

Ask Madeline

YOUR QUESTIONS CONSIDERED,
YOUR ANSWERS RIDICULED.



Madeline So-Savvy is widely considered the most intelligent Biblical scholar in the known world.

Dear Madeline

What is the meaning of life?

A. *I see no evidence of the meaning of life. Indeed, life seems, if anything, more mean 2,000 years ago – if the Bible is any indication.*

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Does being Christian mean being closed minded to other ideas and interpretations?

A. *The devil's greatest weapons are reason and investment property. It is far more dangerous to give into the latter, dear.*

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When the devil tempted Jesus after his 40 day fast, what form did the devil take and is he still roaming the earth as we speak?

A. *It is quite clear from scripture (Satan showing Jesus all the Kingdoms and offering them) that Lucifer took the form of a RE/MAX Realtor®*

I suspect that Satan is still working the Upper East Side of Manhattan peddling condominiums.

Of course, Jesus should have reported Satan to the Judea Board of Realtors, as it is quite clear that Satan was not authorized to offer the property that he showed Jesus. Further, never the eager shopper, how tempted could Jesus have been? Unless he was rendered absolutely stupid by hunger, he should have

known that he could get a much better deal from God than Satan, who only has access to the lockboxes for kingdoms in this world and is inflexible about his commission.

Dear Madeline

In Genesis 3:1, God said, "Let there be light." Who was he speaking to?

A. *It is a well known fact that the world was created simply as a diversion at a celestial dinner party (after dessert, but before brandy) to entertain the guests. The Lord was, of course, speaking to the seraphim at the table. Creating the World, like most parlor games, however, lost the attention of both host and guests very quickly. Indeed, the*

Lord has completely forgotten about that evening or the resulting world – and would be shocked to hear all about what's happened since.

Dear Madeline

Why is there no difference between politics and religion?

A. *What a foolish idea, dear! While both politics and religion rely on nonsense and fear to take money from people, religion is far, far more successful.*



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CHARADE

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Are We Having Fun, Yet?

Is your hair the same color it was on Sunday? Don't you have something duct-taped or tie-dyed yet? How about that sunburn? C'mon, you gotta get into that Summer Institute spirit!

HOW DOES YOUR CAT SCORE ON THE MEYERS-BRIGGS TYPE INDICATOR?

ESFP "The Hedonist": The social cat. Inside, outside, contact-oriented. Wallows in petting. Lies in the sun on the driveway. Promiscuously affectionate, even with cat-haters. Meows a lot.

ESTP "The Tomcat": Comes back after three days with scabs on his nose and ears. Fathered too many kittens to count. Will enjoy you while he's there, but not loyal. With other cats, doesn't know when to stop "playing".

ISFP "The Snuggler": Inside lap kitty. Has a favorite lap, a favorite windowsill, but spreads her favors around nonetheless. Warm and loving, but don't try to make her do anything. Purrs a lot.

ISTP "The Problem-Solver": This is the cat that will figure out how to get the giblets out of the bottom of the garbage can without knocking anything over. Appreciates his pleasures but not a glutton. Stand-offish, but will put up with an occasional petting session.

ESTJ "Bossycat": A cat with attitude. He'll hiss at a German shepherd, and the dog will back down. Knows his territory. Catches lots of birds to show he cares, since he won't be openly affectionate.

ESFJ "Mommycat": Even if kittenless or male, adopts everyone, including her "owners". Will groom you until you've got a rash; will groom other cats until they snap at her and run away.

ISTJ "Mr. Fastidious": Won't eat unless the kitchen floor is newly waxed. Will glare at you until you clean his litterbox. Likes to scratch--and it's the same place over and over, so you'd better get a scratching post right away if you want to keep your furniture.

ISFJ "Spoiled Cat": Only the best will do. This is the cat in the "Sheba" ads. Will sink into a depression if you forget to trim her claws, or if her coat is marked. Strategic meowing -- not for conversation, but to get what she wants.

ENTP "The Great White Hunter": King of imaginary bug-chasing. He talks a lot--maybe to you, maybe to



something only he can see. Likes to be petted, but only for short periods of time; he's off as soon as the next synapse fires in his brain.

ENTJ "The Little General": Assumes control of the family and house. He'll kick you out of his chair and demand half the bed. Doesn't purr, but glares while being petted as if you're only doing your duty. Yowls rather than meows.

INTP "The Flake": Will play with toys, but bored quickly. If you give in, you'll quickly have a closet full of cat toys he won't touch any more. He'll sit, apparently doing nothing, and then be off on a tear. When walking across a room, will suddenly sit down and start grooming himself.

INTJ "The Limit-Setter": If you have to be around, fine, but he'd prefer that you just showed up once a week to drop off a case of canned food. If you stay home sick, he'll glare at you, since after all it's his scheduled day to have the house to himself.

ENFP "The Happy Slob": Playful cat that will leave food smeared all over the kitchen floor and track litter granules onto the carpet. Favorite game is peek-a-boo. Likes to be petted, but won't sit still for long.

ENEJ "The Ringleader": Will organize the other cats into games. When you get home to find the dining room chandelier

swinging back and forth, and all the cats are sitting in the living room looking innocent, it was this cat's idea.

INFP: "The Little Angel": Will look at you sweetly two seconds after she's shredded the new curtains. Can't resist the kitchen counter. Likes some lap time, but only on her terms.

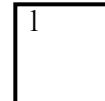
INFJ "Skitty Kitty": Wants to be affectionate, but never quite overcomes nervousness. "Intrepid" is NOT her middle name. Likes to watch the proceedings from a safe spot, such as the top of the staircase.



Its amazing that the Buddha had such a grasp on the reality of suffering without ever having to go to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

ZEN GAMES Fill-in-the-Blank

Zen Crossword



Across

1. Identity

Down

1. Unity (Roman).



Meanwhile at the end of the garden, the security situation had deteriorated. A breakaway group of radical pixies had started making enriched geranium.

