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**Quintessential Quora Questions**



*Michael Rocharde*



# 100 Quintessential Quora Questions

This is the second set of 100 questions I've answered 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,

The purpose of these collections is nothing more than 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.

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

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1.

**Although both were obviously Genius Inventors..who has more influence regarding today's digital world, Edison or Tesla?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

I'm going to go with Tesla, but not for the reason you might think. The reason is that Elon Musk, who is almost certainly the most brilliant mind alive, named his car company Tesla. If he had thought Edison was the most brilliant, he would have named it Edison. Just my 2¢.

2.

**Is there really such thing as an intellectual hierarchy or can anyone with enough work be extremely intelligent?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

I'm not sure about the term 'Intellectual hierarchy'. but there are certainly degrees of smartness (IQ). If somebody is motivated enough, and willing to put in the work to become a world class expert in that field of endeavor, they would be seen as being extremely intelligent. Would that change their IQ? I don't think so, but I could be wrong. My belief is that our IQ is determined by genetics/DNA, and doesn't change once we've matured into it.





3.

### Do you think you're happier than your neighbor?



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I don't know my neighbor, other than to say Hello. But, I will say that I consider myself to be incredibly happy. I live in a beautiful apartment with a panoramic view of the Med, and I can be swimming in it 2 minutes walk from my front door. The town I live in, Santa Pola, is an idyllic little fishing village just south of Alicante. I no longer have a car or driving license, and am quite happy to walk everywhere since everything I need is within walking distance. I play chess 3 times a week at a local chess club, and love that. I have many friends here, most of them being Spanish, so I get to speak Spanish a lot of the time. I don't do as much 'paying' work as I used to, but my services are still in demand, even though I'm 70. The climate is fantastic. Life is pretty much perfect.

4.

### What can improve intelligence?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Knowledge which is gained in a number of ways. Find, hang around, and make friends with smart people. Listen to what they have to say; ask questions, and absorb that information. Distance yourself from dumb ones. Read lots of books. Study, or work hard at something that will tax your brain. Keep doing all of the above until you die.





5.

**Why do I deserve all negativity though it does not happen and why when I deserve all positivity it does not happen and why do people do, show, be, hear, say, show, prove and have the contrary of what I say, do, show, be, hear, prove and have?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

What you need is a swift kick up the ass, and a recalibration of your thoughts and expectations! Your self esteem sucks, and there might be people in your life to blame for that, but ultimately it's down to you. Forget the 1st answer you were given about putting your faith in religion; that's the biggest con of all time, and it preys on the weak and feeble-minded. How do you recalibrate? When I get down, and it does happen occasionally, I go for a long walk, and find a beautiful spot, very high up, where there's nobody around. I'll sit there, sometimes for hours, just with my own thoughts, not doing anything other than thinking, and admiring the views. Sooner, or later, my thoughts will have taken the right direction, and then I'm ready to start anew. But even with all that said, I never doubt myself, or my abilities, and neither should you; unless you want to be a victim all of your life, that is!

6.

**What is one thing wrong with the world that you would change?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Greed.



7.

**You wake up tomorrow as the smartest person in the world. You have the ability to solve any problem in the world. What would you do first?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Will, first of all I'd invent electric cars. Then I'd move onto building rockets, then start a company to make batteries. Then I'd find a way to easily dig tunnels under major cities. Oh, wait a minute. Elon Musk has already done all of those things. I'm going back to sleep!

8.

**Can we ever truly forgive ourselves for our mistakes in life, or should we just learn from them and move on instead of dwelling on the past?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Everybody makes mistakes, but once made there is nothing you can do about them. I've made many mistakes, and have learned valuable lessons from every one of them. I live my life in the now, the right now. I cannot change the past so it is of no consequence to me any more, except in moments of rare introspection, and I have no idea what the future will bring so I pay no attention to that either, focusing all of my attention on the things I'm in the middle of doing.



9.

