayed one piece of information about them to you. What would you like to know? (i.e. What would you like to know about everybody for free?)
  - (a) Now, you are the one with the bubble above your head that everyone else can see. What would you want people to know about you?
  - (b) What if it was just your partner that had a bubble above their head, what would you want to know? (and vice versa).
- 2. Imagine you could download something into your brain like in *The Matrix*, but you could only do it once. What would you pick? Would you pick something that you know you're capable of learning and just learn it faster, or would you pick something you know you could never learn on your own?
  - What if you could download a skill into everyone else's brain. What would you pick?
- 3. What do you think (insert name) as wrong about you?
- 4. How many (significant to you) things have you never told anyone?
  - (a) Compile a list of people who, if they asked you for these secrets, you would tell them to.
  - (b) Who do you think, thinks that they are on your list?
  - (c) Whose list do you think you're on?
- 5. How many people do you think should be on someone's list?
- 6. What topics make you feel vulnerable?
- 7. Have you ever asked something of someone (or a question) that you knew would put strain on the relationship?
- 8. Who would you drive across town at 7pm for? At 3am? To Nanaimo? Fly to them?
- 9. Suppose you had a love potion that made the person you sprayed it with fall deeply and happily in love with you. Would you use this love potion? Is it immoral to use it?
  - (a) Suppose you asked them first?
  - (b) Suppose you were a master seducer and you had the ability to make people fall in love with you, is it immoral to use this power?
  - (c) The one with the investor and the couple...
- 10. What's a behaviour that you wanted to change and then did?
- 11. What have you worked the hardest for?
- 12. What's the youngest you could believe someone was really in love?

- 13. Is there a difference between how you love your friends and how you love your partner? Or, are they similar but with your partner you have an added component of sex/physical intimacy.
- 14. Which friend of yours do you think you could help the most?
- 15. Imagine we had made contact with Aliens and you've been asked to leave earth in a spaceship on a journey to the alien world. You are allowed to bring up to 25 people and can outfit your spaceship as luxuriously as you like (within reason). It's going to take 30 years to get there. Would you go? Adjust the number of years and people they can take depending on their answers.
- 16. Does everyone have a duty to make the world a better place? How do you do that?
- 17. What confuses you about people?
- 18. What's something about yourself that you'd like to change?
- 19. When was the last time you cried?
- 20. Who would you feel comfortable crying in front of?
- 21. What do you think most people have wrong about you?
- 22. Imagine your doctor told you that you were getting dementia and that he could preserve one memory for certain. Which memory would you keep?
- 23. Imagine brain-scanning technology is perfected and without surgery a machine can piece together your thoughts with or without your consent. Now, you're on trial for a crime. Should it be allowed for the government to compel you to sit down in the machine?
  - Suppose you are blind, but you have an ocular implant that allows you to see. This implant also records everything you've seen. Now you're on trial for a crime. Should the government be able to compel you to download a copy of your vision?
  - Suppose you have a brain disorder that keeps you from forming longterm memories. To cope, you write everything down in a journal. Now you're on trial for a crime. Should the government be able to compel you to let them read your journal?