

Keep asking: *How can I make SRTS better?*

Forum Wrap-Up Session

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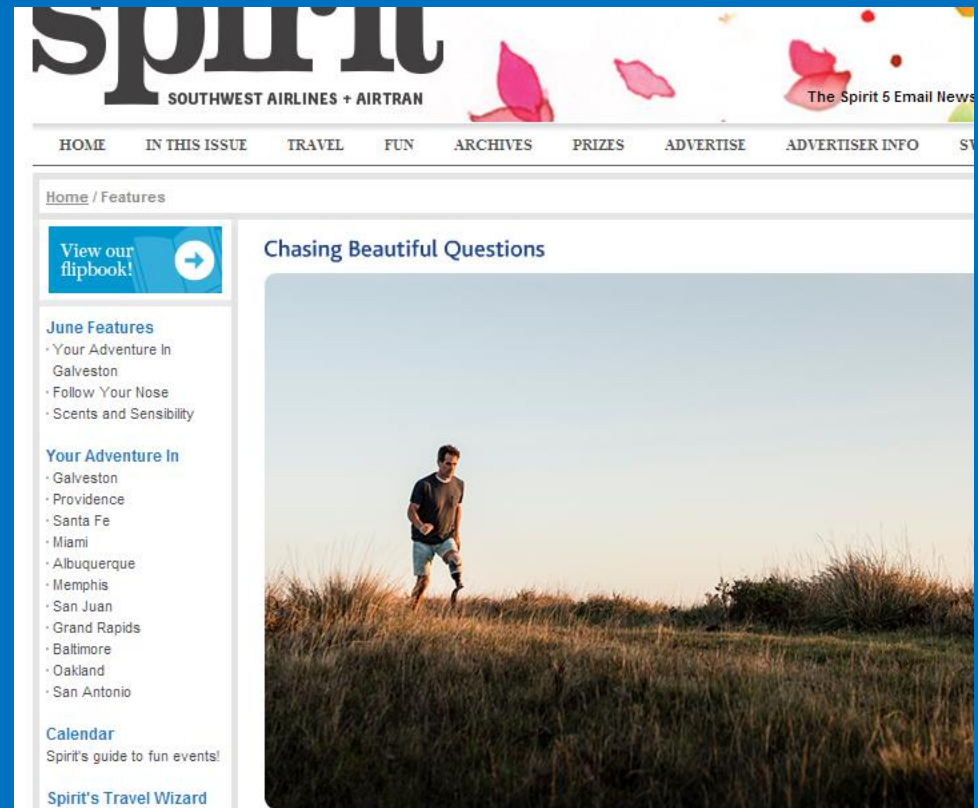
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Boating accident that resulted in the blade-runner leg prosthesis by asking why, what, and how



Beautiful questions, Warren Berger



- Challenges assumptions
- Considers new possibilities
- Has potential to serve as a catalyst for action and change



Breakthrough ideas and innovations that have reworked the way we live in recent years...[They] originated with someone questioning the existing, accepted way of doing things.

Questioning is easy when we're young

- 4-year-old girls ask more than 300 questions a day
- On average, a child asks 40,000 questions between the ages of 2 and 5

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- **Bosses get impatient when their workers ask too many questions, especially ones that challenge their assumptions.**

We stop asking out of fear of looking foolish. Or we simply want to get things done in our lives; who has time to pause and question?



*What if we didn't stop
questioning? What if we kept
asking why and what if?*

Beautiful Questions

- Why is it that...
- What if I/we could...
- How can I/we make it happen?

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- Why don't we invest more in our children's safety?
- What if found ways to fund sidewalks and bike lanes?
- How can we make it happen?

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- Why don't more kids walk or bike to school?
- What if we could make it safer for our kids to walk and bike to school?
- How can we make it happen?

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- Why don't we build schools in locations that make it easier for kids to walk or bike to school?
- What if we could make school siting decisions that are based on different criteria?
- How can we make it happen?

Beautiful questions & the 5 Es

Why does ... What if ... How can I/we ...

