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Questions

**“What song the Syrens sang,
or what name Achilles assumed
when he hid himself among women,
though puzzling questions,
are not beyond all conjecture.”**

Sir Thomas Browne, Hydriotaphia, 'Urn Burial'

After I'd shared a thought with you a few days ago headed "Question", I went back to a poem I'd written several years ago. Asking questions is crucial to our faith and how our understanding of important things might develop. I encourage my grandsons to ask questions. And I'm learning – even in my advanced years – to do the same myself. We may face puzzling questions, but all of them surely, "are not beyond all conjecture".

Questions

Questions, questions, always some more questions,
Struggling with this and that, and whys and wherefores too.

Questions, questions, still a host of questions –
How? and when? and what? and where? and not forgetting who?

Questions, questions, overwhelming questions,
Never knowing when I'll say, 'I've asked enough for now.'

Questions, questions ... Will I have more questions
Even when I'm old and shouldn't care much anyhow?

*Questions, questions? Yes, I like your questions.
Come to me, and ask away, and show you want to learn.
Questions, questions? Please, ask all your questions,
And you'll find you'll come to know what matters in return.*

*Questions! Questions! Never leave your questions
Out of sight from prying eyes or from true Wisdom's gaze...
Questions! Questions! Find your Way with questions!
Grasp your Truth, fulfil your Life, with questions all your days.*

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A prayer for today

Listening God, when I ask my questions and find no answer, help me to know that raising the questions brings me closer to you anyway. Thank you again for listening. Amen

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