



## **Curious Questions Giveaway Entries**

*Our students come from different backgrounds. We intentionally chose to share their honest questions on some controversial or religious topics. Sharing these questions does not constitute an endorsement.*

**Cadence C., 14, Indiana ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place (steampunk gun)**

**Why if the force of gravity can hold something down that's ten thousand pounds does it not squish an ant?**

Why is eighteen the age you become an adult when you're still a teen?

**Why do leaves curl when it's about to rain?**

Why are people so scared of things that are not real?

**Why does cheese taste better as it ages?**

**Frances I., 12, Washington ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (steampunk goggles)**

**Why is everything in this world centered around a piece of paper we give value to (money)?**

**Why does something hurt worse when you see blood?**

How is the oarfish NOT a sea monster?

**Why does food taste better if it looks nice?**

**Why does work seem easier when you do it without being told to?**

### **Elizabeth S., 13, Tennessee ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (steampunk goggles)**

Why are everyone's eyes around the world stuck to a glowing iPhone?

Why are there so many subspecies under one species?

**Why did one kind of turtle adapt to living on land when another kind adapted to living in the water.**

**Why is there only one type of poisonous bird in the world?**

Why do the commanding alfa male orangutan's cheek flaps grow, but the ex-alfa male's cheek flaps shrink?

### **Kian M., 11, Alberta ~ Finalist (wooden mouse)**

**If you could stop time, would your heart stop?**

What is the evolutionary reason for eye colour?

What is the resolution of the human eye?

How do glow in the dark clothes work?

Are there multiple universes?

### **Lucy A., 13, Lima ~ Finalist (wooden mouse)**

Why do the neighbor's roosters crow every night at 10:30?

Who was the genius that invented bread?

Why would a bee sting you when as soon as it loses it's stinger, it dies?

Why do people cry tears when they are sad, why not steam or something?

**Is it possible to ever stop thinking while you're awake?**

### **Luke B., 14, Texas ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

While does the devil not go to God for forgiveness if he knows that he will die?

**Why does God make us learn instead of being born with knowledge?**

Why do I hate math?

What is my reason for being here?

Why did God make other planets if there are no aliens?

**Spencer D., 12, British Columbia ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Why can't all nations be equal?

Why doesn't the earth stop spinning?

How do hummingbirds beat their wings so fast without their wings falling off?

Why can't snails go faster?

**Why are most people remembered by their deeds and not their personality?**

**Teo S., 12, Vermont ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

If pigs flew, what animal would we use in the expression "pigs will fly"?

**"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" Does that mean nothing is beautiful?**

**If necessity is the mother of invention, how much do we really need?**

Why do we consider death scary?

**What is it like to be a mealworm?**

**Alexander N., 14, Washington ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Why are modern paintings so abstract that they don't make any sense?

Why is the Black Square by Malevich Kazimir so famous and draws so many people to see it?

It's just a black square...

Why when you need something do you always lose it?

**Why does noise help some peoples concentration while hindering others?**

Why is it a pets mission to cause havoc?

**Tovah L., 12, Florida ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Who decided fish was food?

The Honey Nut Cheerios box says "first ingredient WHOLE GRAIN OATS" is that really true?

**What is the point of going to the park if it has spiders?**

Do I have to think of a question? hahaha that counts as a question.

Why is the joke about the chicken crossing the road a joke if it is not funny?

## **Vinny B., 15, Oklahoma**

Why do donuts and bagels have holes in them?  
What is pulling our galaxy?  
How much gold is in the sea?  
Why do alligators have small feet?  
Can you cut something with steam?

## **Matt B., 12, Oklahoma**

Why do we give cards with gifts?  
Who decided milking cows was a good idea?  
Why are there so many Mattress Firms?  
Where is the first roller coaster?  
How did people in the Bible live so long?

## **Grace R., 12, Rhode Island**

Can blind people see their dreams?  
What is better to learn, British, American, or English?  
If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why's it still #2?  
If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?  
If an orange is orange, why isn't a lime called a green or a lemon called a yellow?

## **Riley S., 14, Michigan**

Why do people waste such finite resources?  
Why are humans so hostile to each other?  
Why is space travel not commercial yet?  
How did Vlad Tepes become Dracula?  
Why is anything as it is?

## **Kean L., 13, Washington**

Why does bacon taste so good, yet is so bad for you?  
Why do babies drool?  
Are the continents floating in the water or are they attached to the ocean floor?  
Why do things "disappear" only when you need them?  
Why do noses itch?

