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Describe yourself in three words: Focussed - energetic - kind.

What are you currently reading?: Edmund White "My Lives" (2005)
and Anna Politkovskaya *A Russian Diary* (2007).

What's your favour film? *East of Eden* (1954 - Elia Kazan).

Who or what do you fantasise about?: A dinner party with Janet
Albrechtsen.

What stimulants do you recommend?: A subscription to *Fox &*
Friends.

Describe your underwear: Belt and braces variety.

What is your greatest fear?: Retirement (coming up March 2009).

What words or phrases do you over-use?: "It follows", "Thus" and
"Accordingly".

Who would you most like to meet?: Bishop John Shelby Spong.

Who do you envy and why?: The beautiful people, like Paris Hilton.
Reason's obvious.

What regrets do you have?: Not enough fun when I was young.

What is your most disturbing personal obsession?: My unmatched work ethic.

What's your most glamorous feature?: Still to be discovered.

If you were a foodstuff, what would you be?: Passionfruit.

What human quality do you must distrust?: Heartless complacency.

What would you change about Australia?: Bill of Rights, for starters.

Which of these characters do you find more aesthetically pleasing - Tin Tin or Mr Magoo?: Magoo because I am gradually getting like him.

Who or what do you consider overrated?: Food and expensive restaurants. Like Peter Costello, I prefer fish and chips on the beach.

What's the first thing you do in the morning?: Drink two full glasses of Sydney water.

How would you like to die?: Never think of it. Too much still to do.

What would your epitaph say?: "A loving man".