

Letter from the Editor

In previous editions of *The Oracle*, I always made sure to sign off my *Letter from the Editor* with a short message encouraging readers to challenge their principles and not cling to their preconceived opinions. As this is my last letter as *The Oracle's* Editor-in-Chief, it feels only fair to expand on why I have always felt compelled to sign off in such a way.

Like an infant holding onto to their mother, we cling to our ideas. The reason for that is simple: it is comfortable. And, in a very biological sense, our brain longs for that comfort as means of survival. At best, our opinions are harmless and inconsequential. At worst, they can lead to division and harm.

Philosophy is that discipline that allows us to intellectually challenge ourselves. It is about questioning your own assumptions and confronting your biases to be better equipped to deal with an ever-changing world.

So this time, I will refrain from writing the same old message to sign readers off. Instead, I want to thank you – the reader – for having the courage to challenge yourself. It's not easy to step out of your comfort zone, and that is something that I wanted to acknowledge.

It has been an honor to serve as *Philosophia's* Editor-in-Chief for the past 4 years. I took on this role even though I had no background in philosophy back then or in the position itself. I was reaching out of my comfort zone. I now call unto you to do the same. There is no better time to begin than right here, right now, with the pages ahead of you.

Sincerely,
Micheal Habib
Editor-in-Chief

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.