

SMALL
QUESTIONS,
BIG
ANSWERS

?

*Philosophy for the
Incurably Curious.*

Introduction

These cards aren't here to give you answers.

They're here to unravel you a little — to challenge
what you think you know.

Each card holds a question meant to be sat with,
argued about, or stared at until your brain hurts.
They're for classrooms, dinner tables, long drives,
or deep chats with your mates.

There's no score, no right side, and no finish line.
Just curiosity — the thing that built every idea
we've ever had.

So pick a card.
Argue with it.
Argue with yourself.

And remember: if you leave the conversation more
confused than you started, you're probably closer
to the truth.

For the incurably curious.
— Zac

The Curiosity Problem

Are there things we're
better off not
knowing?

What is something
you wish you could
un-learn?

The Brain Swap

If you and your friend
swapped brains but
not bodies, which one
would you be?

Is the “*self*” in your
body or in your
brain?

The Lost Belief

Is there anything you
used to believe in but
don't anymore?

What made you
change your mind?

The Unknown

Are there things
impossible to know?

How can you tell the
difference between
something *unknown*
and something
unknowable?

The Big Priority

What's the most
important thing in
life?

What types of people
would *disagree* with
your answer?

The Rebuilding Body

98% of the atoms in
your body are replaced
every 5-10 years. Does
that make you the
same person or
someone different?

Do you feel like a
fundamentally
different person to
your child self?

The Memory Loss

If you lost all of your
memories, would you
still be “you”?

Are you your past,
your personality, or
something deeper?

The Thinking Brain

Can you ever stop
thinking?

What happens in
your mind when you
try?

The Changing Mind

Is changing your
mind a sign of
weakness or wisdom?

Why is it so difficult
to *change our mind*?

The Crux of Colour

How would you
describe colour to
someone who has
been blind their
whole life?

Can we imagine
something we have
never seen?

The Colour Mystery

How can you know
my red is the same as
your red?

If everyone saw
colour differently,
would that change
how you think about
reality?

The Endless Number

Does infinity exist in
the real world?

What things appear
to be “infinite” in
nature?

The Numbers Game

Are there things in the
universe mathematics
cannot describe?

Is the universe
written in equations,
or just interpreted
through them?

The Nature of Mathematics

Is mathematics
invented or
discovered?

If math didn't exist
before us, why does it
explain everything so
perfectly?

The Pinocchio Paradox

What would happen
if Pinocchio said, “My
nose will grow now”?

Can truth and lies
exist simultaneously?

The Past Question

Does the past exist? If
so, where does it go?

How can we live in
the present when it
disappears the moment
we notice it?

The Second Death

Would you rather die
remembered or live
forgotten?

Is the desire for
legacy a celebration of
life — or *denial of its*
end?

The Dream Test

If we can't tell we're
dreaming while we
dream, how can you
be sure you're awake
right now?

What would count as
proof that this isn't a
dream?

The Strange Ape

If aliens were
studying humans,
what would confuse
them the most?

What might they find
inspiring?

The Love Question

Is love just chemistry,
or something deeper?

Would *love exist* if
humans didn't need
each other to survive?

The Love Feeling

Is love something we
feel, or something we
choose?

Is it always true that
*'the love you get is the
love you give'?*

The Evil Sex

Are men more evil
than women?

Is evil something
we're *born with*, or
something we *learn*?

The Happiness Scale

Is happiness the most
important thing in
life?

Can people live
meaningful lives
without being happy?

The Happiness Paradox

Is it possible for
everyone to be
happy?

Must some happiness
come at the *expense of*
others?

The Happiness Puzzle

What is happiness?

Can moments that
make us happy lead
to a fulfilling life?

The Eternal Life

If you could live
forever, would you?

How could you find
meaning in an endless
life?

The Beauty Question

Is something beautiful
because of how it
looks or how it feels?

Can something *ugly*
still be meaningful?

The Objective Wrong

Are there things that
are wrong, no matter
the context?

Can kindness ever be
wrong?

The White Lie

Is it better to tell a
comforting lie or an
ugly truth?

What factors would
change your answer?

The Subjective Wrong

Is it possible to do
something wrong for
a good reason?

Is it the *thought* that
counts or the
consequences of your
actions?

The Sentient Life

At what point do
living things deserve
rights and respect?

Does *intelligence*
decide who matters?

