



would definitely not be a day at the beach! Or at least not a good one. Oh, and I hear the you hear you shouldn't drink a lot of salt water either for some reason.

Dear Master of Science,  
What makes things matter?

-Pointe-less

Dear Ask Master,  
So, the sky is blue. Why is that anyway?  
-horseluvr39642

Dear horseluvr35642,  
Sometimes the best way to answer a question is to step back from the problem, get up on a chair and take another look at it from outside the box. Once I got so far away from the problem (and the box) I found myself in the parking lot.

Let me ask you this. Why wouldn't the sky be blue? I mean you don't walk around all day wondering why the sky is blue, do you? No federal agency, foundation or company is funding research in this area. All this should tell us that this is a non-question, a question that cannot coherently be asked. Such a question can only be answered with a pregnant "because." Chew on that wisdom for a bit. Chew so you don't choke on all the Enlightenment.

Dear Science Man,  
If you were trapped in a bath tub full of beer, would you eventually get drunk even if you didn't drink any? Would it seep through your skin? What about rum?  
-Fermenting in the Firmament

It depends. Notice that people who smash around in the wine with their feet in Europe don't die. But that is because there is no salt added to the wine. So, if the beer is salty and you dunk your head then be ware. Your head is (watch out! science term ahead, don't fall asleep on me!) a "semipermeable membrain." This means that your brain is susceptible to shriveling, by having its regular water seep out into the salt water. Why does the seepage go? because there is a lesser concentration, per drop, of water in salt water, since some of it is salt. So the regular water tends to be drawn out from the crowded water of the brain, through the semipermeable membrain and into the less crowed salt water, evening things out, duh. (Also, this is where we get the term "perm" when the ladies and some men go to get their hair frozen in a certain manner which relies on these same scientific principles!)

So, when you go to the beach, be sure to cover your head with a covering, so your brain doesn't shrink and explode. That

Dear Pointful,  
You make things matter. When you look into the heart of a flower, or the soul of a delicious muffin, or the bigness of your rich friend's new hi-def TV, that gives meaning to these things. Things don't have meaning all by themselves, but gain real meaning by the healthy nurturing relationships they forge with other meaningless things. Two meaninglessnesses makes one meaningful. Get it?

Let me explain in simple terms. A rock sitting by itself has no meaning, but if it bumps into another rock, any sparks that take place, literal or emotional, make the meaning happen between said rocks. Rejoice in meaning. Meaning means rejoicing. See? Don't thank me for enlightening you, your precious question is thanks enough. You're welcome.

How does my DNA make me, into me?

-Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,  
Great question. First there's this twisted ladder thing and then it unzips. As it unzips tiny pieces of organic matter float around and latch onto the unzipped "Dinonucleotides." These pieces, called proteins, then do different things based on which part of the zipper they latched onto. And these proteins, along with other things that are happening, make you angry, or sad or kill the family dog. They are to blame. Taking your meds rezipps the zipper so those bad proteins don't make you do the terrible things that tempt your parents to abandon you. So, take your meds Jimmy and turn your DNA nice.

Experiment Assignment: Walk around like a robot and then look in the mirror. Yep, that's what you are Jimmy, a robot powered by DNA! Don't fight against it, you can't win against DNA.

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