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Did You Ever Wonder . . . ? asks all those questions no one ever thinks to ask, and will inspire thoughtful reflection and answers to a variety of values- and life-centered issues. The cards can be used by anyone who needs ice-breakers or discussion starters in classrooms, in small- or large-group settings, and among teens or adults, friends or family.

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Using the Cards

Within this deck you will find dozens of thought-provoking and intriguing questions about your beliefs, your values, and your life. These cards offer you an enjoyable way to find out more about yourself and others. The questions can be an avenue for individual growth, a tool for deepening relationships, a quick way to get to know someone, or merely a fun way to pass some time with family and friends.

There are no answers, no clues, and no hints, as the questions are designed merely to get you to think about yourself, about others, and about the world around you. Some of the questions are simple and fun to think about; others are intellectually and philosophically challenging.


You will learn while going through these questions that there are no right or wrong answers, that questions often lead to more questions, and that this deck reflects the uncertainties of life we all have to deal with. The deck will challenge you, frustrate you, and ultimately help enlighten you about yourself and who you are.

Possible Uses for Young People and Families

- Carry the deck around with you to turn dull conversations about the weather into intriguing discussions about life. In a group of friends, this deck works wonders. Asking your friends “serious” and “personal” questions can be difficult and feel artificial, but with the help of this deck, it’s a piece of cake.
- Create a fifty-week self-exploration experience using these cards. Each week, choose a question and spend time exploring it through journaling or sharing with a family member or friend. Another option would be to invite a few of your friends to join you in a weekly online sharing group, where each week a new question is posed and discussed.
- Pack the cards in your suitcase or backpack for those long bus and road trips. Use them to pass the time while traveling on vacations, to school events, on retreats, and so forth.
- Use these cards for family discussion and action at the dinner table, in the car, or before bed.


Possible Uses for Teachers and Youth Ministries

- Use the cards in small groups. Give each group a card to read and discuss. Invite the students to pass the cards among the small groups and then to share their conversations with the whole group.
- Introduce a new topic with a card. The cards can serve as a great tool for getting a conversation going. They can also serve as great questions for reflection—essay style.
- Give a deck of cards to each Confirmation candidate and sponsor. The cards can spark some wonderful conversations between youth and adult mentors.
- Create a “question of the week” section on your parish or school Web site by choosing questions from the deck. Invite the young people to offer their responses online—or set up a chat room for weekly online discussions.




Where do you see yourself
in five years? twenty years?
fifty years?

What do you think is your
purpose on earth?



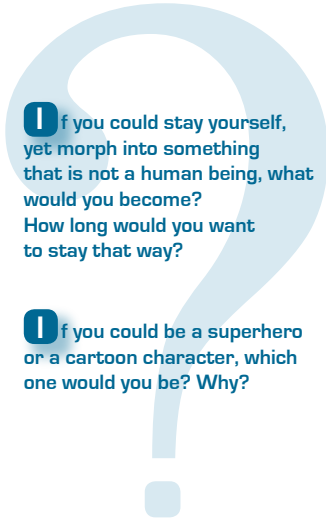
How do you think your life would be different if you had been born one hundred years ago? What would you miss most about the current time?

Could you live in another country for the rest of your life? What if it were a Third World country? Explain your answer.



What is the best compliment you have ever received?
Why was that compliment so meaningful?

What is the one thing you truly value about yourself or your life? Why?



If you could stay yourself, yet morph into something that is not a human being, what would you become? How long would you want to stay that way?

If you could be a superhero or a cartoon character, which one would you be? *Why?*