

**What would happen if we locked Jeremy Bentham, John Locke, J.S. Mill, Immanuel Kant, Aristotle and Oprah in a room and gave Dr. Phil the key?**

In retrospective to the advancement of technology since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, assume Oprah as the most intellectually advanced of the group. If you are a professor of Philosophy you may disagree, but consider that Oprah is quite literally enlightening the founders of the enlightenment by introducing them to 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies such as electricity, and space travel. Now Oprah may not work for NASA, however I support my argument by being extremely confident she has at least heard of Neil Armstrong, while the others undisputedly have not.

**Yet.**

Oprah's train of thought, consciousness, and emotional reactions would be greatly discouraged in the sense that these highly regarded philosophers are often misunderstood even by the most brilliant of minds such as Einstein himself. Imagine if these witty yet humble philosophers were from the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they would be considered intellectual superstars! This is not the case, but let us refer to this ancient group of philosophers; Bentham, Locke, Mill, Kant, and Aristotle as the "**Elders**". Oprah, being one of the most prominent social figures of the century must assume the role of an adolescent. Now, I myself am quite young, yet extremely experienced in the art being criticized due to over exposing myself in a way which leaves me susceptible to the constant antagonization frequently dished out by traditional elders. On the notion of my previous experiences being an insightful adolescent, it often times may result in irritation to the elders. Oprah is about four hundred years younger than the elders, yet knows the secrets of the universe that these men have dedicated their entire lives to. Not only would this be of great concern to the elders, but "thou art man without art mindful of him"? I find it extremely interesting how the social reactions of the elders would conform considering Oprah is an international icon to not only Women, but African American Women in general.

So here we have the founders of philosophy, whom conceived thoughts which greatly inspired the works of Benjamin Franklin and other similar fore founders of our country in writing the Constitution and other documents of utter importance. These are the men whom taught presidents, presidents, and more presidents without even being alive, and now they have infinite amount of questions which they have never even began to conceptualize prior to meeting her, and she happens to be of the most attractive light absorbent thermal dynamic skin color, black. Now I am not a racist, nor am I always politically correct (shoot me), but would the philosophers whom we are referring to be skeptical to question whether Oprah is providing the correct answers to their countless, century old questions which have been proven over the course of time and implemented into the laws of physics and serve as foundations of our moral, ethical, and philosophical beliefs?