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From the Editors



We are both excited to bring you this new issue of *Questions*, which marks our first as the new editors. Jana Mohr Lone has done an excellent job for the last five years shepherding this project through its formative years. We are pleased to inherit such a mature publication. It is not an overstatement to say that *Questions* would not exist without her.

On a sadder note, we wish to mark the passing of Ken Knisely in September 2005. He brought philosophy out of the academy to people of all ages. His absence is a loss for all of us in the philosophy for young people movement.

In this issue you will find students of all ages exploring questions of ethics, beauty, and knowledge. We are pleased to again publish most of the winning entries from the Kids Philosophy Slam, a national philosophy contest for students from kindergarten through high school.

Please note that the submission deadline for the next issue of *Questions* has been moved to March 31st, and that we now have a dedicated email address: QuestionsJournal@gmail.com

Enjoy the issue, and do keep in touch!

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Does order imply design?

Monkeys Need Time: A Dialogue

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Children do not doubt. They don't need to—at least that was my impression before I had a short conversation with one of the children I worked with. Alex was among the first children to introduce themselves to me when I started working at the Boys and Girls Club in Huntington Beach. I underestimated her inquisitive nature.

Early in the morning we were sitting in the activity center, where the littlest kids played with Legos and the bigger kids played with Magic cards, when she turned to me and said, "Tommy, can I ask you something?"

"Sure," I said. I was wiping sleep from my eyes.

"This has been bugging me, I don't know the answer. You're smart, you should know." I always impress the kids with what knowledge of science and other things that I have.

"Okay, what is it?"

"What is time?" She stared at me as I stared back at her. I was not prepared for a philosophical venture at six thirty in the morning, but timing wasn't the issue.

"How old are you, Alex?" I said to her after some silence.

"Seven."

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