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100

Quintessential Quora Questions

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There are some very good, and some very stupid questions asked on [Quora](#). I try and respond to the good questions thoughtfully, and helpfully, basing those answers on my knowledge and experiences. Judging by the number of times, my answers are upvoted, it seems I must be doing something right. The stupid questions, not so much, but I do try to answer many of those questions with a degree of flippancy. Admittedly, I have an off-the-wall sense of humor,

In this book are 100 questions that I've answered on Quora, on a variety of topics from IQ to supercars, and much in between. I hadn't realized how often I posted, until I took a look at my content, and then, in reading them, thought that it would a fun exercise to share them with a wider audience

I hope you enjoy reading them, finding some advice and suggestions that will resonate with you, plus, of course, I'd like you to get a few laughs along the way. (If you come across a question that you find the answer offensive, just move on. We're always going to disagree on something, but that shouldn't get in the way of friendship, or one's enjoyment as a whole).

When you've got to the end, and if you found it a good read, please write a review, as well as sharing it with your friends and family. (I'm already planning Volume 2, but whether I proceed with it, depends, to a very large degree on you, the reader).

If you want to know about me, and my life, click [here](#). A sincere thanks for your time.

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1.

What are the benefits of being smart and short?



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No idea. I'm smart and tall.

2.

If a person worked hard, but they didn't become the topper, does that mean they're stupid?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Updated just now

First of all, what sort of a phrase is 'the topper'? I presume you mean the top (of their profession)?

In answer to your question, the answer is No. Lots of people work hard, and never get anywhere. Some of those people are very smart but they lack other personality characteristics that would help them get ahead. Quiet, introverted and shy people rarely get noticed because they are invisible, especially in a corporate environment where one, mostly, has to stand out. The extroverts score big here, but even they need additional skills; i.e., being able to 'sell' their ideas, present those ideas effectively, and be able to instantly respond to negatives. If you really want to get ahead, find the thing you are passionate about, and become a world-class expert in it. Then take a risk and work for yourself.

3.

How would you describe a person who is very smart and very nice?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Aug 9

A rarity.



4.

Why do gifted people get bored so easily?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Jun 26

IMHO, it is almost always very easy to master jobs, no matter how complex or difficult they seem to others, and get them done very quickly leaving lots of time to fill. In addition to that, there is a certain amount of disbelief from superiors that the work could already be done. Many years ago, I took over a job that had been done by a lady for some 35 years. She took all day to do what I did in less than an hour. I was not popular! Since then I've worked mostly for myself where I constantly bounce from one thing to another. My typical day involves software development which I've now been doing for 35 years, and am still learning something new almost every day, writing (blog articles, poetry, my memoirs), video editing and production, photography, and when I need a break, I sit down and read a book; the entire book, or go for a walk on the beach. I never get bored because my mind is always active. At school I was always bored because I got it the first time, and was then frustrated with the fact that the same thing had to be gone over multiple times for the dummies in the class. Now I realize that last statement is politically incorrect, but it is the truth.

5.

What is the British IQ test?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Aug 7

Did you vote for Brexit? If yes, you're an idiot.

6.

How do I talk smart and effectively?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Try just saying things you've given some serious thought to.



7.

What is a sign of intellectual elitism?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Aug 3

Perhaps writing questions to Quora about it.

8.

Is being honest always smart?



Michael Rocharde

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No, sometimes being honest will get you in a world of s**t. Let's say you have a very rich uncle, and you are his potentially only heir. He's a big fan of Donald Chump, and you hate him, as I do, with a passion. When you're uncle asks you what you think of Chump, you are not going to tell him what you really feel, and risk being disinherited, are you? If significant other asks if that dress makes her look fat, and it does, you are going to say No, immediately. That, by the way, is a question where tact trumps honesty. Diplomats and politicians have mastered the skill of only answering honestly when it is in their best interest to do so.

9.

Are there any intelligent people in the United States?



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Many, but none of them support Donald Chump.



10.

Since 100 was designed to be the average intelligence IQ, does that mean that half of the people are below that number and half the people are above that? Does it mean that one has the same chance of having a 150 IQ as having a 50 IQ?



