

344 QUESTIONS ON THE WAY TO WISDOM → 001. Who are you? 002. Are you who you thought you would be when you were younger? 003. Do you like who you are? 004. Anything you don't you like about yourself? 005. Do you think you can change any of those things? 006. What's keeping you? 007. Do you think people would like you more if you had an Aston Martin and a license to kill? 008. What do you like about yourself? 009. What do you think your friends like about you? 010. What are you proud of? 011. Are you doing things right now that make you proud? 012. Are you having fun? 013. Could you be having more fun? 014. How important is delayed gratification? 015. Why is delayed gratification more respectable than immediate gratification? 016. How do you strike a healthy balance between the two? 017. Do you have to strike a healthy balance? 018. What's the worst that could happen? 019. Do you have adequate insurance coverage? 020. What would you do if you couldn't work anymore? 021. What would you do if you won the lottery and never had to work anymore? 022. Are you happy with the work you're doing? 023. What makes you happy about your work? 024. What would you rather do without? 025. What makes you happy? 026. Do you have people in your life that make you happy? 027. Have you told them that they make you happy? 028. Have you told them lately? 029. Have you shown them? 030. When was the last time you brought them flowers? 031. Or called them? 032. Or sent them a letter? 033. When was the last time you hurt somebody you love? 034. Have they forgiven you? 035. Have you forgiven yourself? 036. Have you learned from the experience? 037. When was the last time you've been hurt? 038. If you could learn to be impervious to pain, would you? 039. Is it better to feel OK all the time, or would you rather have moments of incredible joy if you had to also accept stretches of great pain? 040. Would you rather have fewer questions at a bigger type size? 041. Do you enjoy magnifying lenses as much as I do? 042. Have you read up on Augustine Fresnel? 043. Don't the laws of physics yield miraculous results? 044. Why don't we talk about those results with the same reverence and poetry that are usually reserved for talk of the supernatural? 045. Are science and religion incompatible? 046. Do they have to be? 047. Are you a dog person or a cat person? 048. Are dogs from Mars and cats from Venus? 049. How do you feel about Pluto's status as a planet? 050. Do you think aliens once occupied the 7th planet, but left because they got sick of the bad jokes? 051. How long will it take for aliens to establish open contact with Earth? 052. How do you think they'll say Hello? 053. How do you think we'll welcome them? 054. What would you do if you suddenly found yourself face-to-face with, you know, a Vulcan? 055. Or somebody from Amphibios 9? 056. How many lives does William Shatner have? 057. More than Cher? 058. William Shatner isn't cool, but James Spader is. And yet, James Spader is even cooler with William Shatner. Why is that? 059. Do you sometimes spend too much time thinking about trivial questions? 060. Do you have trouble focusing? 061. Do you have attention deficit diso... 062. Oooh, shiny! Do you like shiny things, too? 063. Do you think cats have a better handle on life than we do? 064. Do you think our pets are jealous of our opposable thumbs? 065. Do you think whales would enjoy legs? 066. Or would they rather have harpoon proof skin? 067. What will happen once we figure out how to build a safe, efficient room-temperature fusion generator? 068. What will become possible with an almost infinite

supply of cheap, clean energy? 069. Will we travel to the stars? 070. Will we make scratch-resistant iPod cases out of artificial diamonds? 071. Will we finally get flying cars, dammit? 072. What effect will all this have on the global economy? 073. Will we see a dramatic shift in the distribution of political and financial power? 074. Will those in power accept those changes without a fight? 075. Will there be fusion powered DeLoreans? 076. Will we breed a race of fusion powered Wonder Woodchucks? 077. How much wood would a wonder woodchuck chuck if a wonder woodchuck could chuck wood? 078. What about that electronic paper we keep reading about? Is that happening or what? 079. The End of Print, anybody? 080. Do you believe the hype? 081. Do you enjoy the hype? 082. Who will be the next Bennifer, the next Brangelina, the next Tomkat? 083. Once we stop naming babies after dead presidents, will vice-presidents be next? 084. Will we have little Agnew playing with baby Mondale? 085. Will we ever see the end of the electoral college? 086. What will it take for dissent to be recognized as a patriotic impulse once again? 087. What if we're in the majority at that point? 088. Why don't they recognize that everything we believe is right and everything they believe is wrong? 089. And why don't they like us, anyway? 090. Is it getting a little heavy now? 091. Should we change the subject? 092. Would it be possible to breed snakes that inject alcohol instead of venom? 093. Could that be the next hot thing? "Move over, Jello shots. Hello Cobra Shooters.?" 094. Which actor or rock star would be the first to die from accidentally mixing up a liquor snake with a regular snake? 095. Would you rather live a long, happy life or have the talent of Jimi Hendrix if it meant dying at 27? 096. Is it better to burn out than to fade away? 097. Do you hope to die before you get old? 098. What would scare you more—finding out that you'll die in a month or that you'll live to be 100? 099. If you knew you only had a month to live, what would you do? 100. If you knew you'd live to be 100 years old, what would you do for the next 10 years? 101. What instrument would you most like to play? 102. What languages would you love to speak? 103. What countries would you like to see? 104. What cities would you like to live in? 105. Who would you like to meet? 106. Who would you give your love? 107. Who would you give your time? 108. What work would you choose to do? 109. Would you strive to become a master at one particular thing? 110. Or would you rather become pretty good at a number of things instead? 111. If you had to write a book, what would it be about? 112. Who do you think would read it? 113. Would you want it to be made into a movie? 114. Who would you cast in the lead roles? 115. If they made a movie about your life, who would play you? 116. What will be the next step in human evolution? 117. A third eye? 118. Twelve fingers? 119. No more toes? 120. Heat resistance? 121. Pollutant filters? 122. Gills? 123. What scares you most? 124. Earthquakes? 125. Fire? 126. Floods? 127. Introspection? 128. Are you prepared? 129. If you had to leave your house in an emergency and could never come back, what would you grab and take with you? 130. What are your top ten desert island albums? 131. What are your top ten dessert toppings? 132. What's your favorite topographic feature? 133. Jagged mountains? 134. Sloping hillsides? 135. Perfect plains? 136. What's your favorite plane? 137. Airbus? 138. Boeing? 139. Paper? 140. When was the last time you took the time to fold and launch a paper plane? 141. Or play with a yo-yo? 142. Or use a laser pointer to drive your cat crazy? 143. Or pretend that the laser pointer is a Jedi lightsaber? 144. Why

