

LITERATURE, ETHICS, AND AUTHORITY
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Class #11: Wednesday 14 March 2001

Read:

Vaclav Havel, "The Philadelphia Liberty Medal" (course packet)
The Bible: Genesis 1-2 (course packet)

Study Questions:

1. How does Havel's view of the world and the heavens differ from that of Galileo? How does this difference in perspective affect Havel's definition of the science Galileo held so dear?
2. According to both Havel and The Bible: Genesis 1-2, what is man's responsibility on earth? How does this bear on our understanding of the professions?
3. Havel writes: "it is clearly necessary to invent organizational structures appropriate to the present multicultural age." (p. 169). Can you link modern corporations to the discussions of science and God that Havel engages in here?