

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?