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2. What parts of Erickson's search for her ancestors most resonated with you?
3. What parts of your ancestry most intrigue you? Why?
4. What positive lessons and/or negative patterns have been passed down in your family?
5. If you've had your DNA analyzed, were there surprises in the results?
6. Do you think genealogy can teach spiritual lessons? Why or why not?
7. Early in her search for her family roots, Erickson constructs her spiritual family tree. If you did a similar tree, what would it include?
8. Who are the badly behaving ancestors in your family tree?
9. Who are your ancestral role models?
10. If you could go anywhere to trace your ancestry, where would it be?
11. How does your family's story relate to history on a larger scale? What historical events most influenced your ancestors?
12. Do you have any famous people in your family tree?
13. What question would you most like to have answered about your genealogy?
14. What questions do you wish you had asked your older relatives when they were still alive?
15. What would you like your descendants to know about you?

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