**Why do people often mistake self-confidence syndrome as a neurodevelopmental problem when in fact it is a condition of lack of mental development?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Is this a question coming from somebody with no self confidence, or so much of it that they appear as a complete jerk to everybody they meet?

10.

**Do you think that being born into a rich family makes you more likely to become successful than if you were born poor and became successful on your own merits? Why or why not?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Being born into money can, and often does, lead to an air of entitlement with very little motivation to go out into the world, and try to create your own success/fortune. On the other hand, being born poor can drive some people to incredible heights, and success. Ultimately though, it is more about the personality of the person, and, by personality, I don't mean the way they display to the world; but the way they are on the inside; the drive, the determination and the grit. Of course, if one has those characteristics, and has money, it is much easier to succeed, because failure is not going to destroy you, financially, that is.





11.

### **Why do psychopaths walk more quickly and robotically than normal humans (my friend does this)?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

You're friends with a psychopath? Good luck with that!

12.

### **My best friend is angry at me. What should I do?**

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**Michael Rocharde**

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

Do you know what you did to cause this? Do you need to apologize? If so, do so. If you don't know what you did, ask them to tell you? If it deserves an apology, give one. Otherwise, let nature take its course.

13.

### **What's one thing everyone should know but doesn't? Why don't they know it already? What would happen if they knew it now (or at least tried)?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

If we only knew what we don't know, then we'd know a lot more than we do know!



14.

## How fast can you drive in a supercar?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

How fast can you drive or how fast can the car go? At 180mph, you are covering 3 miles a minute, or a mile every 20 seconds. Many of today's supercars go well over 200mph, but you'll only really be able to drive at that speed on a race track. A couple of years ago, Koenigsegg took one of their hypercars to Vegas, and averaged a speed of 287mph on the road between Las Vegas and Pahrump. By the way, if you're wondering what a hypercar is, it's a supercar that costs over \$1 million with many of them in the \$4-\$5 million range. Apart from costing insane amounts of money, they are also technologically advanced, as well as being absolutely stunning to look at. My personal favorite is the Pagani Hueyra which is the most beautiful car I've ever seen; it also costs around \$3 million.

15.

## How can one be very confident and outgoing in front of people without being fake or arrogant?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Be confident and outgoing without being fake or arrogant. Simple!



16.

## What does it mean if a person says "I'm not yelling"?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

It means they're yelling. Next stupid question, please.

17.

## What does it mean when someone says "I'm not good at speaking"? Do some people actually struggle to form words while talking?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

No, it means they are not comfortable getting up in front of an audience and talking which is one of people's biggest fears. I've done a lot of public speaking, and am comfortable in front of any size audience, but I remember the first time I had to speak in front of around 350 people. It was a Tall Tales contest run by Toastmasters. I got up on stage, and my knees were knocking, my voice was breaking, and I was a total wreck. When I finished, I went back to my table, and my girlfriend asked "How did that feel?" I told her what I had felt, and she laughed out loud. To be honest, I was a bit hurt, but then she told me that I was one of the most confident, and polished speakers of the night. So, all the things I was feeling were in my head, and I've never had stage fright since. But the fear is real for many people, and if you're starting out, just remember that the audience is rooting for you, and everybody there is admiring your courage to get up on stage.





18.

## How do I change uneducated people?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Why would you want to take on such an impossible task? I suspect that the uneducated people you are referring to are those who are plain ignorant, rather than those who haven't had the benefit of a good education? If I'm right, nothing you can do, or say, is going to change their mindset, remove their prejudices, or improve their behavior. They are conditioned by their outlook and upbringing, and breaking through that, is like hoping to get to the moon without a spaceship. Sadly, and unfortunately, they have no trouble finding someone similar to them, getting married, and bringing children into the world.

19.

## Is it possible to comprehend a thought without thinking about it?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect, Business Consultant, Author, Podcaster, · 7h

This is a very Zen question, along the same lines of "Can I drink a drink without drinking?" However the answer is No. It might seem like you haven't thought about it, but your brain has, and given you the comprehension without you even being aware of it. Your brain never stops, ever. Well, at least not while you're alive.