wish you become Jedi? 145. Does the Force run strong in your family? 146. Do geekdom and nerdacity run strong in your family as well? 147. Do you know what kerning is? 148. Do you know how important kerning is for the continued survival of Western civilization? 149. Does bad letter spacing bother you? 150. What about lumpy Bezier curves? 151. Or sloppy trapping? 152. Have you considered the merits of stochastic screening? 153. Do you prefer coated or uncoated stock? 154. Do you like varnish? 155. Does varnish like you? 156. Do you stop to smell the roses? 157. Do you sing? 158. What's your favorite song to sing along to? 159. Does anybody suspect that you sing along to things when you're by yourself? 160. Do you have a good voice in private, but lose that voice completely when somebody's around? 161. Have you heard of Michigan J. Frog? 162. Do you watch cartoons? 163. Do you watch the Daily Show? 164. How do you love Jon Stewart? 165. Can you count the ways? 166. Have you accepted Aaron Sorkin into your life? 167. Do you already miss John Spencer? 168. Do you hate commercial breaks? 169. How much more stuff do you need? 170. How important is the stuff if you have to twist yourself into a pretzel to get it? 171. What's the minimum amount of money you need to get by? 172. Are you making more than that? 173. What will you do with the surplus? 174. Is personal and artistic freedom more important than driving a bigger car? 175. Are the two mutually exclusive? 176. It's always OK to splurge on great shoes, isn't it? 177. And on art you love? 178. Do you know Kurt Halbritter? 179. And Hans-Georg Rauch? 180. And Klaus Voormann? 181. And Lara Tomlin? 182. And Sean Sullivan? 183. Do you know that they inspired this drawing? 184. Do you ever wonder who inspires those who inspire you? 185. Have you ever drawn up a family tree of inspiration? 186. Who inspires you? 187. How does that inspiration manifest itself? 188. Do you give credit where credit is due? 189. Do you take credit for the things you do? 190. What's more important—receiving credit or getting paid? 191. Does money equal respect? 192. Are you having fun yet? 193. Do you enjoy pop psychology? 194. Do you do multiple choice tests? 195. If you could be any pop pianist, who would you be? 196. Ben Folds? 197. Randy Newman? 198. Joe Jackson? 199. Mozart? 200. Do you celebrate milestones? 201. Do you have more fun looking back or looking ahead? 202. Which of the two do you spend more time on? 203. Does it distract from the Now? 204. How is Now? 205. Is Now good for you? 206. Will I see you then? 207. When was the last time you had the Kool-Aid? 208. Do you believe in what you do? 209. Do you believe in what they do? 210. How do you reconcile the two? 211. What drives you? 212. What keeps you up at night? 213. What lets you sleep at night? 214. What night moves, if any, have you got? 215. Would you rather play chess or have a nice conversation? 216. Would you rather play golf or take a nice walk with a friend? 217. Do I talk too much? 218. What would you like to talk about? 219. Or do you prefer silence? 220. ? 221. ?!?! 222. Are you glad I'm back? 223. What's your favorite way of passing the time? 224. If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be? 225. If you could kiss anybody you wanted to, who would you kiss? 226. Would you go French? 227. Do you know the work of Louis Sullivan? 228. Do you know the work of Bruno Bozzetto? 229. Do you know the work of Maurice-Quentin de la Tour? 230. Where would we be without the internet? 231. Are you judicious about accepting cookies from strangers? 232. Are you grateful when somebody brings you chocolate? 233.