Michael Rocharde

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Well, IMHO, since there are an incredible number of really stupid people in the world, it would seem that there should be an equal number of extremely smart people, but they are quite hard to find. Either the dummies outnumber them, or the smart people are living in somewhat isolation, keeping away from them. Yes, that's a facetious answer to a stupid question!

11.

Will you punch your friend when you found out that they're gossiping about you?



Michael Rocharde

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No, but they won't be a friend anymore. I have no patience, or time, for gossips. They are the worst elements of society who've got nothing better to do with their lives than run down others.



12.

How does IQ affect lifetime earnings, as an average?



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I'm not convinced that it does, in the same way that an IQ score doesn't really show how smart a person is. Smart people have a variety of skills and assets and IQ is just one of them. Problem solving is much more valuable as is being able to think outside the box. Some very smart people never make a decent living because of low self esteem or a lack of self confidence or a myriad of other reasons. On the other side of the scale, a lot of people who aren't really that smart are able to make enormous amounts of money. In short there is no straight answer and, to be honest, I'm not sure if there is a point to the question.

13.

What is it called when somebody's very intelligent but they mess up on little tiny minor things like very simple things?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Jun 17

Likely, they are focused on things that are important, not trivial stuff. If you're living with somebody like that and it infuriates you, get over it!



14.

Are you intimidated by people who you know are significantly more intelligent than you?



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I'm certainly not intimidated by people smarter, richer or more successful than I am and I enjoy talking to all of them. I know that people who don't know me are often intimidated by my 'history' but I always seem to be able to put them at ease when we meet. There are people who think I'm arrogant, mistaking self-confidence for arrogance. I believe that a lot of people limit themselves by allowing low self esteem to color their world. Nobody is better than I am and I am not better than anybody else. The gifts I have, I was born with and they are part of my DNA, not something I can take credit for. I accept them and am grateful for them.

15.

Is death by being buried alive painful?



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How would I know! You need to ask somebody who has been, but good luck with getting an answer.

16.

Why do bald people seem intellectual?



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Do they? They just seem bald to me!



17.

What will happen if a nuclear power plant explodes?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

Look up Chernobyl.

18.

Why is the Quora community so anti-Donald Trump?



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Originally Answered: Why does it seem that all you read political on Quora is anti Trump? ·

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Because he is a thoroughly unpleasant human being; a bully and a irredeemable liar who is only interested in making himself richer and more powerful. In my opinion, he's a disgrace to the human race and is unfit to hold the office which he currently holds.

19.

If you do the same as 99% of people do, can you expect the results of that 99%?



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Duh!



20.

How do I become a polyglot? I'm 14 and have tried to learn multiple languages but don't speak any fluently. I want to master more than one language. How do I do this?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Updated just now

Pick the one you want to learn most, master it and then start on another. You also need to find a learning method that resonates with you. Try www.languagetransfer.org.

21.

I've come to the conclusion that women are not worth my time and that I am superior alone. I aspire to move on to better things in life. Is this why I never had a girlfriend?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Jan 27

Those who think they are superior, are generally the opposite. You don't seem to be the exception by asking stupid questions like this one. The reason you don't have a girlfriend is probably because you're a moron.



22.

What is the IQ of someone who learns to drive a car by himself?



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I'm sorry, but as questions go, this is a doozy and pointless!

23.

Maybe it's not about being smart or hard-working anymore but all about being lucky. What do you think?



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Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

Luck is a huge factor that can't be discounted. You have to be in the right place at the right time. However, being smart and working hard are also essential ingredients. You can have one without the other and still succeed. To some degree though, I think we make our own luck by being positive, never giving up, being open to new ideas, always looking for opportunities and be willing to take risks. People who play it safe their whole lives are unlikely to really succeed because risk taking is a huge part of most successes. I believe it is also important to be grateful.



24.

Do "by the book" types win?