20.

**How do you call a person who has an answer to all questions?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

A know-it-all.

21.

**What creates my personal individuality amongst everyone else's individualities?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

I would say it's how you think, how you absorb information, and how you view the world. It's also influenced by how you were brought up. I left home for the first time at the age of 2. It wasn't that I was unhappy; I just had this overwhelming urge to explore the world. That 'urge' led me to live in 7 different countries, learn multiple languages, and gain a massive world view. I'm not unique, but I am very individual. HTH.



22.

## What are some things that loners do?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

I am not a loner, but I am very comfortable being alone, and there are times when I choose that path. During those times, I am constantly doing something, developing custom software (my profession); writing (multiple books), photography (multiple collections, mainly landscape and architectural), reading (5 plus books every week), a small amount of TV, a goodly amount of just sitting and thinking, and walking which I do every morning before the sun rises. I never get bored, and I consider myself very lucky indeed.

23.

## How can you tell if someone is intelligent or not? What are signs to look for in people who may be very intelligent but don't know it themselves?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

I don't know that there are signs as such, but, to me at least, it is immediately obvious, and unmistakeable. There is something about their mental alertness; a gleam in their eye, and an innate curiosity that cannot be hidden, or stifled. I also think that people who are very intelligent will always know it; they may not know how intelligent they are, but they will know. This is a huge difference from those who are really quite stupid, but who are convinced they are smart.





24.

## What is a hierarchy of needs? Why does it exist?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Unfortunately, to more and more people, it is “I need more”, because we live in a society that is consumed by greed. The term ‘hierarchy of needs’ itself was, I believe, coined by Maslow, and refers to the things that we humans need in order to survive, and in the order of importance with, probably, water being at the top, followed by food, but don’t quote me on this as I could be completely wrong.

25.

## Is it true that the most successful people in life are not necessarily the smartest, but they are definitely the most honest?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

To the first part of your question, definitely. To the second part, absolutely not. Many of them are completely amoral, dishonest and greedy. I’d use Donald Chump as an example, but he’s not at all successful; he’s just managed to convince people he is.



26.

## Why should you worry about a problem that you know you can't solve?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

If it can be solved, by me, then I am going to solve it. I operate on the principle that "Those who say it can't be done, often don't want to do it!" I don't worry about it; I just keep plugging away until I've got the answer. With problems that I know I cannot solve, e.g., world peace, understanding people who follow Donald Chump, I just put them out of my mind. Worry achieves nothing other than ulcers.

27.

## Why do tech leaders like Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Dorsey meditate?



**Michael Rocharde**

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

Perhaps they know something you don't. Why don't you try it instead of questioning it?



28.

**Why do some people become more successful than others, even though they don't have as much talent or intelligence as them?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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

It depends on the drive, and determination, they have to succeed. Without those qualities, all the talent or intelligence in the world won't help.

29.

**What do you do if you want to talk to someone but don't know what to say?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Try asking them about themselves; it will generally break the ice, but make sure to pay attention to what they are telling you so you can rephrase certain things they have said in the form of another question. This will keep the conversation rolling, and show them that you were listening.





30.

### What kind of people should I avoid in life?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Great rule of thumb. If the person you were with does not make you feel glad you had spent time with them once you leave, you don't need them in your life. I also try and avoid negative people, although one of my best friends was the most negative person I had ever met. However, he was also fun to be around at the same time. Go figure.

31.

### What is the reason people say they're going to help you only to make things harder for one in their life?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Who knows! People are complicated, and you can't always figure them out. The only thing I can think of is that they saw your need as greater than that of the person in their life, which, quite honestly, doesn't say much for that relationship's chances.

32.

### Do people with high confidence have high esteem?



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Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

I would say that it is highly likely; the two kind of go hand-in-hand.



33.

**Is it possible to be too confident, but not enough confidence at the same time? If so, how would that look like in real life situations (not just hypothetical)?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

People have confidence in different areas. I'm extremely confident in almost all areas of my life, except on the dance floor, when I'm completely the opposite.

