

AUTHOR ISSUES

Why are we as a nation so drawn to violence in our entertainment?

Why do people's hopes, spirits and emotions deteriorate with the passage of time?

How and why do we choose those we fall in love with and why does love slowly die?

Why do people turn to deadly violence over a lovers' breakup or the loss of a job or a parking space?

Why do we feel and act differently when we first start going with someone as opposed to how we feel and act toward them later?

Why are so many people unhappy?

Can people fundamentally change the way they are and act?

How did we evolve from the ancient Chinese system in which doctors got paid only when they healed a patient to our modern one in which the sicker the patient is and the longer he remains sick, the more money the doctor makes?

If an organization comes into being, the purpose of which is to find a solution to a problem--say cancer or AIDS--and if it gets funded to the tune of millions of dollars but if, in finding the cure, it will become unnecessary, its funds will cease and every staff member will lose his/her job, how motivated will they be to find a solution to the problem for which the organization's been created?

What is behind the feeling society at large has about anything it regards as abnormal?

How much does our entertainment affect the way we are, think, feel, and behave?

How much does the desire to survive and prosper affect the way news is formed and circulated by the media and how does it translate in terms of what it does to the populace in the long run?

Which way are the ethical standards and practices of the nation going and why?

Why is there so much hate and fury in the world and can anything be done about it?

How many people would be able to tell you what their goal in life was and, if they did, how significantly would that goal differ from the goal of an animal?

How many people are there who have "character" and principles and stick by them?

What kinds of things do people regard as truly valuable and what things do they feel have no value?

Is it possible to live in such a way as to make ourselves and things around us get better with the passage of time instead of worse?