Michael Rocharde

Voracious reader since age 4. · 1y

Sometimes. They typically win in an environment where there is little room for creativity and nobody wants to do anything that they could be criticized or fired for. But those environments are actually toxic and bad for innovation and, because of that, often struggle to succeed.

The out-of-the-box thinkers and risk-takers are more likely to succeed where they are given the freedom to try different ways of getting things done. The more a company empowers its people, the more they will see great things happen. Of course, there are no guarantees and things will fail but if you learn from those failures, you are unlikely to make the same mistake twice.

25.

Why do some people have the need to be rich and famous when so much joy can be found in life as just a normal person?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

Society today sees success as being rich and famous and the message is that if you're not either of those things then you are a failure. There are many people who have fallen under that spell and they don't care what they do or who they hurt to get there and when they do, they often find that they aren't happy so what was the point! There are many successful people who are not rich or famous and have no interest in being so. They just want to do what they do best and be fulfilled by that. Then you have Elon Musk who is both but doesn't care about either; he just cares about changing the world for the better. Money is important, we all need it, but friendship and accomplishment are much more valuable.



26.

What are some street smart tips to avoid potential dangers?



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Two rules that are really simple and must be followed. Always be aware of your surroundings, people who are very near to you or moving directly at you but also pay attention to everything that is going on within a 500 yard radius and that means checking behind you. (A good way to practice this is to go out walking and describe what you are seeing to yourself - in other words talk out loud or practice with a friend if that feels too weird)

The 2nd rule is TRUST your instincts. If you sense danger, get out of there immediately. You can't afford to delay or vacillate. GO!

If you follow these two rules, it will keep you safe most of the time.

27.

How can I become a deeper thinker?



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Originally Answered: How do you become a deep thinker? · Remove Banner

Think; deeply.



28.

Why have highly educated, smart, accomplished, and successful people like Hawley, Cruz, DeSantis as well as many others become so vile and caustic? What has driven them to such a level of meanness?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

I think that, fundamentally, they are flawed, insecure little people who hate the world and figure that they can get away with their meanness in the name of Donald Trump. No decent human being would behave the way they do or say the things they say but the really sad thing is that they keep getting re-elected which says that there are a lot of voters like them who like them. They want to be noticed and talked about and to them it doesn't matter what other people say because they don't listen to anything other than their inner voice. Rush Limbaugh, who finally, did some good in the world by dying, was a vile person full of bile and hate and I can't help but wonder if that caused his cancer. If so, it was well deserved.

29.

What is currently common sense but won't be in the future?



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Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · 1y

Common sense is not common since so few people have any of it. It should be called uncommon sense. I don't see either of those changing in the future.

30.

Is writing in the palm a sign of intelligence?



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I think it signifies that the person has no paper handy.



31.

How do you detach yourself from a depressed person?

This question previously had details. They are now in a comment.



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As long as you give in, he/she will never stop. You have to ignore the threats to harm themselves; its emotional blackmail, nothing more and you cannot win. The only thing you can do is completely separate yourself from them, and that means totally. (You can try to get them to see somebody for counseling but the chances of them agreeing to do so are slim to none).

32.

You can only say three last words to the person you love the most in your life. What would they be?

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Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 5y

"Thanks for everything" or "Goodbye, my darling"

33.

What would Mr. Spock think if he were to watch an old Earth comedy film like It's a Mad, Mad Mad Mad World?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

He would not find it remotely amusing. Vulcans do not understand humor; it is illogical.



34.

What good habits do successful people do? I am a 22-year-old. I have very big goals in life, but I am lazy and do nothing. I hope that successful people reply to me.



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

Honestly, you should be ashamed of yourself. The only way you're ever going to get anywhere in life is to work as if your life depended on it. Laziness and success are sworn enemies. Find something that you are passionate about and master it and stop whining. In fact, GTFU.

35.

How do I stop feeling superior to people who prefer TV or films because I like to read a lot of books?



Michael Rocharde

Voracious reader since age 4. · 1y

I'd start by stopping being so arrogant and judgemental.

36.

Is there a correlation between constipation and a high IQ?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Updated just now

I'd say that the person who wrote this question is full of crap.



37.

