



Active Curiosity

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Plan for Today

- Being Curious About Curiosity
- Connection of Curiosity & Innovation
- Enabling Active Curiosity
- Let's Get Curious (aka activity time!)

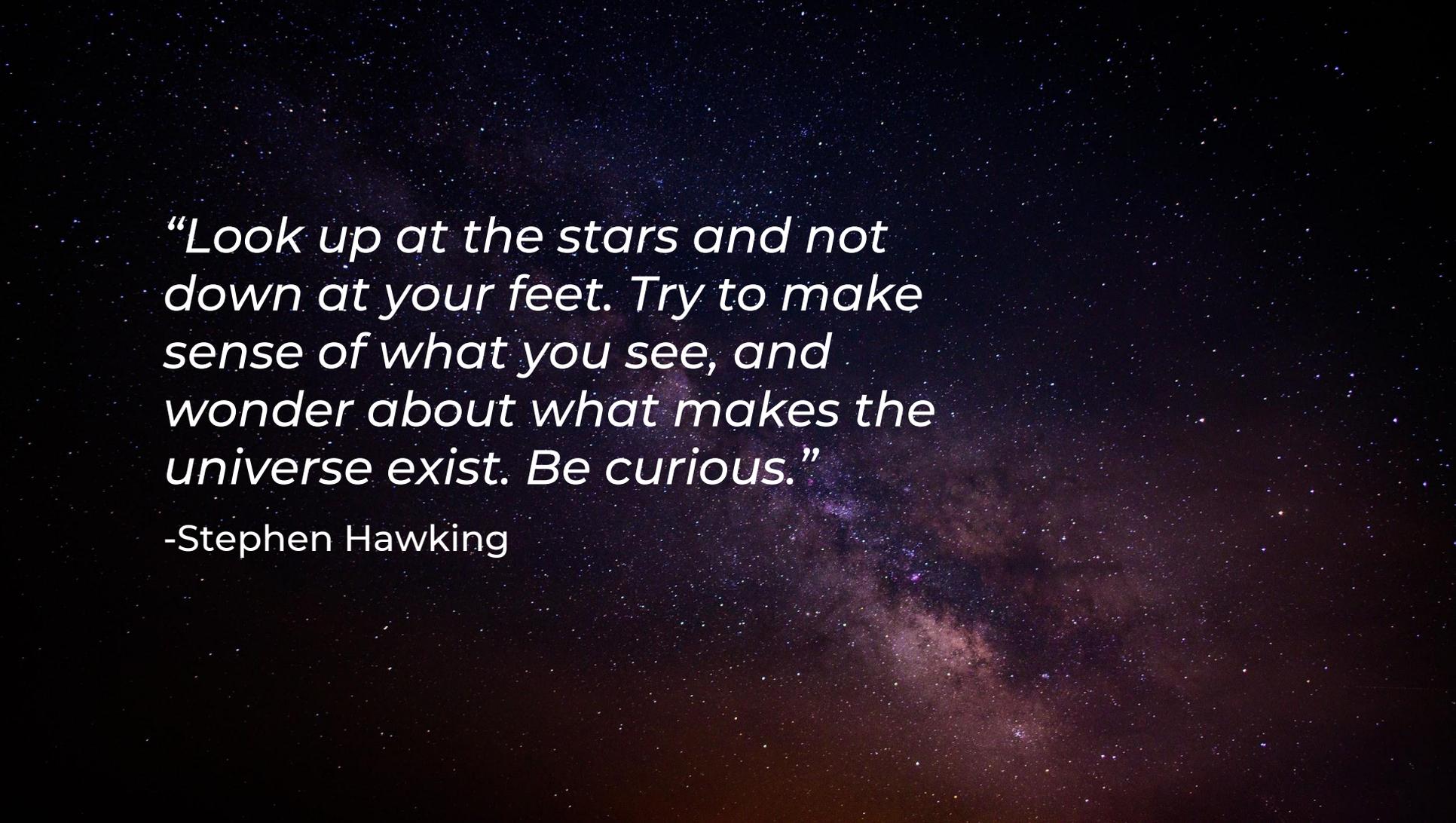


Being Curious About Curiosity

*“I have no special talent. I am
only passionately curious.”*

-Albert Einstein





*“Look up at the stars and not
down at your feet. Try to make
sense of what you see, and
wonder about what makes the
universe exist. Be curious.”*

