

Life's 5 Essential Questions

adapted from Dean James Ryan's Harvard School of Education Commencement Speech

1.

“Wait, what?”

is at the root of all understanding

2.

“I wonder why...”

“I wonder if...”

is at the heart of all curiosity

3.

“Couldn't we at least...?”

is at the beginning of all progress

4.

“How can I help?”

is at the base of all good relationships

5.

“What truly matters?”

gets you to the heart of life

Late Fragment

by Raymond Carver

And did you get what
you wanted from this life, even so?
I did.

And what did you want?
To call myself beloved, to feel myself
beloved on the earth.

Bonus Question:

“And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so?”