Which books should I read (novels or not) if I'm 25 years old, lonely, single since a few months ago, and often sad and afraid?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · 6y

Read Phillip Pullman's Golden Compass trilogy if you want to be transported into a magical world. James Clavell's Shogun, The Magus by John Fowles, or One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. All of which are superb reads. But don't retreat into books; the world is a big place and when it slaps you down, you have to get back up and keep going. If you're lonely, join (and attend) some Meetup groups, or Toastmasters, in your area. Make an effort to get out and talk to people, but be cheerful and upbeat no matter how sad you are feeling inside. Don't be afraid; fear accomplishes nothing. Believe me, being single is much better than being in a bad relationship and love can't be forced no matter how much you want it. Good luck.

38.

Do smart people watch the show Keeping Up with the Kardashians?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · 1y

No. Short answer to a stupid question.



39.

What scares smart people?



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Originally Answered: What are intelligent people afraid of? · Remove Banner

Losing one's mind.

40.

If adversity is the mother of wisdom, how wise would someone be if they were profoundly gifted and profoundly tortured?



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I'm sorry but this is a really stupid question. Every person will respond differently to similar stimuli. Under the scenario you stated, some would rise and fight back due to an indomitable will and others would kill themselves. Plus nobody ever knows how they will react/respond to a situation until it happens.



41.

What should I do in my life if I do not want to do anything?

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Well, I would say that your mother is encouraging you to be a drain on society and you need to get off your lazy backside and do something productive with it. If there are no jobs where you are, then find somewhere to volunteer and contribute in some way. When you actually do something instead of nothing, then you will feel better about yourself.

42.

Is being greedy smart?



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No, being greedy is just being greedy, and greedy people are usually nasty people. The only thing it has to do with smartness is they've found a way to get away with it.

43.

How is geospatial intelligence collected?



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Geospatially?



44.

Do people with genius-level IQs have trouble with simple things like tying shoes and socks and remembering names, etc.?



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What was the question?

45.

Do people value fashion and looks over intelligence and personality traits?



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They shouldn't, but do, and that tells you just how shallow they are.

46.

Is it common for people to be proud of their PhD?



Michael Rocharde

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Probably, but it is a completely useless achievement unless you do something worthwhile with it. It might help you get a job in a mailroom somewhere.



47.

What is the name for instinctual intelligence?



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Instinctual intelligence would be my guess.

48.

I'm ugly as hell! Like I do deserve to live ugly! And all I ever wanted to do in life was be successful, but I feel like my looks are holding me back nobody is willing to give me a chance at anything! How do I get over that?



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You've accepted that you're not physically attractive, are never going to be successful, and that nobody is willing to give you a chance at anything. That's your problem, right there, in a nutshell. You are holding YOU back! Okay, so how do you change that? First of all, you need to develop an extrovert personality, and if you don't know how to do that, remember the old saying "Fake it until you make it!" I used to be very introverted and shy, and one day I decided not to be, so I forced myself to be the opposite. It was difficult as hell for a month, or so, and then, one day, it wasn't an act any more, it was who I was. You CAN do it! Secondly, if at all possible, be the guy who's always funny. Look at Rowan Atkinson; he's not exactly matinee idol good-looking, but he is incredibly funny, and he has amassed a fortune. When I say funny, that doesn't mean you have to be always telling jokes, just be quick-witted, and interject that wit whenever there is an opportunity. Develop, and hone, a personality that is larger than life, but a nice one, not a mean-spirited one, and you will have lots of friends, and opportunities. But, above all, be yourself, and be comfortable with what you've got, and who you are. Good luck and I HTH.



49.

Do plenty of smart people get interrupted from conversations?



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Very few people have learned the art of listening, so instead of listening intently to what the other person is saying, and then comment (with relevance to prove that you were listening); they jump in with whatever random thought was running through their mind. As soon as they are finishing 'twittering' continue with your conversation with "As I was saying, ...!" Now if they do it again, call them out. What I do is say "If you would listen to what I am saying, you would realize that your comments are irrelevant, and its ery rude for you to keep interrupting me." Then I look them straight in the eye and say "May I continue without further interruptions?" I hold ye contact until they either look away or nod, generally sheepishly.