What's your favorite kind of chocolate? 234. Have you ever tried special-ordering your favorite brand online after your local market stopped carrying it? 235. Or driven around to five other markets to buy up their remaining stock, even though some of it was expired? 236. Do you give up too easily? 237. What's more important—skill or tenacity? 238. Passion or talent? 239. Would you rather that many people like your work or that a few people love it? 240. Does anybody have a problem with what you do? 241. Does anybody hate you? 242. Do you feel that you can measure people by their enemies? 243. Or is that too negative? 244. Would you rather measure them by their friends? 245. Or maybe not measure them at all? 246. Do you think it's possible to suspend judgment? 247. Do our judgments make us who we are? 248. Or our ideas and dreams? 249. Or our actions? 250. Can they be seen separately? 251. Do you think it's unhealthy when they drift too far apart? 252. Are you giving your subconscious a chance to do its job? 253. What is your subconscious telling you? 254. Are you paying attention to what it's saying? 255. Do you find that you can trust your gut? 256. What does it take to bring your gut into harmony with your head? 257. Do you get enough fiber in your diet? 258. Are you taking your vitamins? 259. Are you letting your body know that you appreciate what it does for you? 260. Have you ever told you heart 'Hey Heart! Good job today. Thank you for pumping all that blood. That really hit the spot.'? 261. Do you take a few minutes every now and again to watch the sun set? 262. Have you checked up on the Cassini-Huygens probe at saturn.jpl.nasa.gov? 263. Doesn't Saturn just blow your mind? 264. The fact that you can stand on your porch with a \$50 telescope and it's right there, rings and all? 265. And those images of Titan? 266. How can you not love NASA? 267. Or JPL? 268. If you got the chance to go into space, would you? 269. Is it worth risking your life to see something beautiful? 270. Is it worth risking your life to make something beautiful? 271. What's the longest span of time you can imagine in your mind? 272. What do you think life on Earth will be like in 50 years? 273. In 500? 274. In 5000? 275. Do you think we'll make it off this rock? 276. Do you think we'll manage to stick around? 277. If you had to make a time capsule for humanity, what would you put in it? 278. If you had to make a time capsule of your life so far, what would you put in it? 279. Is it important to you to leave something behind? 280. What's the best idea you've ever had? 281. What's the kindest thing you've ever done? 282. What's the funniest thing you've ever seen? 283. What makes you laugh? 284. What makes you cry? 285. What surprises you? 286. What bores you? 287. What's worse—pain or boredom? 288. What embarrasses you? 289. What secrets do you keep about yourself? 290. What power do your secrets have over you? 291. What would happen if they were revealed? 292. What if they were revealed to the people you love? 293. Did you secretly like Paul better than John? 294. Or George? 295. Or Ringo? 296. Have you ever considered living in an Octopus's Garden? 297. Or doing it in the road? 298. Or living in a Yellow Submarine? 299. Have you ever bowled a perfect game? 300. Can you believe we made it to 300? 301. Are you still here? 302. Would you like an Aspirin? 303. Do you believe in paying attention? 304. And in seeing things through to the end? 305. Do you usually read the fine print? 306. Have you considered Panexa? 307. Do you enjoy secret handshakes? 308. Do you like belonging to groups?

309. Are you more of a lone wolf? 310. Or possibly a hermit? 311. Or a workaholic? 312. Do you multi-task? 313. Do you drill down? 314. Do you take discussions offline and push back? 315. Do you suffer from business-linguitis? 316. Or from grad-schooliosis? 317. Is your semiotic matrix misaligned? 318. Is your narrative structure disassociating itself? 319. Is your vernacular out of whack? 320. What first got you excited about your work? 321. Go? 322. If you had the chance to do it all again, what would you change? 323. What do you regret? 324. What can you still fix? 325. What mistakes can you avoid in the future? 326. If you lead your life with the objective of avoiding mistakes and pain, will you live longer? 327. Or will it just seem longer? 328. Will you look back at yourself ten years from now and smile? 329. Or will you be annoyed? 330. Impatient, maybe? 331. Forgiving? 332. Happy? 333. Do you believe in Heaven and Hell? 334. Do you find that it helps you or holds you back? 335. Do you think evil people think of themselves as evil? 336. Do you think Yoda thinks of himself as short? 337. Do you think fish think of themselves as wet? 338. Do they dream of riding bicycles? 339. Do you think being silly is a waste of time? 340. Have you enjoyed our time together? 341. Do you know that I really like you? 342. Even though I'm making you read 4 pt. type? 343. What's a better question than why? 344. Why not?