

Proust Questionnaire

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1. What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A world where human interaction isn't necessary for personal fulfillment, or at least, a world where there are no people who step on others for their own fulfillment, whether as a means to an end or as an end itself.

2. What is your greatest fear?

Being vulnerable and trusting someone only to be betrayed.

3. What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

My inability to let go of past resentments.

4. What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Pretending to be happy.

5. Which living person do you most admire?

Elon Musk—for relentlessly building ideas, though I may not agree with everything he does. He cares too much about other people's opinions, but maybe, that's also why he's successful. You do need to manipulate others to get the support to build the kind of things he's building.

6. What is your greatest extravagance?

My whole home studio/office. There are things there that are worth more than some people's homes.

7. What is your current state of mind?

Cynical but determined.

8. What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Unquestioning optimism—life isn't that simple.

9. On what occasion do you lie?

When I need to protect myself or my work from those who wouldn't understand.

10. What do you most dislike about your appearance?

Everything. I have been bullied endlessly because of it since childhood.

11. Which living person do you most despise?

People who do not see that everything is driven by monetary value.

12. What is the quality you most like in a man?

Independence.

13. What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Unquestioning support.

14. Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"Why bother?"

15. What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My work—it never lies or lets me down.

16. When and where were you happiest?

As a child, before I knew the world could be so cruel.

17. Which talent would you most like to have?

The ability to turn off emotions.

18. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

My inability to trust.

19. What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Developing an AI that can rival a human dungeon master, making video games truly adaptable.

20. If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

An automaton, completely impervious to physical weaponry, and being able to process all of the world's data in a nanosecond.

21. Where would you most like to live?

In a luxurious cliffside, where I can see the expanse of the sea.

22. What is your most treasured possession?

My peak-performance computer gaming setup—without it, my work would be impossible. It costs more than my twice my director of operations' last bonus.

23. What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Relying on others and having that trust broken.

24. What is your favorite occupation?

Solving complex problems in AI and gaming.

25. What is your most marked characteristic?

My drive.

32. What is it that you most dislike?

Hypocrisy and narcissism.

26. What do you most value in your friends?

I don't have any.

33. What is your greatest regret?

Trusting a woman.

27. Who are your favorite writers?

Sun Tzu, Marcus Aurelius

34. How would you like to die?

I am scared of death, so maybe in my sleep, without pain.

28. Who is your hero in fiction?

I don't read that, I am above that.

35. What is your motto?

"I must do better because I am better."

29. Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Alan Turing—a misunderstood genius driven by his own code.

30. Who are your heroes in real life?

Elon Musk

31. What are your favorite names?

I've always been fascinated by names with Roman etymology. "Patricia" sounds good, as a feminine form of "Patrician", which relates to patriarchy. It's oxymoronic.