

Study Questions

Ethical Practice: Professionalism, Social Responsibility, and The Purpose of the Corporation

Session 10: Monday, May 7, 2007

The Purpose of a Corporation I—Beginnings

- Plato, *The Republic*, Part II, Book II (selections)
 - Aristotle, *The Politics*, Book I: 9-10
1. What place does business have in the societies Plato imagines in *The Republic*?
 2. How does Aristotle evaluate wealth and the creation of wealth in *The Politics*?
 3. What constraint might the two ancient Greek philosophers' theories impose on corporations as we know them today? Could corporations function by the ethical standards the two men invoke?