-Stephen Hawking

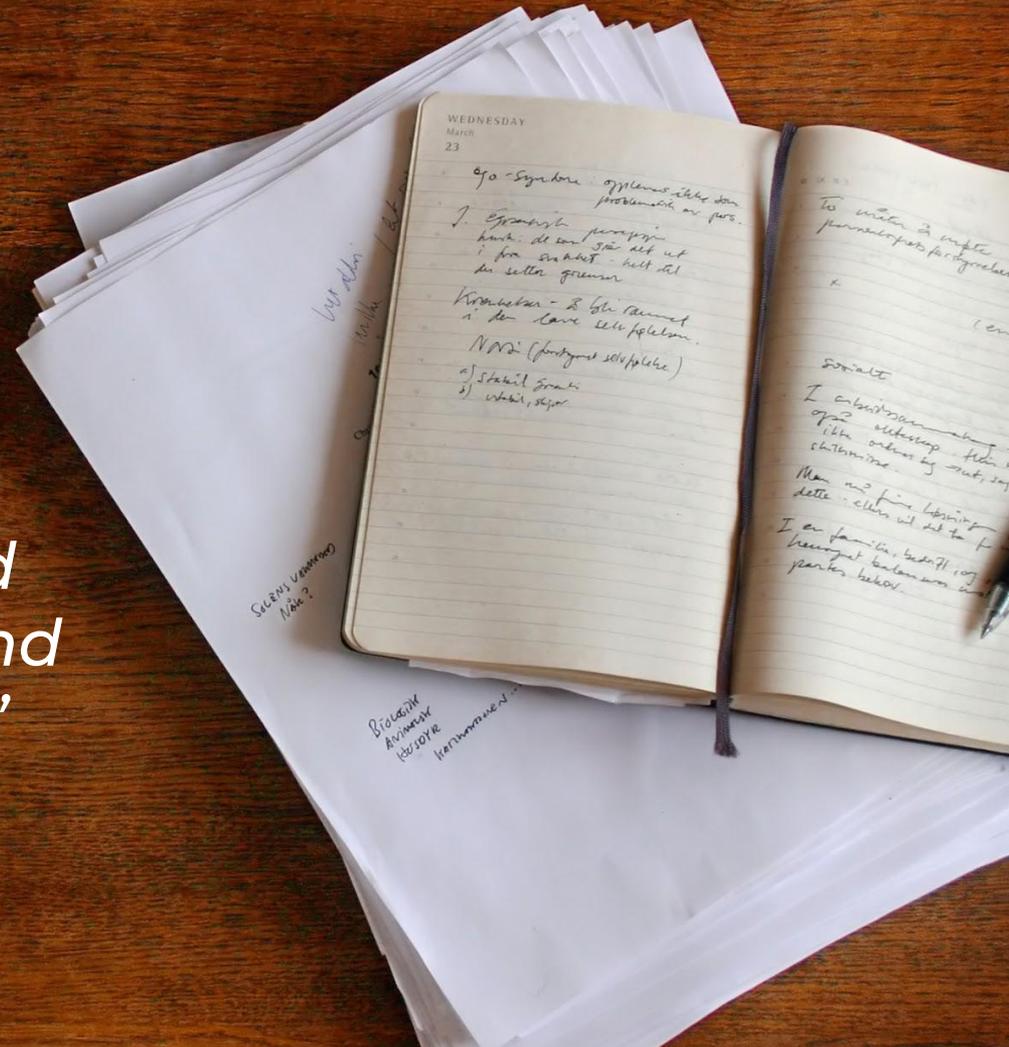
*“We keep moving forward,
opening new doors, and doing
new things, because we're curious
and curiosity keeps leading us
down new paths.”*

-Walt Disney



“Research is formalized
curiosity. It is poking and
prying with a purpose.”

-Zora Neale Hurston



WEDNESDAY
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ego - Synonyme
opplerns alle den
problematik vor pers.

1. Synonym
habe. Ich will sie mit
für ein Wort. Ich will
die selber greifen

Konkretion - 2. Ich räumte
in der Lage alle folgenden.

NWA (für jeden selbstelekt)

- 1) Stahl, Zement
- 2) Wasser, Öl, etc.

Ich will sie in einem
personalepistologischer

Social

Ich arbeite an einem
oppe allwissend. Ich
alle andere by - mit, in
schönweise

Man hat für die
dette - alle mit der
Ich in Familie, beide 11. 109
heimgut haben von
parten beider.

Wörter

Selbstverständnis
Wort?

Bolawi
Anweisung
182012
Kartennamen

Why is curiosity so important?

- It makes your mind active instead of passive
- It makes your mind observant of new ideas
- It opens up new worlds and possibilities
- It brings excitement into your life



What are some characteristics of curious people?