34.

**Why does the world seem to be moving when we are staring at something for a long time?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Because it is, and you are noticing it because of your focus. Your refrigerator always makes a noise, but you only hear it occasionally because of something called, (I think this is correct), the reticular activating system, which filters that noise out for you.

35.

**Is society full of ignorance or arrogance?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Both; 80% ignorance, 10% arrogance and 10% both.



36.

**Who agrees that it's great to underestimate people because if the person has no talent, they need to be underestimated to be shown they are absolutely nothing?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

I'm, obviously, underestimating your ability to string a cogent thought together.

37.

**Can you have high spatial abilities but not be artistic and be not good with drawing?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Absolutely. My spatial awareness is very good. (I'd say off the charts, but I don't want to sound arrogant). Both my parents were fantastic artists, but I have none of their abilities in that area.

38.

**There are senior communities that only allow residents over a certain age. Would it be legal to establish a community that is restricted to people with an I.Q. of 130+?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

If you could, you'd end up with a homeowners association that couldn't agree on anything! Oh, wait a minute, that pretty much describes most of them anyway.



39.

### What acts as an accurate measure of intelligence?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

If they voted for Donald Chump, or Brexit, or are deeply religious, they'd be somewhere near the bottom of the scale.

40.

### How can you get someone to think differently from everyone else?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

You can't. They either do, or don't.

41.

### Why should one make decisions based on facts and data rather than feelings?



**Michael Rocharde**

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As long as you can verify the accuracy of the facts, and data, rely on them, but a bad feeling about something usually has a basis in truth somewhere; you just can't see it, but it doesn't mean you should ignore it.





42.

### Does Dune count as YA Literature?



**Michael Rocharde**

Voracious reader since age 4. · Just now

I read it for the 1st time when I was 16, and absolutely loved it. I've re-read it many times as an adult. Each time I read it, I realize how complex the world that Frank Herbert created is. So, on reflection, I would say No. It's certainly one of the greatest works of fiction of all time though.

43.

### What is intuitive decision making based on?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Intuition.

44.

### What do you say after small talk?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

Big talk, perhaps!



45.

### How do I respond to a person who always has a smart answer?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

I don't know. I'm always that guy.

46.

### How do I learn something boring?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Architect & Developer at NautilusFM · Just now

The only way I know is to set a reward when I'm finished, i.e., when I've learned this, I'm going to a really nice restaurant for dinner. (Usually, I buy something I don't need on Amazon!)

47.

### How do you deal with a lazy person who is also smart?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I'd certainly make a point of not giving that person a job.



48.

### Does life teach you more than school?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

90% of the stuff you learn in school is worthless, and never used. Everything you need to know in life, you learn from life.

49.

### How do I stop talking about friends behind their backs?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Stop talking about friends behind their backs, immediately.

50.

### What is the enemy that the world has not found a solution to?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Human stupidity.



51.

## Why do people say “you know” when they are about to tell you something?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

‘You know’ is a filler, like ‘like’. It has nothing to do with whether you know or don’t know; it’s just something they say, you know.

52.

## How can I deal with people who are less smart than me?

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



**Michael Rocharde**

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I try not to deal with them.

53.

## What's the difference between a boring person and someone who has nothing to say?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

A boring person has nothing to say that you want to hear.





54.

**If you had one more day to live, what would you do today that you did not do yesterday?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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As many extreme sports as I could fit in.

55.

**How do I deal with the fact that I'm just not smart enough?**

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I've absolutely no idea.

56.

**What is required to drive a supercar?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

The keys?



57.

### Are supercars pointless?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Well, they may well be, but they are fantastic fun to drive, so I guess that doesn't make them pointless, after all, does it?

58.

### Do smart people take a long time to understand something hard?

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**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

It depends on how hard it is, but it will take a smart person much less time than somebody who isn't smart.

59.

### How do you make a 4-hour drive go by fast?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Do it in 3 hours.



60.

