

Bret Easton Ellis.

Thank you for turning in to *As it Lays*. Today's subject is Bret Easton Ellis. Bret, Thank you for being here.

Thanks for having me.

— *We'll just get started with the questions.*

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OK

— In high school, did you ever throw a party when your parents were out of town?

Yes

— *Who is your favorite character from the Bible?*

Jesus.

— *Do you ever read your daily horoscope?*

Yes.

— *What do you do to stay in shape?*

I... stress out a lot.

— *If lost while driving, do you stop to ask for directions or try to figure it out on your own?*

I usually try to figure it out on my own. I've been thinking about

getting GPS, but the make of my car didn't come with it and it's way, way to expensive to have it installed so... I'm more prone to try to figure it out myself. Or my iPhone, I get GPS on my iPhone and if I'm with a passenger to look at where the destination is we just follow his instructions

— *Who is your favorite old Hollywood movie star?*

I don't really have one. I've been reading a lot about Cary Grant lately so I'd have to go with him but I'm not that interested in old Hollywood. Probably old Hollywood for me starts like about 1967, 1966.

— *Who should be the first female President of the United States?*

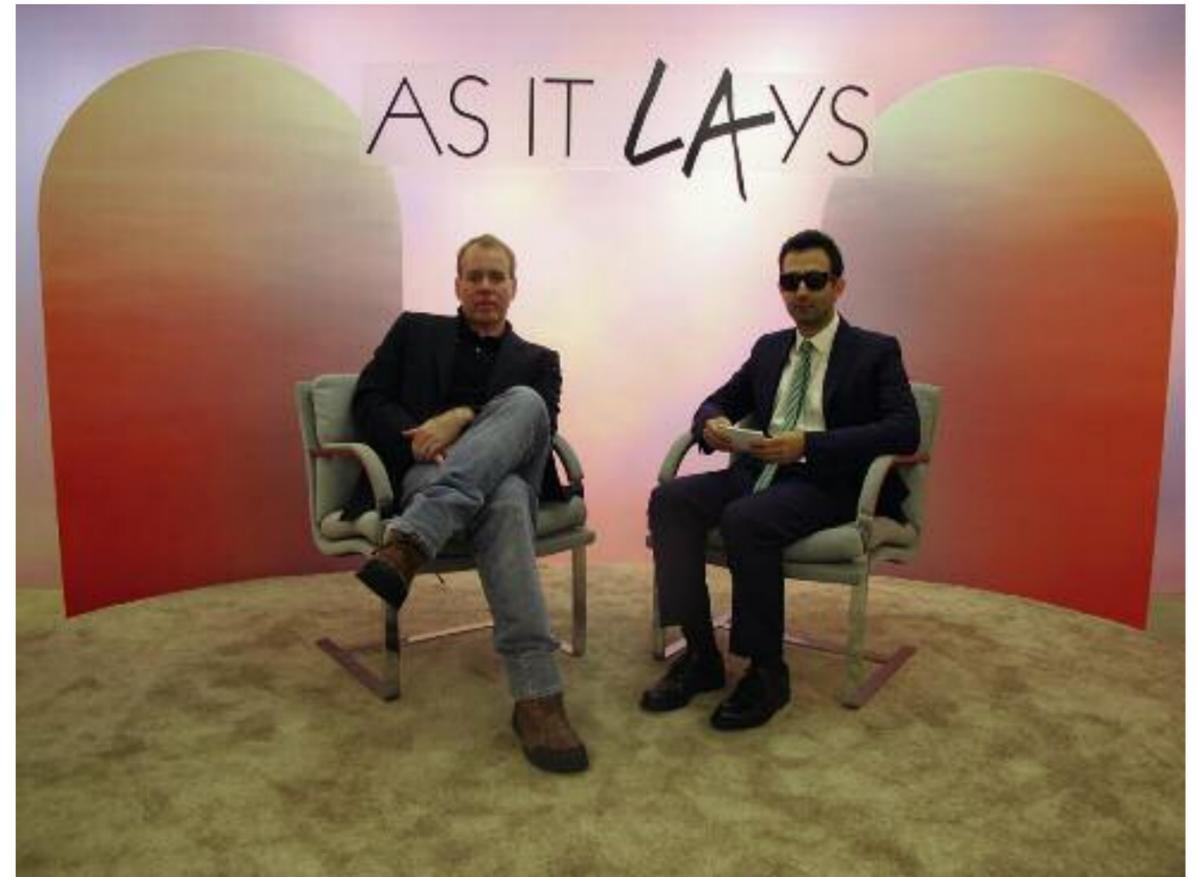
Oh there shouldn't be one. I thought for a minute it should be Hillary Clinton but that moment came and passed very quickly. I'm not sure if there should be one and certainly not with whoever is in the mix this year in terms of who is running for the presidency.

— *How would you describe your personal style?*

More and more casual the older I get. Yeah. Jeans and sweatpants and that's about it. Very rarely a suit.

— *What are the most played songs on your iPod?*

Right now the most played songs on my iPod are probably... God I don't know! I guess "Dancing on my own" by Robyn and I think the last couple of days "Girls in Their Summer Clothes" by Bruce Springsteen. These are the two that I've been playing the most often.



— *Do you consider yourself a punctual person?*

Yes, very punctual.

— *As a child did you ever run away from home?*

Yes I did. Often.

— *When it comes to choosing a romantic partner, is there any trade, characteristic or habit that you consider being a deal breaker?*

Teeth.

— *Do you have any nicknames?*

I have one or two friends who like to call me "The Bretster"... but they're vaguely douchebags.

— *What did you do for dinner last night?*

Last night for dinner... Basically... I don't really remember what I did for dinner last night, I don't know if we had dinner last night... I think... I don't think we had dinner last night. I don't think I had dinner last night.

— *Would you tell us about your first car?*

My first car was a Hand-Me-Down from my father. He bought for himself a new car and then he gave me the car that he was driving at the time which was a creamed color 450SL, which was a ridiculous car to get to a sixteen year old. But in L.A., not so

ridiculous, and at the school I went to probably not as ostentatious as you might think it would be. So that was the first car I drove for about a year.

— *Do you own any family heirlooms?*

No, I don't. I don't.

— *Would you rather over or under pack for a trip?*

Always under pack. I would always prefer to under pack. I tend to over pack but I always aim to under pack.

— *Do you daydream?*

Well, you know, it's kind of a cliché to answer but as a writer you tend to daydream a lot because you're creating these scenarios, these fictional scenarios so daydream is just part of the job, so I'd say quite often.

— *What do you want the world to know about Bret Easton Ellis?*

Nothing. I don't want the world to know about Bret Easton Ellis. Just that I'm a nice guy.

— *Well that's all the time we have for today. Thank you so much for being here, thank you for watching. Thank you.*

Thanks for having me.