50.

I'm 17 and I am praised by everyone because my intelligence, currently I can speak 3 languages and learned all of them by myself and I am a good student. Then why my IQ is 91?



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Ignore your IQ score; it's irrelevant. I'd say that you are very intelligent.



51.

What level of consciousness is required for the best level of intelligence?



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It helps to be conscious.

52.

When I understand that I don't know anything, does that mean I'm smart?



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No!

53.

Which geniuses would you say have shaped our world?



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There are too many to list, but in contemporary times, Steve Jobs and Elon Musk. I suspect that Elon Musk will go down in history as the father of the Space Age, amongst all of his other achievements.



54.

What habits of gifted people make them peculiar?



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Personal idiosyncracies. Either accept them, or distance yourself.

55.

I am smart, intelligent, and brave, but most friends see me as a threat that I might easily attract favour or admiration than them. Why is it always like that?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

If you have those qualities, you wouldn't be bragging about them, and if you have friends who see somebody with those qualities as a threat, they're not friends. I suggest you get over yourself; humility goes a long way.

56.

Are people more concerned with how they are perceived or with being who they are?



Michael Rocharde

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Those that are, are deeply insecure with very low self-esteem.



57.

What are some of the best street smart hacks?



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Pay attention to everything that is going on around you, and do not let yourself get distracted by disturbances. If you sense danger, go in a different direction. Trust your instincts.

58.

Does the length of hair correlate to intelligence?



Michael Rocharde

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Not remotely. I'm laughing out loud at such a ridiculous idea. (It was probably written by an overweight, unattractive man with hair down to his ankles).

59.

Why do you always want to look smart and cool?



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I don't but I do.



60.

Can someone be successful without setting goals and achieving them?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

I've never set goals as such in my life, and yet I've been successful. I think that comes down to drive, and determination which are equally as powerful as setting a goal. I have, however, used visualization to great effect in several sports that I play. I think it comes down to each to his own.

61.

How can I work hard and strive for success?



Michael Rocharde

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If you work hard, and smart, and do everything right, you may well end up being successful, but striving for success will often have the opposite effect. Think about what success means, really means, to you? If the answer is money, which it often is, making money is fine, but that rarely brings anybody any happiness. For me, success is the freedom to live where I want, and get paid to do the thing I love.



62.

Can someone work for 16 hours every day?



Michael Rocharde

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When I was starting out, at the age of 35, in the profession that I've now been doing for 33 years, I used to work 16 hour days, 7 days a week. I learned a tremendous amount, but it almost killed me, so I wouldn't recommend it. The other downside to it is that you have no work-life balance, and, after a while that leads to depression. My advice is work 8 hours a day and enjoy your life.

63.

Who were the smartest people in the world in 300 B.C.?



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Those who managed to survive.

64.

Who is the person that you think has a mighty brain?



Michael Rocharde

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Definitely not Donald Chump or any Republican politician these days. Elon Musk is the correct answer.



65.

Is it necessary to have a good idea to be successful?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

So, here's the truth. Good ideas are a dime a dozen; we've all had them. But taking a good, or even a great, idea and developing it to a point of success, requires an incredible level of commitment, an enormous amount of hard work, and LUCK. Yes, I capitalized that word deliberately. Lot's of people are also successful who never had a good idea in their lives; if only I could figure out how they do it!

66.

Can you imply something meaningful to teach me?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

I can't imply anything meaningful to teach you, but what I can do is give you some of the tools that I've used in my life. The first of these is that I live by the saying "It is what it is, and it will be what it will be. This translates into 'stop worrying about things you cannot change'. Worry simply detracts from getting things done, so don't worry about things that might happen; instead deal with them when they do. Secondly, never, ever listen to people who try to dissuade you from doing something by saying "that's a really bad idea," or "It'll never work", etc. What those people are saying is about them, their fears and insecurities; not you, or your plans. Finally, don't doubt yourself. If you fail, you will learn from that failure, and not make the same mistake(s) again. Failure is good, because it is the only thing we learn from. When we're successful, we just pat ourselves on the back, and tell ourself that we're just smarter than heck, but that doesn't teach us anything. However, when you fail, you think about what went wrong, HTH, and good luck.



