

*Naming  
and Necessity*



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“could the Queen—could this woman herself—have been born of different parents from the parents whom she actually came? Could she, let's say, have been the daughter instead of Mr. and Mrs. Truman?”



# Krypke's Contemplation

- The Trumans could have had a baby who resembled the Queen because they had similar properties.
- The Trumans could have had a child that became the Queen of England.
- Or the Truman's daughter could have been switched to have the Queen's parents.

# Kripke says NO!

- The Queen could not have been born of different parents.
- Ancestry is an essential property which identifies who we are.



# The case of the table

- Kripke questions whether or not a table could have been made from a different block of wood or ice.
- And he concludes that there could be another table that externally resembles each other, but the origin of the table and the material that makes it up is different.



Because Kripke does  
reduce the self by  
identifying properties,  
Does Kripke's argument  
disclaim Reid's claim that  
the self is irreducible?