- They listen without judgment
- They ask lots of questions
- They seek surprise
- They aren't afraid to say, "I don't know."
- They're fully present
- They're willing to be wrong
- They make time for curiosity
- They don't let past hurts affect their future



Research Skills + Curiosity = A Match Made in Heaven



Question Assumptions

Taking the time to make sure you are really understanding something will often lead to new areas of inquiry.



Contextual Observation

Watching things happening in context can inspire curiosity and may even have you questioning your previous interpretations.



Active Listening

Making an effort to really listen when engaging others in conversation can lead to new understandings & perspectives.

What hinders curiosity?

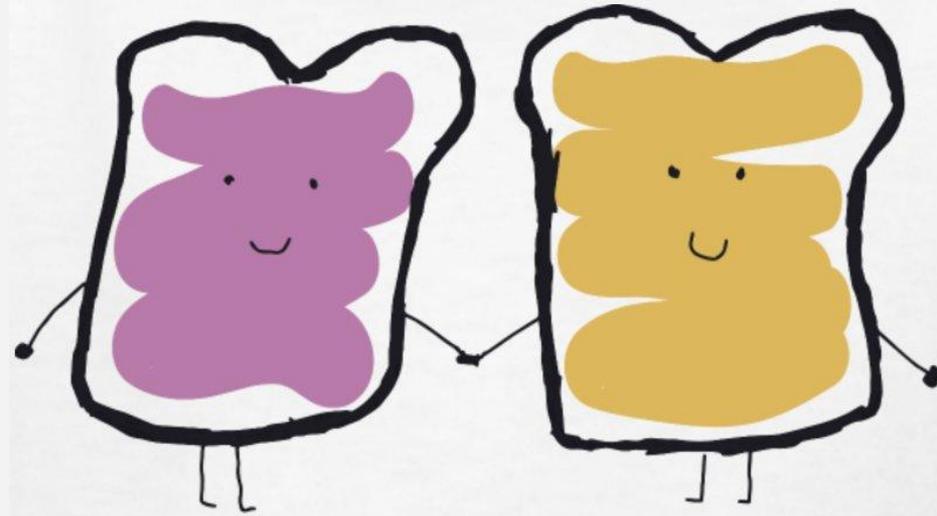
- Lack of time
- Prioritizing answers over questions
- Constraints and lack of freedom
- Relying on status quo
- Isolation
- Fear



Connection of Curiosity & Innovation

Curiosity & Innovation

The most innovative companies today search for people who are willing to admit things they don't know and show interest in what they can learn. That's because innovation and business growth rely on people who ask questions, challenge established assumptions and ways of thinking, and strive to always be learning, progressing, and moving forward.



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“Innovation is grounded in curiosity. Asking the questions what’s on the other side of that? or what would happen if? opens new frontiers for us and makes new approaches possible.”

-Ali Llewellyn, NASA



NASA's Innovation as Curiosity Approach

- A commitment to openness as the starting point
- Look to build extremely diverse and agile teams
- Focus on removing obstacles to innovation
- Committed to opportunities for mass collaborations
- Committed to telling the story



Curiosity

~~**Necessity**~~ is the mother of
invention

Enabling Active Curiosity



There are endless ways to be passively curious



Active curiosity is 'hands-on'
and participatory



Passive Curiosity

philosophers
ponderers
wanderers
star gazers

Active Curiosity

inventors
makers
tinkerers
creators



How do we enable **active** curiosity?