67.

Is too much knowledge a dangerous thing?



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Not unless the knowledge you have is such that people are willing to kill you for it.

68.

Does helping people make you smart?



Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

No, but you should help people because you can, not because you expect to get anything out of, or from it.

69.

What do you call a person that does not know anything?



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A politician!

70.



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In 2024, who would get your vote, someone in a coma on life support or Trump?

The coma guy, for sure. He'd be smarter by a long way.



71.

You swap genders for a day, what's the first thing you do?



Michael Rocharde

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I've no idea. I'd be so confused!

72.

Why am I so awkward around people? How can I improve myself?

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Michael Rocharde

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · Just now

Well, it sounds like you are probably very shy and lacking in self esteem. One of the best ways to overcome those issues would be to join a local Toastmasters Group, where you will get to learn how to speak in public in a very supportive environment. Doing this will help with your shyness and also boost your self esteem, especially after you get up in front of an audience and deliver a really good speech. HTH and good luck.

73.

If I give you \$1 million right now, what would you do?



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Probably have a heart attack!



74.

How can a non entrepreneur become an entrepreneur?



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Being an entrepreneur means you are working for yourself, and the rewards (income) that come your way are yours. This is very different from being a salaried person. Sounds great so far, doesn't it? Here's the rub! As an entrepreneur, you are not always going to make money; sometimes you'll make none for a month, or two, or three. In that case, not only do you have to have savings to carry you through that lean period, but, and this is more important, you have to have the intestinal fortitude to deal with it. Most people can't, which is why there are so few entrepreneurs in the world. Entrepreneurs are also extreme risk-takers. Are you? When you work for yourself, you don't have a job you go to, and come home after 8 hours; you work very long hours, and probably most days. When you work for yourself, you've got a raging maniac as a boss, and the only good thing about that is that he will give you a day off every once in a while. Finally, the odds are that you will fail, several times, before you succeed, and sometimes you will lose everything in the process. Still want to be an entrepreneur?

P.S. I've been one for 35 years, and I wouldn't change it for anything.

75.

Are there some people who have stopped thinking and are now living by instinct?



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There are many who have never started!

76.



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the Answers



77.

What will you do if you know when will you die?



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I'd do pretty much exactly what I do now, which is live every day as if it might be my last. Yes, I'd write letters to those I love, saying goodbye, and on my last day, I'd call those people who are most important to me, but, otherwise, business as usual.

78.

If you could know how you died or when you died (but not both), which would you choose and why?



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I'd choose to die quietly in my sleep. No pain, no suffering, just fall asleep and never wake up.

79.

Why can't I think of things to say in a conversation?



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Perhaps because you're too busy trying to think of something to say. Try listening, intently, to the other person. Then ask them a question based on something they said which interested you. This will show them that you were actually listening, and now you're talking. It's not difficult, plus you are likely to learn a lot.



80.

How can I be a billionaire before the age of 35?



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Run for Congress before the age of 25, and win!

81.

What individual makes you ashamed of being human?



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That's so easy! Donald Chump!

82.

Is everyone intelligent?



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Duh! Well, I suppose it depends on how you define intelligence, but the simple answer is No, not hardly. I mean, you only have to read the news on a regular basis to see numerous examples of the complete lack of intelligence across a wide spectrum of humanity. Honestly, it boggles the mind, of anybody that has one, that is!



83.

Why do Democrats think it is okay to steal for taxes on smarter and richer people?



