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Questions are not only welcome during the course of the evening but are vital to tonight's journey. Our obligation at this seder involves traveling from slavery to freedom, prodding ourselves from apathy to action, encouraging the transformation of silence into speech, and providing a space where all different levels of belief and tradition can co-exist safely. Because leaving Mitzrayim--the narrow places, the places that oppress us—is a personal as well as a communal passage, your participation and thoughts are welcome and encouraged. (A Seder Our Foremothers Could Never Have Imagined)

We remember that questioning itself is a sign of freedom. The simplest question can have many answers, sometimes complex or contradictory ones, just as life itself is fraught with complexity and contradictions. To see everything as good or bad, matzah or maror, Jewish or Muslim, Jewish or "Gentile", is to be enslaved to simplicity. Sometimes, a question has no answer. Certainly, we must listen to the question, before answering. (A Haggadah for plural identity and plural traditions)