

“Let’s Look at What We Said”:

The Figure of Socrates as Antithesis to the  
Commodification of Higher Education

# The Problem

The Point of  
Higher  
Education

The Age of  
Information

The Mindset of  
Commodification

So how did Socrates do it?

# The Socratic Process

- Socrates already believed that his students were capable of intelligent thought.
- Euthyphro was required to explain defend his position.
- In order to learn, Euthyphro must painfully sacrifice his own comfort and face failure.

The process of thinking must be learned, but it cannot be explicitly taught.

# The Questions:

- Which is more valuable, the certificate earned at the end of a college education, or the journey towards the certificate?
- In higher education, should more emphasis be placed on the practice of thought, or on memorization?
- What are the practical benefits of an education that is focused on a love of wisdom?

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