

Pondering the Great Questions

Pondering the Great Questions otherwise known as the Wondering about Wondering - is one of the things we do to explore reality and as a mental exercise to keep our minds in reality based thinking and to keep us sharp. Some of the Great Questions include:

- Why does anything exist? Why is there something rather than nothing?

- Does "fate" exist? Is there a "fixed future?" Is every moment the mathematical progression of the previous moment - or - is there randomness on any level? If the "big bang" happened again exactly the same way in a parallel universe - would you still be in that universe 15 billion years later reading this web page? Do we really have any free will or is all of reality predestined on a fixed course that nothing can effect?

- Is there life on other planets and is it intelligent life? I think most people believe that other planets at least contain primitive (virus like) life. But how many have had significant evolution? Could this be the only planet with life that has become self aware? Am I the smartest being in the universe? (That's a scary thought!) Are there beings far more advanced than we are?

- What is the future of mankind? (Actually - this is the Holy Question - but it is also great) Where are we going? How far can we go? What will life on Earth be like 200 years from now? Or 2 million years from now? What technologies will we develop? What will society look like? Is it a future that will be a good future or will we become something horrible?

- How do we know what is real? How do we know that what we believe is real really is real? How do we know that we aren't just fooling ourselves. How do we know that what we believe isn't just a result of being part of the Cult Mind? How do we know any of this is real and that we don't have a chip in our brain that is artificially creating this life experience? How do we know that we are not just living in a simulation?

These questions are examples of the Great Questions that we as Realists ponder and discuss. We are Explorers and we are exploring our tiny piece of the universe with our limited minds and tools. The Great Questions represent the challenge before us and they keep us focused on reality and away from the Cult Mind.