## **McKenzie S., 14, Oregon**

Why is pear sauce runnier than apple sauce?  
Why do dogs have the instinct to chase things?  
Why is salt and pepper put together on the table?  
Why do some humans like to shop for clothes?  
What does dog food taste like?

## **Katie Y., 11, Florida**

Why do people sneeze when walking into bright light?  
Why does gum lose its taste after you chew it for a while?  
Who first decided that jewels are valuable?  
Who first discovered magnetic poles?  
How did people come up with all the scientific terms that we use today?

## **Daniel L., 12, British Columbia**

Why do soldiers killing each other in a war help solve the world's problems?  
When people say "Get lost!", why do they really mean "Go away!"?  
Why do people do math in their heads when they have a calculator?  
What came first: the chicken or the frying pan?  
If eating food is for your enjoyment, why aren't fat people always happy?

## **Scott D., 13, Oregon**

Why is it that the people enjoy carbonated drinks? It is like we enjoy feeling pain.  
Why is it that people haven't figured out how to travel long distances in space when we have such amazing technologies, like the atomic bomb and the toaster?  
How many cows stacked on top of each other would it take to get to the moon?  
I wonder how long it would take to knit a blanket that is a mile square.  
Who invented the tuba?

## **Ayla O., 17, Saskatchewan**

Is the air everyone is breathing really killing us?  
How did the word 'love' become so meaningless?  
Why do adults talk to babies in a high pitched voice?  
What is glitter made out of?  
Who thought that drinking white liquid from a cow's udder was a good idea?

## **Esther L., 12, British Columbia**

Why do you park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?  
Why does my dog not chew his food?  
Where does wind come from?  
What is the meaning of life?  
Do dogs have vocal cords?

## **Jordan Rose L., 12, Alaska**

Why do I love my freedom?  
Why am I so good at getting my brother mad?  
Why wasn't I born in China?  
In the USA do people like clothes or food better?  
Why do people think it is cool to wear their pants half way down their legs?

## **Anna Leah L., 7, Alaska**

Why is my cousin so picky?  
How do people get so democratic?  
Why do people like pink?  
How do people get so fat?  
Why is the sky blue?

## **Uriah Gery L., 14, Alaska**

How old will I be when I kick the bucket?  
How fast will I be when I am 18?  
How long is the longest tongue in the world?  
How little are the smallest feet ever?  
Who will be the fastest person in the world in 20 years?

## **Tobin S., 13, Tennessee**

Why do dogs bark?  
Why are the blue-footed booby's feet blue?  
What is a pancreas?  
What is mercy and grace?  
Why am I always hungry?

## **Cameron K., 14, North Carolina**

Why do hands, hit together and making a loud noise, mean people are excited?

Why are some ice cream shops called "sanitary?" It kind of freaks me out! So are some ice cream shops not sanitary?

Why do people grow up and not down? It's very strange!

Why do grown-ups stop using light-up shoes?

Why do people scream for a team when all they do is throw an oblong ball? (And why is it called a pigskin?)

## **Michael S., 10, Tennessee**

Why do humans smoke if they know it is killing them?

Why do humans go through the pain of piercing ears just for beauty?

Why can't humans use pottery instead of plastic?

Have you noticed how many different things humans like to eat?

What causes humans to want to eat unhealthy foods like fast food, if it is not processed into useful energy?

## **Ethan O., 12, Texas**

Why is Ashes text blue and digital while Gunthers is more like it was written?

Who is the elder?

Where are they at?

Where is Gunther at?

Why is he on earth?

## **Kira C., 11, California**

Why doesn't it rain food?

Why is summer hot and winter cold, instead of summer cold and winter hot?

Why is a foot 12 inches long?

Why is football called football if the players mostly use their hands?

Why are crock pots so hard to wash?

## **Avery W., 14, Indiana**

Who are the Elders?

How do they correspond? (By mail?)

Why does he never get a direct answer?

Why does Gunther von Steuben and ASH always get the answers back in a pattern?

Who are the Stodor?

## **Hannah C., 13, Indiana**

Why don't bullet-proof vests stop all bullets?

Why are there only  $365\frac{1}{4}$  days in a year? Why not just have a number without a fraction?

Why are some animals nocturnal and others not?

How do you develop an immunity to partially unclean water?

Why do some people have six fingers, when most have five?