Food for Thought

Why is it okay to eat
some animals but not
others?

Can we *judge* other
cultures for eating
animals we deem
precious?

The Thought Clone

Would the world be
better off if everyone
thought like you?

What would the
world *lose* if everyone
thought the same
way?

The Reward Paradox

Is doing good for a
reward still good?

Does *motivation*
matter more than the
outcome?

The Reward Paradox

Would the world be
better if no one could
lie - ever?

Would that make
people *kinder* or
crueler?

The Reverse Lesson

What can adults learn
from children?

How does *experience*
help us - and how
might it hold us back?

The Afterlife Question

What happens to us
after we die?

Should the answer
change how we live
while we're alive?

The Perfect World

What does a perfect
world look like?

Can a perfect world
stay *perfect forever*?

The Perfect World

Would 'good' still
mean anything if
there were no 'bad'?

How do bad
experiences shape
your sense of *meaning*
and *gratitude*?

The Dual Human

Are humans more evil
than other animals?

Why is humanity
capable of both
immense good and
immense evil — at the
same time?

Peek into the Future

Would you want to
know your future?

How would knowing
change your current
choices?

The Future You

If you met your future
self, what would you
say to them?

What do you think
they'd say to you?

The Past You

If you met your past
self, what would you
say to them?

Have you made them
proud?

The Smartest Animal

Are humans the
smartest animals?

What does '*smart*'
really mean?

The Disagreement Rule

Can you respect
someone whose
beliefs threaten your
own?

Can two people both
be right?

The Hero's Delusion

How do we reconcile
that history's worst
villains believed they
were heroes?

Is morality *absolute*, or
just a *story* told by the
victors?

The Creativity Quirk

Are some people
more creative than
others?

Is creativity
something you're
born with or
something you *build*?

The School Subject

What's the most
important subject at
school?

What's the *least*
important subject at
school?

The Opinion Trap

Is 'truth' just
whatever most people
agree on?

Can something be
true if *no one* believes
it?

The Special Animal

What separates
humans from other
animals?

Does that make us
better - or just
different?

The Butterfly of Action

What act of kindness
have you never
forgotten?

How has it *impacted*
you?

The Butterfly of Action 2

What act of cruelty
have you never
forgotten?

How has it *impacted*
you?

The Freedom Paradox

Is freedom more
important than
happiness?

Are rules meant to
control us or *protect*
us?

The New Thing

What's something
you learnt about
yourself that
surprised you?

Why should we try
new things?

The Worth of Life

Are some lives worth
more than others?

Why do we have
rules about *who to*
save first?

The Moral Culture

Are some cultures
more moral than
others?

Are there ways we
can *fairly judge* other
cultures?

The Enemy Effect

Do humans need
enemies to feel
united?

Can *peace* exist
without something to
fight against?

The Online Self

Are we more
ourselves online or in-
person?

Do we show our true
selves when we're
seen - or when we're
hidden?

The Victim Complex

Does claiming
victimhood protect us
— or imprison us?

Can *power* exist
without
responsibility?

The Freedom of Speech

Should people be
allowed to say things
that are wrong or
harmful?

How can we find
truth without the
freedom to be wrong?

The Evil Excuse

Can insanity excuse
evil?

Where does
accountability end and
illness begin?

The Problem of Evil

If God exists, why do
bad things happen to
good people?

Can belief survive
without *explanation*?

The National Pride

Is patriotism a form of
love or of fear?

Can pride in one's
country exist *without*
seeing others as
lesser?

The Problem of Truth

Does objective truth
exist, or is it a matter
of perspective?

If everyone sees the
world differently,
how can we ever
know *what is real*?

The Progress Problem

Was reaching the
Moon about
exploration — or
proving we could?

If we can reach the
stars but still can't
live in peace, what
have we really
achieved?

The Puppet Mind

If thoughts appear in
your mind without
your control, who's
really doing the
thinking?

If you are your
thoughts, then who's
the one *noticing* them?

The Rewind Problem

If you could live your
life over again, would
you change anything
if it meant losing who
you are now?

Is our *attachment* to
who we've become
stronger than our
desire to be better?

The Faith Dilemma

What's more
dangerous: believing
too much or believing
in nothing?

How do you balance
between being too
gullible and too
skeptical?

The Afterlife

What happens to us
after we die?

Do you think the
answer *matters* while
we're alive?