The Burning Question
What's really bothering us this week

Q:
Why do humans enjoy rock concerts like Live 8?

A:
‘It fulfills biological needs,’ says Dr Eduardo Miranda, Reader in Artificial Intelligence and Music at Plymouth University. ‘Our lives follow a system of stress followed by relaxation, and music is made of the same patterns. Fast, loud music causes increased heart rate and a pleasing adrenaline increase as we become a little more anxious. Rhythm is pleasurable, possibly as it reminds us of the heartbeat in the womb.’