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For the third time now, I will be answering your questions! I previously was in contact with an alien or two, this time I will be taking things further and speak to someone from an alternative reality. But I'll save that till the end. Let's go!

First up we have a question from Multitasking Mary from Maryland, USA: What have you never worked out how to do?

Great question! Since I first picked up the guitar about 21 years ago, I've never been able to play my instrument and sing at the same time. I don't really want to sing anyway, as I just sound sarcastic, but it's bothering me the way so many people can do the skill intuitively. If I could stop singing that way I would, as it's not really appropriate. I once had to sing when I was doing voluntary social work for a while, and I kind of stood out like a sore thumb.

Chilled out Charlie, from Charleston: What annoys you?

It annoys me when people who clearly don't like heavy metal, read the lyrics of the genre out like it's supposed to be some kind of poetry. It's very clearly not meant to be poetry most of the time! It's like someone saying with a really insightful tone to his voice 'adrenaline starts to flow... thrashing all around... acting like a maniac... whiplash.' That's really dumb and that's what happens.

Historical Henry, Londinium: What are your thoughts on the way popular music has changed over the last few decades?

Well it's obviously got a lot more violent, hasn't it? The record labels sound just as brutal as the band names, nowadays. There's a label out there called Murder Records. Imagine if The Beatles were signed to them. The Animals were a light and family friendly rhythm and blues band who formed in the early 60s, but the context of the group's name would be completely different, today. It would actually mean the 'The Scum'. :S

Doctor Smith, Why are you asking where I live?: Someone has just been diagnosed with schizophrenia. What do you suggest they listen to?

The ending, spooky noises at the end of Black Sabbath's 'Children Of The Grave' really freaked me out when I had the condition. It was definitely an experience. 'The Un-merry Go Round' by Allan Holdsworth was really trippy too. I know most people will want to get better, but if you're more into thrill seeking, those songs will really add some drama to your life. If you just want to calm down - which is understandable - classical music is a good choice.

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Doctor Smith: That was weird.

Oh. Sorry, I thought it was funny. :(

Doctor Smith: Nope.

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Optimistic Olivia, Minnesota: Has anything cheered up recently?

I just found out that the appendix may not be useless, but may protect good bacteria in the gut. That's nice. I heard it used to be used to digest things like grass and nothing else, and that it doesn't do anything now because it would be pointless. (99.999999% of the time). Of course I wish people still could eat grass, but the blow has been softened.

Confused Conner, Lost on the M25: Why do people drive with their lights on before it gets dark?

I wondered the same thing! If you can't see my car in the daytime, your eyes are completely screwed, quite frankly. Even I can see cars approaching me in the day, without my glasses, and I can't see for crap. In fact my eyes haven't significantly deteriorated for a good few years now. Does that imply they couldn't get any worse??

Reassuring Rick, Somewhere: No I don't think so.

Oh. Thanks. Do you have a question?

Reassuring Rick: No, I just wanted to reassure you.

Thanks again.

Perfectionist Pete, Paris: Have there been any articles you've written that you should have improved?

In one of my sketches I described a new breakfast I made called 'The Mega' which is a combination of Coco Pops and Rice Crispies or whatever it was. I really should have added a single cornflake on top of the meal, to really make it special.

Pete: Darn.

Exactly.

Random Ralf, Mexico: When was the last time you ate peanut butter?

It's been a while, actually. Must get some more, one day.

GBK Sales Team, Surrey: When was the last time you had a GBK milkshake?

That's been a while, too. I'd love to get another, but the car park I liked has closed and now I have to use one where I need a special plastic coin and all of that nonsense. It's a bit of a hassle, especially because nothing seems to work there.

GBK Sales Team: Go on. You know you want to...

One day, one day...

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Curious GBK Team Going Off Topic: What's your favourite album cover?

Black Sabbath's debut album. Very eerie.

GKB Team: You're eerie.

Good.

GBK Team: What's the weirdest question you've been asked?

My dad just now asked if I put my mask in the fridge. I did not.

President Simon John Wiedemann, Alternative Universe 59B: Did you know there's an author in our home planets called 'J S Wiedemann'? He/she has a book out called 'Dog Man'...

I did know that. Is the author famous where you're from?

President Wiedemann: Never really heard of the person. You're a really big cheese round here, though! :)

That's mental. I wonder if the mysterious author's full name is John Simon Wiedemann...

President Wiedemann: No idea. Bye!

Ok, that's all we have time for, today. It was an honour talking to a president, it really was. Maybe next time I'll talk to the super aliens from the mysterious planet 'Ufssssing'. (Pronounced 'Uf-sssssss-ng - the way it looks, basically). However, they're really shy. :(Byeee!