

# A Letter From The Editor

The first philosophy course I took was in high school, and my teacher at the time was going through Socrates' lesson of "The only thing that I know is that I know nothing." At the time, he interpreted it as saying that "philosophy is ultimately bullsh\*t!" and while this might anger some, for me, this *was* the reason why I became interested in philosophy in the first place.

I took philosophy in grade 11, and by that time, I got used to hearing why a certain discipline is important to learn or why we should care for it in all the introductory lectures (be it science, sociology, etc.). In my eleven years of study, I had never come across a discipline who looked me in the eyes and said: "Don't bother" as their introductory lecture! And for whatever reason, I took that as a challenge.

This was the first time I have ever come across a discipline that I found to be incredibly honest in its approach. "Here is a road," it said: "You're welcome to take it. You might find something interesting, or you might just be wasting your time". Weirdly enough, by acknowledging its flaw and not taking itself seriously, I was free to enjoy philosophy in whatever way I wanted. That was the first time I studied something purely for myself and my own curiosity, not for any grades nor to prove something to anyone. Philosophy was mine and mine alone. But my path in philosophy has not ended yet, and I do not know where it will lead me still.

In the previous drafts of this letter, I talked about the importance of philosophy and why we should study it, but that didn't seem right. It seemed contradictory to my first official experience of philosophy, and so I want to encourage the reader to decide what philosophy means to them.

So here is a road, I'm not sure where it leads, but you're welcome to take it. Will you?

Now, without further ado, here is the spring 2021 issue 15 of The Oracle!