

Again, 15 questions from the book 4000 Questions for Getting to Know Anyone. In adding a new notation, "RWA", for Real World Answer, if the question can only be answered from my real life and not in the context of this prison Bizarro-world. Hey, answer one or two in the comments, yeah?

- ⑩ Where did you go to school? K-12: Montalvo Elementary, Anacapa Middle, and Buena High Schools, all in Ventura, CA. Colleges: Ventura College; Coastline Community College (Fountain Valley, CA); Antelope Valley College (Lancaster, CA); Cal State Bakersfield - AV ~~satellite~~ campus (Lancaster, CA) and Cal State Northridge.
- ⑪ Which parent are you closest to now? Since April 9, 2016, they've been equally distant. Before July 16, 2012, they were equally close.
- ⑫ Do you have any siblings? Oh yeah. 6 sisters and 2 brothers. I'm the youngest by ten years.
- ⑬ How close are you to your siblings? This is a painful question. All my life, I believed we were all very close. All visited often or sometimes even lived with us for months. I regularly stayed with them during summers, those who lived out of state. But things have changed. Two supposedly told others they don't want to talk with me, and pretty much all but two others simply don't talk with me much or at all, whether they're willing to or not. Only the two who always lived nearby when I was growing up have truly stayed in touch, though I sometimes wonder how much of that is because of promises they made to our mom. Even if those two would've kept contact with me no matter what, it still appears I was wrong for all those years before I got kidnapped about the real strength of my family ties, and that makes me very, very sad. It hurts.
- ⑭ How do you like to go crazy and have fun? (RWA, "real world answer") I was never really a "go crazy" kind of guy, but I guess road trips in general and Las Vegas in particular were my big indulgences. Uh, and I liked going to concerts and getting a little nutty in mosh pits or crowd surfing. :)
- ⑮ What's the best clean joke you've ever heard? Ok, so 3 blondes walk into a bar. You'd think one of 'em would've seen it.
- ⑯ What is consistently in your garbage? (RWA) Milk cartons & milk jugs. Cereal boxes. Yogurt and applesauce containers.
- ⑰ Do you believe in love at first sight? (RWA) Yes and no. "Love" means different things, and I do

think we can fall in love very fast most of the time, certainly within a few days of meeting. But at true first sight... well, I know I've often gotten that heart-fluttery, eyes-gapey, jaw-droppy, "I LOVE you!!" sort of feeling within seconds, and that's a kind of "love," too.

④ What makes you blush? (RWA) Ok, pretty much whenever anyone has suggested I was attractive or sexy (they felt love at first sight of me, maybe??), I've blushed. But DEFINITELY I've blushed BIG TIME the 2 or 3 times, maybe more?, when people indicated that they knew I found them attractive, and they were right (some ppl aren't right, they're just full of themselves), but I hadn't even admitted it yet. *BLUSH!!*

⑤ What compliments do you receive on a regular basis? Usually body compliments. A lot of people have seemed to like my build from my preteens to this day.^{they always comment on my vasculature.} Also often enough, ppl have called me smart, or said I don't look my age. But the compliment I appreciate MOST is definitely when (RWA) people who know I've been caged tell me I didn't change at all, or ppl who don't know never come close to suspecting or imagining I might've been. Also, when ppl in prison tell me I don't act or sound like a prisoner, or they assume I've just gotten here and won't be here long.

⑥ What is your first impression of a gay couple being affectionate in public? 'Til recently, I've thought they were brave and lucky. Now, sadly, I often cynically think they're ~~maybe~~ just being obnoxious, because it's no longer a real taboo and it seems a lot of gay PDA is almost just a challenge to others to object, so the couple can enjoy some recreational outrage. I always hope that's not the case, I just fear it is sometimes.

⑦ Emphasis on efficiency: Good or Bad? Mostly bad. Preoccupation with pragmatism drains the art and joy from life, I think.

⑧ How do you know to trust someone? I'm not sure. I've judged wrong an awful, awful lot. It's an ineffable combination of things, but I always seem to err on the side of trusting too much.

⑨ How does god speak to you? I hate questions like this. Resisting the urge to be a jerk... I do have to admit I sometimes suspect or feel that everything — you, me, cats, cacti, lakes, lice — in a way, sort of like cells in a body. That seems a little like a peek at "god".

⑩ How will you earn your 15 minutes of fame? Most likely, I won't. But if I ever do make a mark of any kind in life, it'll probably be closer to 15 days of infamy, like many heretics for time immemorial. People who advocate for unpopular truths usually miss out on "fame" proper, if they're ever noticed at all. But so few are ever noticed, and I've rarely proven exceptional in any other way, so... this is probably it.