

Written Assignment 2

Either (a) Imagine that you are one of the clerics who refused to look through Galileo's telescope (see e.g. *Kuhn* p.226). Defend your position. How might Galileo have responded?

or (b) Irrespective of its consistency or not with experiment, is Galileo's theory of the tides (*Dialog concerning the Two Chief World Systems*, fourth day) consistent with his own mechanics?

The assignment is due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 21.