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THE ULTIMATE LIST OF

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

THE ISLAND

- Was Locke really healed by the island? Or was he healed by Jacob or the Man in Black?
- Jack, Kate, Sawyer, Hurley, and Michael once saw an enormous green-colored bird swoop out of a tree towards them, and Hurley thought that the bird said his name. What kind of bird was this, and did it really say Hurley's name?
- Were there any permanent consequences to the island when the Swan's failsafe was activated and the sky turned purple? Was the electromagnetic pocket of energy beneath the island destroyed by the failsafe, or made dormant?
- What does the frozen wheel do, mechanically-speaking, to make the island move? Does it access the electromagnetic energy pocket somehow? What's behind the wheel that generated the bright yellow light? Why is it so cold in the underground chamber where the island-moving wheel is housed? The wheel looks like a man-made device, so who made it and put it there?
- Since turning the wheel beneath the Orchid station sends one to the Tunisian desert, it stands to reason that the polar bear Charlotte found in Tunisia wearing a Dharma Initiative collar must also have turned the wheel at some point, and that's how it wound up there. What and when were the circumstances surrounding the polar bear that turned the wheel and moved the island? Who was responsible for this, and why?
- Why were the Oceanic survivors, the Freighter Folk, and Juliet affected by the island's time jumps, yet the Others were not?
- Why was Sun left behind in the present on Ajira 316, when all of the other Oceanic 6 were transported through time to the past?
- Why would the island let Ben come back after he left, but not Widmore?
- Who built the Tunnels under the island? Do the Tunnels run all over (or rather, under) the island? What else is down there?

JACOB & THE MAN IN BLACK

- Who is Jacob, and how did he come to be on the island?
- Who is the Man in Black, aka Jacob's Nemesis?
- How did Jacob and the Man in Black come to be on the island?

- What's the nature of Jacob and the Man in Black's yin/yang-type relationship? And why can't they kill each other?
- Can Jacob see the future? (He went to Ilana's bedside and asked her to help him, and he also ordered the Hydra Island runway built. The logical conclusion is that the runway was needed because he knew Ilana would be coming to the island via Ajira 316.)
- Jacob is apparently responsible for bringing everyone to the island that gets to it. How does Jacob bring people to the island?
- Why did Jacob touch so many of the castaways in the past? Why did he choose them, and what did his touch cause to happen? Is he the reason they escaped the crash of Oceanic 815 without harm?
- Did Jacob touch anyone else in the same way?
- Why did Jacob give Hurley a guitar case to bring back to the island? What's inside it?
- Why does the Man in Black want to kill Jacob?
- If Jacob hasn't been living in the cabin, who has? The Man in Black? Is this who Ben and Locke encountered the day they visited the cabin?
- How did the Man in Black take on Locke's form? Can he assume the form of anyone he wants, or does it have to be a dead person?
- What all did the Man in Black "go through" to get to Jacob?
- Who was Jacob referring to when he warned the Man in Black that "they're coming"?
- Who or what is Christian Shephard? Does he really speak for Jacob, or is he an instrument of the Man in Black?

THE SMOKE MONSTER

- What is the smoke monster?
- Is the monster technological or supernatural?
- Why does the monster kill certain people -- like Mr. Eko, Captain Norris of Oceanic 815, and Nadine of the French science expedition -- while leaving others it encounters alive? What's different about those it kills?
- The monster sometimes calls up images of peoples' pasts before it passes judgment on them. (We've seen it do this with Eko, Juliet, and Ben.) How is the monster able to do this?
- What exactly happened to Montand and the other Frenchmen beneath the Temple? Did the monster change them, as Danielle believed? Did it kill them and take their place?
- How did draining the water out of that tiny hole below Ben's house summon the smoke monster? Who built the monster-summoning water hole there to begin with?
- Since we've seen other dead people (like Locke) on the island before, such as Alex Rousseau and Yemi, who very likely were the smoke monster taken human form, does this mean that the Man in Black is the smoke monster? Could they be one and the same?

