“The Year in Retrospect”

Inquiring Minds allows us to consider important and serious topics, to share our ideas and expertise, and learn from the experience of others. For our meeting on this next-to-last day of 2016, I invite us all to look back over the questions we’ve discussed this year and do some stock-taking and reflection. Below is a list of the topics from our weekly meetings in 2016. Read through the list, think back (and forward) and consider the following questions:

What were the most important things that happened in the world in 2016? In the nation?
What are the most important questions on the list?
Of the topics we discussed, which ones do you think will continue to be very important in 2017? In 2027? In 2067?
How well equipped are Americans (or humans) for dealing with these matters?
What key topics, ideas or developments did we miss in 2016? What’s the big challenge waiting around the corner to surprise us all in 2017?

**The Media**
The Media & Responsibility
Fake_News

**Social Issues**
Racism_in_the_USA
Issues_in_Public_High_School_Education
Attitudes_toward_Rape_in_America
Should_Everyone_Go_To_College?
The_Flint_Water_Crisis

**Science & Technology**
The_Robots_are_Coming
Apple_vs_FBI
Cyber_[in]_Security
The_Really_BIG_One
Gene_Editing

**International Politics**
The_Isolationist_Temptation
Was_Brexit_Part_of_a_Greater_Nationalist-Populist_Movement?

From_'Brexit'_to_Trump

**Terrorism**
After_Orlando
The_Terrorist_in_the_Data
Responding_to_Terrorism

**Mind, Medicine & Health**
Your_Brain_is_Hardwired_to_Snap
The_Sugar_Conspiracy
Teaching_Your_Immune_System
How_to_Plug_in_Your_Brain
Pandemic_Possibility
Drug_Costs
Bias

**Economics**
Income_Inequality
Tax_Reform
The_Middle_Class
The_Economy_is_Rigged&_Other_Myths
Saving_Capitalism
Monopolies

**Politics**
Do_We_Really_Need_Campaign_Finance_Reform?
Is_this_Any_Way_to_Pick_a_President?
Electoral_College_Reform
Political_Parties_Today
Trump_and_the_Elites
Questions_for_the_Candidates
Political_Correctness_Gone_Amok
Identity_Liberalism
Rethinking_the_Role_of_the_Constitution
Contracting_Out_Government_Work
National_Security&_Local_Police
Religion&_Politics
Politics_of_Fear

**Sport**
Zika, Russian Doping & Infrastructure in Rio
When_Muhammad_Ali_Took_On_America