### What are the most important skills to be street-smart?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Mental alertness. Extreme spatial awareness. Trusting your gut without hesitation. Walking aggressively (heel down first, not toe down first). Always looking ahead (never look down at the ground as you walk). Total confidence.

61.

### How do you say 'I understand' in a formal way?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

You could try saying it slowly, and in a deep baritone voice.

62.

### Is it good to seem organized and in control of your life?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I wish I knew.



63.

### What are some problems that politicians solve?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · 1m

Politicians rarely solve problems.. They generally cause them.

64.

### What is the time period of Frank Herbert's Dune series?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

If you include all of the prequels by his son Brian and Kevin Anderson, tens of thousands of millenia.

65.

### What is a good response to 'are you serious'?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

"Always."





66.

### How common is it to be obsessed with IQ?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

The likelihood is the less you have, the more you are likely to be obsessed with it.

67.

### People always call me someone with low IQ. It hurts me and makes me learn more and never satisfied. What should I do?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Have you ever figured out why they call you that? Once you know their reason, you will know if it is true or not, and if it is not, then it has no power to hurt you. If it happens to be true, then you will know what needs to change. Congratulations on wanting to learn more because that automatically puts you in a different, much higher IQ group. BTW people who say things like that are, generally, jealous of a person, and are lashing out. Screw them.



68.

**What is one conspiracy theory that you believe is true without a doubt?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Absolutely none of them. They are creations of weak minds who desperately need something to believe in, in order to give their pathetic little lives some meaning.

69.

**What do you do when you have a word on the tip of your tongue and it absolutely doesn't come to you?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I try spitting.

70.

**How far can truck drivers drive in 10 hours?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Further than they can drive in 9.



71.

### Why is America turning into a hateful country after Trump became president?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Because he's a hateful man, spewing bile, and bullshit, everytime he opens his mouth. Those that support him, are just like him, only now they have seen his behavior as permission for them to behave the same way.

72.

### What emotions does Donald Trump experience?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Hardly any as he's a sociopath, but since he's also got the emotional maturity of a 6 year old throwing a tantrum, rage.

73.

### If someone says welcome, then how do I reply?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Just say "Thank you."



74.

### What are some examples of critical system failure?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

The GOP, since Donald Chump took office.

75.

### How do you get people to open up and have conversations with strangers (not just small talk)?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Ask them an interesting question that they're not expecting to be asked! I met George Hamilton once, and asked him how he had come to make a movie about Evel Knievel, since it was completely out of his wheelhouse. He liked the question so much that he sat down on the edge of my desk, and we talked movies for more than 2 hours. Be interested, and people will find you interesting.





76.

### How do I stop being lazy and get a job as a teen?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I didn't know you get could get a job as a teen.

77.

### Is laziness a sign of intelligence?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I think it's a sign that you're goddamn lazy!

78.

### What would you recommend if I want my life to end?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

Counselling. Seriously; you need to talk to somebody.



79.

**Are you happy believing in your own BS knowing that everyone else has their own BS to believe in , or , do you feel everyone should believe in your BS unconditionally and not their own? ...and why?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

You must have a lot of your own BS in order to ask this question!

80.

**How do I avoid sounding pretentious and as if I'm exaggerating my qualities?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

You may well be multi-talented, and very accomplished, but most people aren't and many will react negatively to those who are; jealousy, insecurity, etc.. For that reason, you shouldn't mention those qualities, until people have got to know you much better, and then only if prompted, because they either won't believe you, or will think you're pretentious. You can also use a bit of humor, when you do say something. For example, when I tell people I've lived in 7 countries, I usually add that my brother is convinced I'm in the Witness Protection Program. It gets a laugh, and takes the 'sting' out of the accomplishment.



81.

### Why do blacks refuse law?



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That's the most racist question yet. You should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself.

82.

### How should one respond when someone asks you "How are you doing?" at the start of the conversation?



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My best friend, John Farrell, who has since passed way would always reply with the same thing. "Why?" he'say "Are you a Doctor?".

83.

### People often overestimate my intelligence. How do I deal with this appropriately?

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



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Let them; it's to your benefit.



