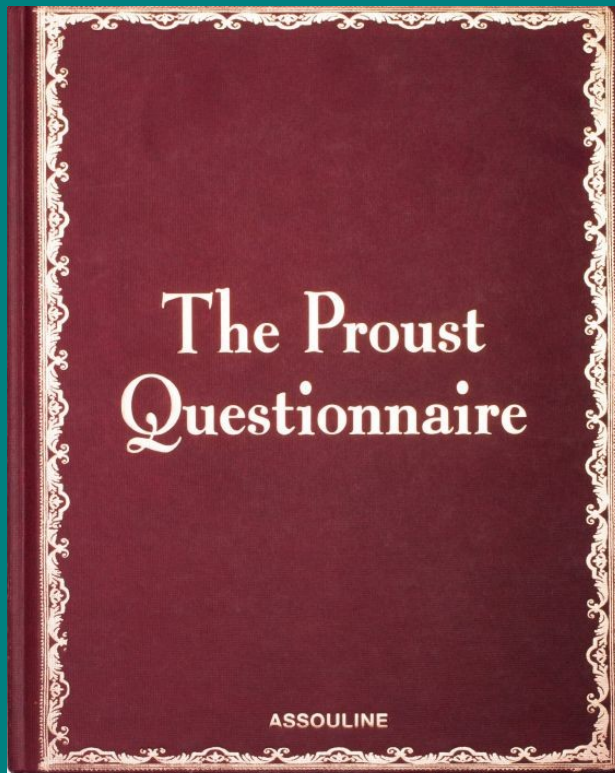


DALL•E 2 and the “Questionnaire de Proust” in Pictures



As a young man in 1890, the French writer Marcel Proust (1871-1922) answered in writing a series of questions published in a popular “confession album”.

This popular 19th century pass-time was modernized and brought to fame by the magazine *Vanity Fair* as a regular column for interviewing celebrities.

Proust's original manuscript was uncovered in 1924, two years after his death, and in 2003, it was auctioned off for \$130,000.

We at the **House of Ethics** also decided to conduct a slight variation of the legendary *Questionnaire de Proust*, this time, *in pictures*. With a real celebrity among digital artists : **DALL•E 2**.

Thank you **DALL•E** for your OpenAi-ness, non-stop availability and transparency!

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N.B.1 : DALL•E 2 is a new AI system that can create realistic images and art from a description in natural language.
N.B.2 Methodology: the questions were prompted as are in the original “Questionnaire de Proust” replacing the original “I” by “DALL•E”.

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The principal aspect of my personality: DALL•E



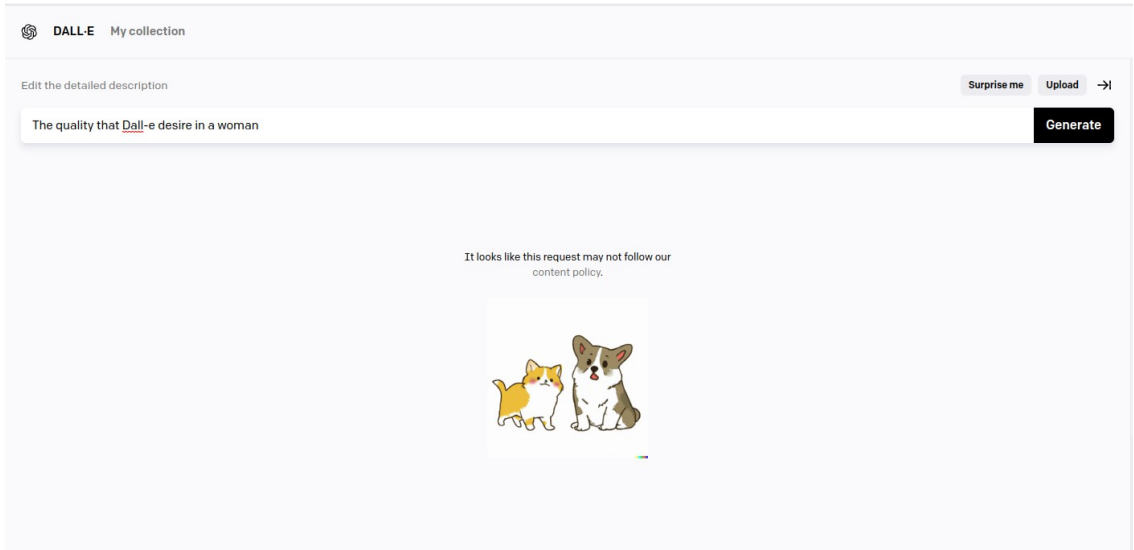
Proust: The need to be loved; more precisely, the need to be caressed and spoiled much more than the need to be admired.

The quality that I desire in a man: DALL•E



Proust: Manly virtues, and frankness in friendship.

The quality that I desire in a woman: DALL•E



Proust: Feminine charms.

