# QUOTES, QUIBBLE, QUESTION FROM 24TH EDITION GUY

#### WELCOME

This week is focused on Embracing Curiosity: The Power of Asking Questions.

In a world brimming with information and experiences, curiosity acts as our guiding light, illuminating the path to understanding. It's the spark that ignites our intellect, propelling us to inquire, to explore, and to unravel the mysteries that surround us. Whether it's about someone we meet, a concept we encounter, or a phenomenon we observe, the act of questioning is a testament to our innate thirst for knowledge

## QUOTES

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence." - Albert Einstein

"The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size." - Albert Einstein

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." - Socrates

"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning." - William Arthur Ward

### QUIBBLE

"Why do you always have to ask so many questions?" It's a common quibble that many of us have encountered at some point in our lives. Whether it's from a friend, a family member, or a colleague, there's often someone who seems perturbed by our insatiable curiosity.

But why is it that some people embrace questioning while others shy away from it? For some, the aversion to inquisitiveness stems from a fear of the unknown. They prefer the comfort of familiarity and certainty, and delving into uncharted territories feels unsettling. Questions may unearth truths that challenge their beliefs or force them to confront uncertainties, and for some, that discomfort outweighs the potential rewards of discovery.

Others may see questioning as a sign of weakness or incompetence. In a society that often values quick answers and decisive action, those who ask too many questions may be perceived as indecisive or lacking confidence in their own knowledge. There's a pressure to appear knowledgeable and self-assured, and admitting ignorance through questioning can feel like a vulnerability.

Additionally, cultural and societal norms play a significant role in shaping attitudes towards inquisitiveness. In some cultures, questioning authority or challenging established norms is discouraged, leading individuals to adopt a more passive approach to seeking understanding. On the other hand, cultures that encourage open dialogue and critical thinking tend to foster a greater appreciation for curiosity.

Furthermore, past experiences can influence one's willingness to ask questions. Negative encounters, such as being dismissed or ridiculed for asking questions in the past, may discourage individuals from engaging in inquiry in the future. Conversely, positive experiences, such as receiving encouragement and support for curiosity, can instill a lifelong thirst for knowledge.

Ultimately, the inclination towards inquisitiveness is as unique as each individual. While some may embrace questioning as a natural and essential part of their journey towards understanding, others may approach it with caution or reluctance. Yet, regardless of where we fall on the spectrum, it's essential to recognize the value of curiosity in expanding our horizons, challenging our assumptions, and fostering deeper connections with the world around us.

## QUESTION

Looking ahead, ponder a future question that holds the key to personal fulfilment and unlocking doors with others:

How can you adapt our questioning style to not only satisfy your own curiosity but also to empower those around you, fostering a culture of shared learning and growth?

By reflecting on this question, you can cultivate a mindset of curiosity that not only enriches your own life but also inspires and uplifts those you encounter on your journey of discovery. It is our collective curiosity that weaves the threads of knowledge, understanding, and connection, binding us together in the endless quest for truth.

#### THANKS

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