84.

**If someone says that my answers are correct, does that mean I'm smart?**



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No, it just means that your answers are correct.

85.

**I am 13. My mom calls me selfish for not wanting kids when I grow up. What should I say?**



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I'd say you were smart beyond your years, and not all all selfish. I knew at the age of 16 that I never wanted children. 54 years later, I have never regretted that decision for a second. If you're ever pressed on the subject, answer by saying "Look around you at the mess the world is in. Would you want to bring kids into the world now?" If they say "No.", you reply with "I rest my case.", and change the subject. If they say "Yes", change the subject anyway. You cannot have a rational discussion with a crazy person. Stick to your guns, kid. HTH





86.

**A truck is stuck under a bridge and the driver cannot get it out. A man walks by and stops to help. He easily gets the truck unstuck. How did he do it?**



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I'd let some of the air out of the tires. (I checked, and I got it right. Boy, am I a smartass!)

87.

**How do you get inspired by others' success stories without feeling jealous or envious of them, but rather wanting to emulate their success for yourself?**



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I am always happy for other people's success when they deserve it. I'm also always interested in hearing how they did it, not because I want to do the same thing, but because I'm interested in the methods. There is zero room for jealousy or envy in my life; both are negative emotions held by people who are unhappy, or unsuccessful, but feel they should have been.



88.

### How do you outsmart someone smarter than you?



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I find somebody smarter than them to help me!

89.

### What does it mean to be a humble person? How can one become a more humble person in life and work?



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No idea.

90.

### How can one avoid a son?



**Michael Rocharde**

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Not having sex would be one way.

91.

### What do people not hate?



**Michael Rocharde**

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It would be hard for people to hate beautiful sunsets and sunrises. Also, nobody would hate being given \$1 million in cash.

92.

### Is it possible to be a hard working lazy person?



**Michael Rocharde**

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Firstly, that's an oxymoron, which is a coincidence as the question is actually moronic.

93.

### What do you do if someone thinks they're above the law?



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I'd ask the FBI to raid their mansion.

94.

### Why should the gods ask for animal or human sacrifices?



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

The Gods never ask; it's stupid humans who think that's what they want.

95.

### Why do some people fail at everything they try?



**Michael Rocharde**

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I would say they haven't yet found the thing to succeed at, and you have to give them enormous credit, and kudos, for continuing to try. They have my admiration, for sure.

96.

### Why should we respect Christians?



**Michael Rocharde**

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Great question.



97.

**Is there a such thing as having too much experience in life or only too much knowledge?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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No, not on your nelly. The more you have, of both, the better.

98.

**What do you call a person who denies the truth?**



**Michael Rocharde**

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Somebody before me must have answered 'Donald Chump', surely!

99.

**How many people can say they're doing exactly what they want to be doing right now, and loving it every step of the way?**



**Michael Rocharde**

Software Dev., World traveller, Author, Itinerant Gypsy · Just now

I would say very few indeed, but I would be one of them.



# 100.

## Why don't more people drive or own a supercar?



**Michael Rocharde**

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The simple answer is because they cost an enormous amount of money to own. Let me give you some examples. A set of wing mirrors for a McLaren costs around \$5,000; a windshield for a Lamborghini is around \$7,000; an oil change for a Bugatti Veyron, which is a hypercar, is \$21,000, and 4 new tyres for that same car will cost around \$10,500 - each. The insurance premiums are astronomical.

Now if you want to drive a supercar without paying these exorbitant fees, you can do what I did, which is rent them by the hour from Oxotic in Golden, CO. No, you're not going to be allowed to go out on your own; you'll go in convoy thorough the mountain roads and canyons, followng the lead car driven by one of Oxotic's instructors. The rides last 15 miles, 30 miles, 60 miles or 120 miles, and 30 should be your minimum; it lasts about an hour. On the longer runs, you'll get to switch between 4 or 5 different supercars. They have an incredible stable of cars, and it's the most fun you can have. I can't recommend it highly enough.

