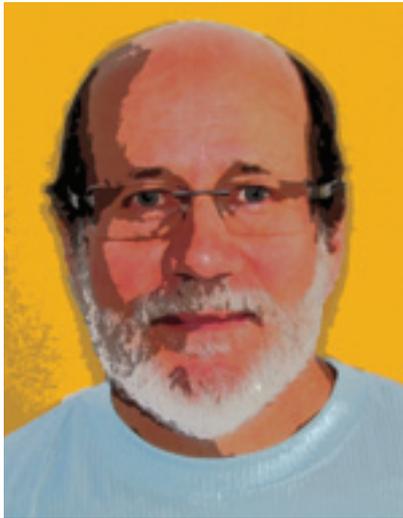


The Proust Questionnaire has its origins in a parlor game popularized by Marcel Proust, the French essayist and novelist, who believed that, in answering these questions, an individual reveals his or her true nature.

Proust questionnaire: L. Allen Wilson, MD

**What is your greatest fear?**

Failure.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Cynicism—it's mellowing with age.

What characteristic do your favorite patients share?

A good sense of humor.

What is your favorite activity?

Photography.

On what occasion do you lie?

To save face, for self and others.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

What if... ?

What medical advance do you most anticipate?

Accurate artificial sight, with external occipital cortex stimulation.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Persistence.

What do you most value in your colleagues?

Compassion.

Who are your favorite writers?

Scott Kiloby, John Vaillant, Derek Lundy.

What is your greatest regret?

Lack of medical volunteerism.

How would you like to die?

In my sleep.

What is your motto?

Reality is always kinder than the stories we tell about it.

What profession might you have pursued, if not medicine?

Biologist.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Classical guitar mastery.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

1985 Nobel Peace Prize, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Who are your heroes?

The Dalai Lama, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Acceptance of what is.

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