

On The Importance Of Questions

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The eldest reads:

Nobel Prize winning physicist Isaac Isadore Rabi's mother did not ask him: "What did you learn in school today?" each day. She asked him: "Did you ask a good question today?"

More Questions

The oldest teenager, or the person older than 19, yet closest to the teen years reads:

Why do the same questions get asked each year?

I probably have more questions than the youngest, why does a child ask the questions?

How come we ask these questions, but you rarely give a straight answer?

Does anyone have other questions to add?

Some Answers

Questioning is a sign of freedom, and so we begin with questions.

To ritualize only one answer would be to deny that there can be many, often conflicting answers. To think that life is only black and white, or wine and Maror, bitter or sweet, or even that the cup is half empty or half full is to enslave ourselves to simplicity.

Each of us feels the challenge to search for our own answers. The ability to question is only the first stage of freedom. The search for answers is the next.

Can we fulfill the promise of the Exodus in our own lives if we do not search for our own answers?

Does every question have an answer? Is the ability to function without having all the answers one more stage of liberation? Can we be enslaved to an obsessive search for the answer?

Do you have the answer?