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Honestly, this is one of the stupidest questions ever! Everybody should pay their fair share of taxes. Those that are richer, and smarter, have already hit the lottery, and now you want them to keep more of their money, when they already have plenty? You're obviously a Republican, and there's nothing wrong with that (unless you follow Donald Chump, that is!), but giving the rich and corporations tax breaks so they can keep more of their money is bad policy. Trickle-down economics doesn't work; it never has and it never will, but your party keeps trumpeting that same old lie. Taxes pay for infrastructure, and other programs that benefit the country as a whole. Riddle me this. Why are Republicans always on about the deficit when Democrats are in power, but the moment they get in power, they blow it up to unbelievable levels. Fiscally responsible is not a term that can ever be used to describe Republicans. Complete hypocrites, however, fits perfectly.

84.

What would you do if you found a dead human in your basement?



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I'd be literally staggered as I don't have a basement.



85.

What is the meaning of "I have doubts about my decision"?



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It means 'I shouldn't have made it!' Simple as that.

86.

If you were a factory owner and had to choose between hiring a human or installing a robot, both of them requiring the same pay and with the same level of efficiency, which would you choose?



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I'd immediately sell my factory, and invest in the company that had managed to persuade other factory owners to pay their robots a salary. That way, I'd make lots of money from my investment, and wouldn't have to deal with any human employees, or the general headaches of running a factory.

87.

Why are smart people unorganized and messy?



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I've been wondering that my entire life!



88.

I hate myself and nobody likes me. How do I become prettier so people will like me?



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I'm really sorry you feel that way. Not everybody is blessed with good looks, but good looks will only take you so far. What will allow you to have a life with lots of friends who will like you for who you are, not what you look like, is to have a personality that overcomes those other limitations. When you're with people, start by really paying attention to them, asking questions about their life. Don't think about your life; focus on theirs. Believe me, they will find you fascinating, even if you've not said a single word about yourself. Amazing but true. Always be upbeat, and positive, even when you don't feel like it. Depressed, dreary people are not fun to be around, and I suspect that is they way you come off. Only you can change that. I hope this helps. Good luck.

89.

Why is thinking outside of the box bad?

This question previously had details. They are now in a comment.



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I don't know where this question is coming from, or the bias it represents, but I would say that the ability to think outside of the box is one of, if not the most, valuable assets any human can possess. When you can see solutions to problems before they even be explained in detail, you are so far ahead of the game that it can't even be measured. Just my 2¢.

90.



Which is better, a classic muscle car or a modern supercar? Why?



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I'm going to qualify this question by saying that I've been fortunate enough to have driven many supercars (Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porsche, McLaren, Maserati, Lotus, Mercedes AMG, Aston Martin, and a Bentley). I've also driven quite a few classic muscle cars. Give me a supercar any day. Muscle cars are great ... fun, but supercars are a great driving experience. Muscle cars have spine snapping acceleration, but are, pretty much, only good for driving in a straight line. Supercars have equal power, but they handle like a dream, and it's much more fun to drive a car like that on winding roads where you can use that handling, and the accompanying power to great effect. There's also something intangible about driving a supercar, but there's no way I know of to articulate it; you just have to do it. Each supercar marque has its own feeling. What does that mean? When you drive a McLaren, it is as near to perfection as you can get, but, ultimately, it's a little like driving with your grandmother; very little excitement, until you're driving it really hard, and very fast. On the other end of the scale, you have the Lamborghini (and I've driven several of them). The moment you turn the engine on, you have the distinct feeling that the car wants to kill you. It doesn't of course, and driving one is a fantastic experience, but that feeling is still there. Strangely enough, my absolutely favorite car is the Porsche 911 Turbo. I say strangely because until I actually drove one, I had never been a Porsche fan, but it is an unbelievable, incredible car to drive all day, and in every type of condition. Give me a supercar any day.



91.

How do I act like a smart and gentle man?



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Don't act like a smart and gentle man; be a smart and gentle man.

92.

Why do I always end up doing things I don't want to do?

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Because you don't know how to say No. You're so consumed with the fact that that if you don't do what somebody else wants you to, then they won't like you. So what. Screw them. You don't need friends like that; they're actually manipulators and bullies, and you'll be well rid of them. Stick to your guns. Be firm. Be pleasant until they start getting aggressive about it. Then turn and walk away without saying another word.

93.

How can I be confident in speaking, interacting, and walking?