channel your
Inner Child

ask questions,
explore and get
your hands
dirty





challenge your
Assumptions

—
make the known
feel unknown and
challenge the
established

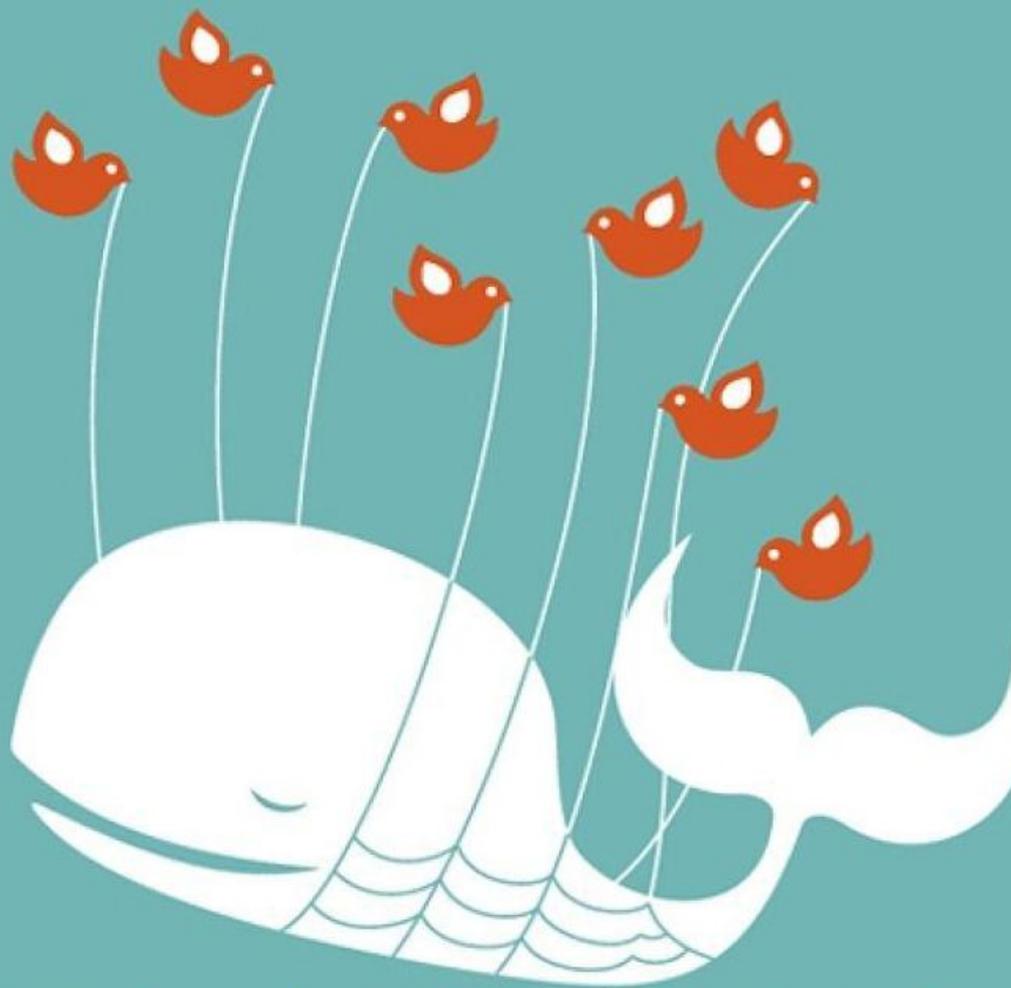


change your
Perspective

seek out new
people, places and
experiences

risk being
Wrong

take the first steps
and implement
solutions



show you

Care

share with others,
be vulnerable &
allow your passion
to shine





Let's Get Curious



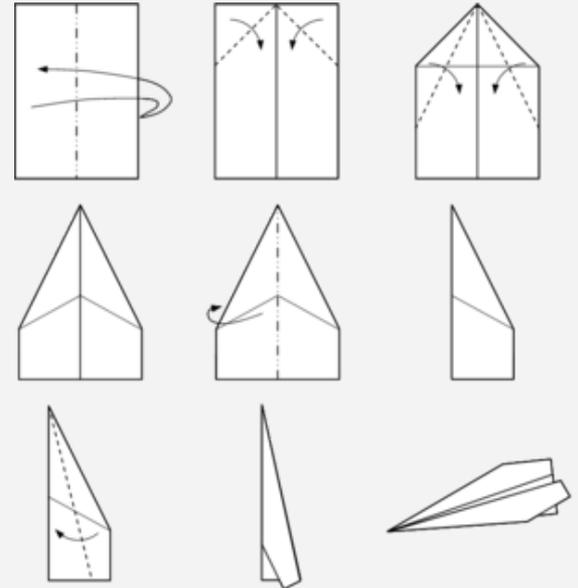
It's Time To Fly



Let's break up into groups and get ready to make some paper planes. Ask questions, take risks and try some different approaches.

What if we?

- Make planes that are different sizes - how does it affect their flight?
- Make planes out of different types of paper (using the same design for each) - how does it change things?
- Add a paper clip (or multiple paper clips) to different parts of your paper plane - what happens?



Homework Time!

Over the next few days try to cultivate your curiosity. Share what you've learned, seen or done on Slack to help keep us all curious. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- Do some people watching and see what norms you observe (i.e. walking on the wrong side of the sidewalk can be treacherous, why?)
- Take one of your regular activities and really pay attention to the details (i.e. how do you *really* brush your teeth? could you diagram it?)
- Try to do something with what you've learned (i.e. can you make the best paper airplane ever?)



A white kitten with black spots is peeking out from behind a wooden door. The kitten has large, upright ears and is looking towards the camera with a curious expression. The door is partially open, and the kitten is visible from the chest up. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The floor is made of light-colored wood. In the foreground, there is a colorful, patterned rug with yellow, orange, and green sections. The overall scene is warm and inviting.

*Stay curious
out there!*

Thank you