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***Do Jews ask too many questions?
Should questioning in Judaism have limits?***

Response by Rabbi Peter Schweitzer

Nu? Is it possible to ask too many questions?

Isn't that how we find things out? And shape our ideas and opinions?

Maybe we come to a conclusion, but what if we find out more information to modify it?

Do you think facts are fixed for all times?

Aren't scientists constantly making new discoveries and revising old theories?

As Jews, do we really believe that the world was created 5770 years ago?

Or that the Noah's ark story really happened?

Or, in the face of archaeological evidence to the contrary, that the Exodus took place as described?

Or that there has been one kind of Judaism for all times and that Jewish culture hasn't evolved and changed in each generation?

In fact, didn't the early rabbis themselves teach us to turn the text over and over again, always looking for new truths?

And, inevitably, can't we expect that future generations will develop a form of Jewish expression and practice that we can't possibly anticipate today just as our ancestors couldn't have envisioned our form of Judaism?

Don't we want our children to be critical thinkers and independent thinkers?

Don't we ask them to distinguish between myth and fact?

Don't we even challenge them "to have the courage and *chutzpa* to question ancient teachings and not accept them automatically simply because they come from long ago"?

Nu? Isn't there always room for one more question?

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