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I think you meant talking, and not walking. My recommendation is join a public speaking group like Toastmasters, attend every week, and become as good a public speaker as you can possibly be. Then take every opportunity to stand up in front of a group, and present an idea or something to them.



94.

Is it more beneficial and costless to bury people while they are alive?



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This is such a wonderful question that I laughed for several minutes. Now, while it is true that there are numerous people who the world would be better off without (Donald Chump, V্লাidimir Putin, Kim Jong Un to mention just a few deservables), burying them alive is a). probably not the best way of going about it and b). it's a lot of work unless you can persuade them to dig their own grave plus c). it's called murder.

95.

Why do people who think outside the box get ridiculed and shunned so unfairly by common mentalities?



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Personally, as a total out-of-the-box thinker, I've never found that to be true. What I generally get is "How the f**k did you come up with that?" But in the case of what you are describing, I would put it down to jealousy, envy, and/or stupidity. Don't pay any attention to those people; they are morons.



96.

What is a person who lies about everything called?



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Donald Chump.

97.

What will you feel while dying?



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No idea, but I'll see if I can find a way to answer that question when it happens.

98.

How do you tell someone to stop staring at you without offending them?



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Why would I care about offending them, if they are staring at me? I just tell them, and if they don't like, it's their problem, and I couldn't care less. Now, if it was a really pretty girl, I's go over and invite her to have a drink with me, but; nah, that'll never happen!



99.

What are the benefits of ignorance-based thinking?



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1. You know it all, without knowing anything.
2. You're always right, especially when you're wrong.
3. You believe that Donald Chump is a successful businessman and the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.
4. How many answers am I allowed?

100.

Why do some good-looking people not bully ugly-looking people, even though they should?



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In the first place, nobody should ever bully anybody else. In the second place, your question is so offensive that somebody should smack you on the side of the head for being so shallow, not to mention ignorant. But let's get back to the topic of bullying. Bullies are insecure cowards who get away with bullying people because they are bigger and more aggressive than others. Is that who you want to be?



MICHAEL ROCHARDE

Well, we've come to the end of this collection; other than the next chapter which are the answers to question #76. It's been a lot of work but I've really enjoyed putting it together, and most of all, I've loved answering all of the questions.

Now I need to ask you a favor. I know you're busy, but if you've enjoyed this collection, please take just a couple of minutes and [email me](#) a short review. Those reviews will encourage others to read it, Please also tell your friends, and family about it, as without that, only a very few people will ever find the book, and I believe there is a lot of valuable advice in its pages. The world is in one hell of a mess right now, and a lot of people are struggling. Perhaps one question, and its answer, will make a difference to those people.

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Thanks again for your time.

Be well, and stay safe.

Michael

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Q1

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The normal way of solving this problem is to keep dividing by 2, adding 1 for every time there is an odd number of players, add either write the answers down, or try to do it in your head.

In the first round, there are 125 matches.

In the second round there are 62 matches + a bye making 63. Add that to 125 and you get 188

In the third round, well you get the picture.

A1

If there are 500 players, and only one winner, the answer is

499

Q2

You have a set of balance scales (two trays). You have 9 billiard balls, all of which are identical, except one of them has a steel core in the center. It makes the ball heavier but you wouldn't be able to tell by holding it. You're allowed two weighings only. How do you find the weighted ball?



A2

The answer is very simple, but a lot of people will struggle to find it.

On the 1st weighing, put **3** balls in each tray. If one side is heavier than the other, you know which set has the heavy ball. If both are equal, it's one of the other 3 balls.

On the 2nd weighing, put **1** ball in each tray.



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25

2. What is $5.5 * 5.5$?

$30\frac{1}{4}$

This is surprisingly difficult. Most people come up with 27.5, and are shocked to find it's wrong. One way to solve it is to multiply

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \quad 11 \quad 121 \\ -- \times -- = ---- \\ 2 \quad 2 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

$30\frac{1}{4}$

I multiply the base number (5) by the base number + 1 (6) and add a quarter.
Thus $7.5 \times 7.5 = 7 \times 8 (56) + \text{a quarter or } 56.25$