## **Layne V., 13, Indiana**

Why is the question mark shaped the way it is?

Who invented writing?

Who decided some lower-class words were offensive?

Did the person who invented the blueprint use one for that purpose?

Why is Daniel Schwabauer so big on the name "Frank"?

## **Davis C., 12, Indiana**

What are atoms made of?

Why do evergreen trees stay green year round?

Why can some birds dive in water for fish & still be able to fly?

Why do people think the egg came first? If they got asked which came first platypus or egg they would probably say platypus, therefore chicken came first. Plus: you would have to have chicken to have egg.

Why is there 52 cards in a deck why didn't the inventors make it more or less?

## **Joshua T., 12, Indiana**

Who came up with the concept of "knock knock jokes"?

Why would someone discover something like cows milk for instance then squeeze it into a bucket and drink it?

Why is "Ha Ha Ha" the way people laugh and not "Boo hoo" or "snarflewallyus"?



## **Oliver H., 12, Indiana**

What animal died first?  
Why do people scream when they're happy?  
Why do some people think the world is flat?

## **Liam G., 11, Indiana**

Why do I have to change clothes?  
Why is everything made in China?  
Why do humans like things that are bad for them?  
Why are fairy tales so dumb?  
Who invented the alphabet?

## **Oliver S., 14, Vermont**

How do thoughts work?  
Who was the first person to have slaves in America?  
Why are people with Autism generally smart?  
Where does time come from and where does it go?

## **Garrett H., 13, Kansas**

Why do cats chase mice?  
How old is the oldest tree?  
Is there a bird smaller than a hummingbird?  
What is the wingspan of the biggest bird?  
What is the wingspan of the smallest bird?

## **Chloe D., 9, British Columbia**

How do skunks produce a stink that is not a fart?  
Why do rainbows arch?  
What will life be like in the next 50 years?  
Why did God give us a choice?  
How do animals sleep standing up?

## **Sam H., 11, Arizona**

Why was the study of grammar invented?

## **Will A., 13, Nebraska**

How was bronze melted before furnaces?

When Jesus calm the storm on the Sea Of Galilee, did the storm just disappear or go away?

Who was the first doctor? and when did they live?

How was Greek fire made?

Who invented the first shoe? and what were they made out of?

## **Caleb M., 14, Wisconsin**

Why do these fuzzy little things called kittens insist on chewing cords?

Does the brightness of tree colors in the fall predict sugar content in the spring, or the other way around if there is any correlation?

Is it possible for an earthquake to be felt around the world without earth splitting in half?

How did people live in South America before Cortez?

Is there any difference between hurricanes & typhoons besides the ocean that they occur in?

## **Lydia A., 11, Lima**

Did Noah like all of the animals?

Why are vegetables healthy for you and cake unhealthy?

How did humans find out that you could drink cow's milk?

How did people know poisonous fruit from good fruit?

Why is it considered cool for rappers to wave their hands up and down?

## **Madeline J., 11, New York**

What is the point of geometry?

Why do people find others being smashed in the face with pies so amusing?

How does the postal service work?

Can you cut paper in half height-wise?

Why do I have to write these questions?

## **Henry S., 13, Illinois**

Why are there systems of rank almost solely based on money and age?  
Why do they (the humans that is) deem eating at fancy restaurants fashionable rather than perceiving it as culinary incompetence on the part of the patron?  
Why are people afraid, often horrified of others that are not members of their own ethnic or religious group?  
How in the helheim are morning talk shows still on the air and why were they ever?  
Why do they (the humans) fear the unknown?

## **Elizabeth B., 12, Texas**

Why do people hunt beautiful animals?  
Why do tears come out of people's eyes when they cry?  
Why do I act unrelated to my brothers?  
Why did people create their own gods when God is the only true God?  
Why does gravity make people wrinkle?

## **Levi B., 14, Texas**

Why are there pocket dictionaries if you can't fit them in your pocket?  
Will my siblings and/or I become famous someday?  
Will my friends go to the major leagues?  
Will my siblings and/or I be rich someday?  
What if there was no electricity?

## **Miranda D., 12, Louisiana**

What is the year 3000 like?  
Earth has so many mysteries. If Jupiter wasn't a gas giant, what would it be like?  
When new animals are discovered, how do we know the names Adam and Eve gave them?  
Are there six more dwarf planets rather than Pluto and is there a planet named Snow White?  
God took a rib from Adam to make Eve, so do females have more bones than males?