THE EGYPTIAN STATUE

- Why are there Egyptian-style hieroglyphs all over the island? Who put them there?

- Why was an enormous statue of an Egyptian fertility goddess (Tawaret) erected on the island? And why did Jacob choose to live beneath it? Did Jacob build it, or was someone else responsible? When was it built, and when & how was it destroyed?
- Is there a link between the Exit's location in Tunisia and the island's Egyptian influences?

THE "ADAM & EVE" SKELETONS

- Who are the Adam & Eve skeletons? Are they characters we know?
- How did they die? Was it, as the castaways guessed, forty to fifty years ago?
- Why was one of them carrying two stones, one white and one black?

THE NUMBERS (4 8 15 16 23 42)

- Are the Numbers really cursed? Do they have power?
- Who sent the transmission from the island heard by Leonard Sims and Sam Toomey at the Navy listening post in the Pacific? And why? (This was the same transmission heard by Danielle's science team, which lured them toward the island.)

THE WHISPERS

- What are the Whispers?
- The Whispers always seem to precede an appearance by the Others or the smoke monster. What's the connection?

THE *BLACK ROCK*

- How did the *Black Rock* get beached so far inland on the island?
- A journal belonging to the *Black Rock's* first mate found its way to Madagascar after the ship wrecked on the island. How did it get there?
- Toward Hanso found the *Black Rock* journal in Madagascar and kept its contents secret for over a century. Is this journal how Alvar Hanso found out about the island, and decided to send the Dharma Initiative there?
- Why did the Hanso family suddenly decide to sell the *Black Rock* journal (which Charles Widmore purchased at auction) in 1996, after years of keeping it a family secret?
- Richard Alpert constructed a model of a ship in a bottle that looked like the *Black Rock*. Does he have a connection to the *Black Rock*? Was he one of its crewmembers?

THE INCIDENT

- Does "the Incident" refer to the electromagnetic pocket being breeched, or the hydrogen bomb being detonated? Or both?

- What happened when Juliet detonated the hydrogen bomb? Did it reset time? Did it destroy the island?
- How did Richard watch Jack, Kate, Hurley, Jin, Sawyer, Juliet, and Miles die? Did he witness the hydrogen bomb explosion?

THE TEMPLE

- What is the purpose of the Temple? What happens there? Is it for worshipping something or someone?
- Who built the Temple, and when?
- Why is the Temple a secret to be kept from outsiders?
- What happened to young Ben when Richard carried him inside the Temple? Why did it cause Ben's memory to be erased and his innocence to be lost?

THE PURGE

- Why did the Others wipe out the Dharma Initiative? Relations between the two groups were always tense, but what pushed the Others to take an action as extreme as massacre?

THE DHARMA INITIATIVE

- Does the Dharma Initiative still exist today, off the island?
- Who is the "very clever fellow" working for the Dharma Initiative who figured out how to find the island and built the Lamp Post station?
- Is it mere coincidence that the Dharma Initiative built the Barracks over the place where the Others buried the hydrogen bomb?

THE DHARMA FOOD DROPS

- Who made the Dharma food drop?
- How often do the food drops take place?
- The Swan station went into lockdown mode coinciding with the timing of the food drop. Why would the Swan need to be locked down when a food drop was being conducted?
- Locke suggested that the Swan was locked down so that the Dharma workers couldn't see who was dropping the food palette. Is this the reason for the lockdown? If so, why would the source of the food drop want to remain anonymous?
- Was Eko right about the salted circle on the ground above the Pearl station being made a visible target for planes to see? Could the circle be the intended target of the Dharma food drops?

ISLAND PREGNANCY

- What's causing pregnant women to die on the island?
- Amy Goodspeed was able to carry her baby to full term and deliver successfully, so the problem that present-day Others have with bearing children is something that started after 1977. When did this pregnancy problem start?

THE VOLCANO

- Where is the island's volcano?
- When in the island's past did it erupt?
- Is the volcano now dormant?

