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Openness

Curious or Contented

Openness - Introduction:

In the eHarmony.com Personality Profile you were described as either Curious or Contented, or somewhere in between. These descriptions were developed from how you responded to new ways of thinking and believing. The following paragraphs add to that description of you as Curious or Contented by exploring aspects of Openness. Specifically we reflect on the extent to which you are an Information Processor, someone who is Inquisitive, and your degree of Perceptiveness.

Inquisitive - Introduction:

People who raise children talk about a period in early childhood when every bit of new information is met with the question, "Why?" "You need to eat your carrots." "Why, mommy?" Or, "Why is the sky blue?" Or, "Why did Grandpa die?" Many of the questions never do get answered, but most children grow out of their incessant curiosity and find their own answers, however reliable, to the simplest and the most profound questions. Most children. But some never lose this curiosity. Into adulthood they are additively inquisitive. "When a fly lands on the ceiling does it come in flying upside down, or does it do a quick flip-turn just before landing?" Most of us would say, "Who cares?", but for the truly curious such questions taunt them and haunt them. How about you? The following paragraphs describe the extent to which you are or are not inquisitive.

Inquisitive: Your Personalized Description

You've settled some questions in your life. "We use things and love people, and not the other way around". "Promises are for keeping". "U2 has replaced The Rolling Stones as the greatest rock n' roll band in the world". From the important to the trivial, you've arrived at certain answers and are willing to let these answers stand. But most questions are still open for you; your curiosity brings you back at yet another angle to issues

you've considered time and again. "Why do some children from difficult childhoods grow up to be resilient, without signs of major damage, while others from similar backgrounds seem crippled by their pasts?" "Why are some men able to integrate a devotion to work with a devotion to family while others seem to manage either one or the other, but not both?" "Why haven't the Chicago Cubs won a World Series in nearly ninety years?"

More than most people, you keep asking questions. You didn't leave your curiosity behind when you left childhood; you brought it with you into your work place and your relationships, and it lights you up in both circumstances. You are the one at work who doesn't want to do again what you've done a dozen times before, but wants to find a new and possibly better way to make the decision or the product or to service your customers. You're bored with repetition, and would rather take the risk of asking, "Why not try it another way?" than settling for the routine. In your friendships and with your partner you are the one pushing the conversation to a higher level. "I know we decided last time that this was what we felt, but I find myself wondering if. . . .", and off you go into yet another possibility for the shape of love. You are the ants in the pants of your relationships; you keep them moving.

Like any ants in any pants you could become more of an irritant than a stimulant. You could become more of a problem than an inspiration at work, and more of a disruption to your relationships than a prod to new discoveries. Remember, not everyone is as inquisitive as you are. After enough - at least enough for them - curiosity, most of your colleagues and friends are ready to settle in to getting something done without asking again why we're doing it this way. So be careful not to spoil the gift you bring. Use your inquisitiveness wisely and well and it will continue to light you up and to illumine for your colleagues and friends possibilities they wouldn't see without you.