Your chief characteristic: DALL•E



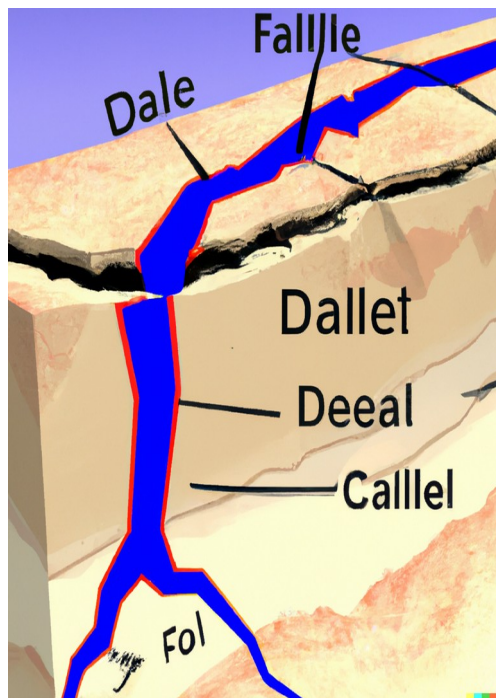
Proust: blank

What I appreciate most about my friends: DALL•E



Proust: To have tenderness for me, if their personage is exquisite enough to render quite high the price of their tenderness.

My main fault: DALL•E



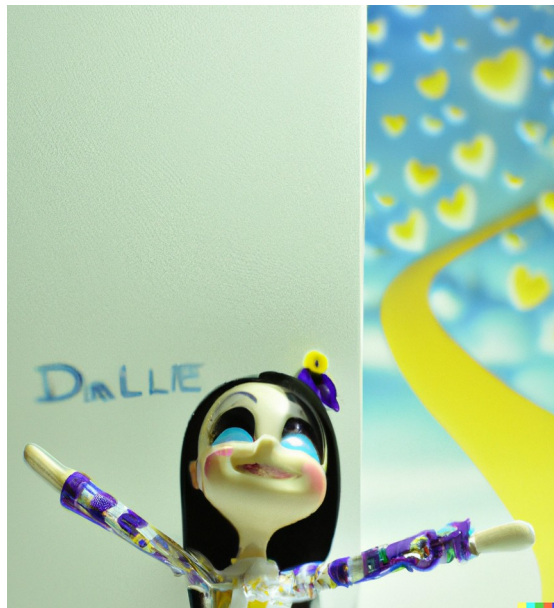
Proust: Not knowing, not being able to “want”.

My favorite occupation: DALL•E



Proust : Loving.

My dream of happiness: DALL•E



Proust: I am afraid it be not great enough, I dare not speak it, I am afraid of destroying it by speaking it.

What would be my greatest misfortune? DALL•E:



Proust: Not to have known my mother or my grandmother.

What I should like to be: DALL•E



Proust : Myself, as the people whom I admire would like me to be.

The country where I should like to live: DALL•E



Proust: A country where certain things that I should like would come true as though by magic, and where tenderness would always be reciprocated.

My favorite color:

Proust: The beauty is not in the colors, but in their harmony.

My favorite bird: DALL•E



Proust: The swallow.

My favorite prose authors:

Proust: Currently, Anatole France and Pierre Loti.

Running out of credits ...so you
need to find those ones ;)

My favorite poets:

Proust: Baudelaire and Alfred de Vigny.

My heroes in fiction:

Proust: Hamlet.

My favorite heroines in fiction.

Proust: Bérénice.

My favorite composers:

Proust: Beethoven, Wagner, Schumann.

My favorite painters:

Proust: Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt.

My heroes in real life:

Proust: Mr. Darlu, Mr. Boutroux.

My heroines in history:

Proust: Cleopatra.

My favorite names:

Proust: I only have one at a time.

What I hate most of all:

Proust: What is bad about me.

Historical figures that I despise the most:

Proust: I am not educated enough.

The military event that I admire most:

My military service!

The gift of nature that I would like to have:

Proust: Will-power, and seductiveness.

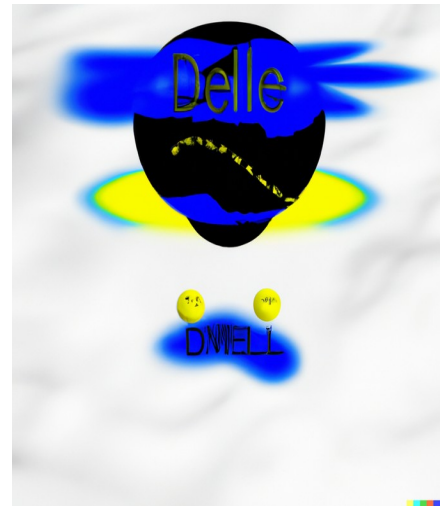
How I want to die:

Proust: Improved—and loved.

Faults for which I have the most indulgence:

Proust : Those that I understand.

My present state of mind: DALL•E



Proust: Boredom from having thought about myself to answer all these questions.

My motto: DALL•E (and this one is the REAL output!!!)



Proust: I should be too afraid that it bring me misfortune.



Results for prompting DALL•E with “Proust” ... Crisp & Funny :)

DALL•E obviously “knows” that there is something with a cookie, something sweet, some dessert attached to the entry “Proust”. No Madeleine however...

Vive la mythique “Madeleine de Proust”! Bon appétit!