CLAIRE

- According to psychic Richard Malkin, "danger surrounds" Aaron, and he requires her protection and influence as he grows. Why? What did Malkin see in Claire's reading? What was so dire about Aaron's future that Malkin would go to extreme lengths to arrange for Claire to be on Oceanic 815, to ensure that she alone would raise her son?
- Why was Miles so interested in Claire? Did something about her set off his abilities as a medium? Is Claire dead, having not survived the explosion of her house at the Barracks?
- What's become of Claire? Why did she go with Christian to Jacob's cabin, and leave her baby behind?
- Why didn't Christian want Locke to tell anybody he saw Claire at the cabin? Why does Claire's status need to be kept a secret?
- Why did Claire tell Kate not to bring Aaron back to the island?

RICHARD ALPERT

- How and when did Richard originally come to the island?
- What did Jacob do to Richard to cause him to stop aging?
- How old is Richard?

LIBBY

- Why was Libby a patient at Santa Rosa Mental Hospital?
- Why did Libby hide the fact that she was at Santa Rosa from Hurley -- and that she remembered him from there? Did she have ulterior motives for her budding relationship with him?

- Was Desmond's chance encounter with Libby really so random? She was awfully trusting and willing to believe in a man she didn't know and give him her husband's boat. Was there more to this meeting than it seems?

ILANA

- Who is Ilana? What is her history with Jacob?
- What happened to Ilana in the past, that gave her a severe head wound? How did she fully recover? Jacob?
- What did Jacob need Ilana's help with?

PIERRE CHANG

- Why does Dr. Chang go by a different name in every Dharma Orientation video?
- Chang selected the site of the Orchid station, based on his knowledge of the pocket of "unlimited power" beneath the site. How did he know ahead of time where to build the Orchid?
- Did Chang recognize the wooden wheel buried beneath the Orchid station when he saw it on the sonar? Does he know what it is, and who put it there?
- Is Pierre Chang really dead in the present? Did he die on the island? Did he die in the Purge?

ELOISE HAWKING

- How is Eloise able to know the future?
- Why was Eloise in a photo on Brother Campbell's desk? How do they know each other?
- What did Eloise mean when she said the island "isn't finished yet" with Desmond?
- Eloise was once the leader of the Others, so why did she leave the island?
- Why does Eloise now live at the church where the Lamp Post station is housed?
- Why would Eloise send her son to the island, knowing that he would die by her own hand? What could be so vitally important to the fate of the island that Eloise would sacrifice her own son to see it done?
- Eloise said to Penny, "For the first time in a long time, I don't know what's going to happen next." If she's able to see the future, why has she suddenly lost that ability?

CHARLES WIDMORE

- If Matthew Abaddon is the reason Locke went to Australia for his walkabout, and Abaddon works for Widmore... does this mean that Widmore *knew* Oceanic 815 was going to crash on the island, and he arranged for Locke to be on it?
- The Oceanic Airlines employees take orders from Widmore. Does he own Oceanic?

- Charles Widmore knew of Paik Industries and even mentioned that he played golf regularly with Sun's father. Are these two powerful men merely business associates, or do they share a deeper connection (such as an interest in the island, perhaps)?

SAYID'S VENDETTA

- Who is responsible for Nadia's death? Widmore? Ben? Was it just a random crime?
- Who was the man stationed outside of Santa Rosa Mental Institute, watching Hurley? Who did he work for?
- Who were the men waiting at Sayid's hotel room, intent on killing him and Hurley? Who did they work for?

MISCELLANEOUS

- How is Walt "different"? What's the extent of his abilities?
- What became of Ben's childhood friend Annie? Was she killed during the Purge, or had she left the island by then?
- Harper insinuated that Juliet was favored by Ben because she "looked just like her." Which "her" was Harper referring to? Ben's mother? His childhood friend Annie?
- If Frank Lapidus was originally supposed to be the pilot of Oceanic 815, why was he replaced by Seth Norris?