

The American Academic Leadership Institute

Presidential Leadership in the 21st Century:

Wisdom from Classic Resources

Moderator: John Churchill, Secretary, The Phi Beta Kappa Society

Silverado, Napa Valley, California

July 26-31, 2009

Sunday, July 26: 6:00 pm – Terrace Off Vintner’s Court

Opening reception and dinner

Plato: *The Republic*, Book VII. G.M.A. Grube, translator;
pp. 167-191.

Tab 1

Monday, July 27: 9:00 am – Vintner’s Court (Breakfast at 8:30 am)

What Is Leadership?

Tab 2

Lao Tzu: *Tao Te Ching*. Penguin, D.C. Lau, translator
pp. 57-143.

Niccolo Machiavelli: *The Prince*, Mentor, 1980,
Luigi Ricci, translator; sections 16-19, 21, 23, 25.

Martin Luther King: *Letter From a Birmingham Jail*

Tuesday, July 28: 9:00 am – Vintner’s Court (Breakfast at 8:30 am)

Citizens and Persons: What Do We Owe?

Tab 3

Sophocles: *Antigone*. In *The Three Theban Plays*, Penguin.
Fagles, translator.

Martha Nussbaum: *Cultivating Humanity*.
Chapter Three, “The Narrative Imagination,” pp. 85-112.

Wednesday, July 29: 9:00 am – Vintner’s Court (Breakfast at 8:30 am)

Is Power Personal?

Tab 4

Aeschylus: *The Agamemnon*, in *The Orestes Plays of Aeschylus*, Paul Roche, translator; pp. 31-99.

John Keegan: *The Mask of Command*, Chapter 4, “Grant and Unheroic Leadership,” Section 5, “Grant on Campaign,” and Section 7, “Grant and American Democracy;” pp. 202-234.

Thursday, July 30: 9:00 am – Vintner’s Court (Breakfast at 8:30 am)

May Leaders Lie? Must They?

Tab 5

Plato: *The Republic*, Book II, pp. 47-53.

Jean Jacques Rousseau: *The Social Contract*, Book II, chapters 6, “On Law,” and 7, “On the Lawgiver,” pp. 39-48.

Sissela Bok: *Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life*, chapter XII, pp. 174-191,

Fyodor Dostoyevsky: The Grand Inquisitor from *The Brothers Karamazov*, Part Two, Book V, Chapter V; pp. 292-314

Thursday, July 30: 6:00 pm – Dinner (Location to be Announced)

Friday, July 31: 9:00 am – Vintner’s Court (Breakfast at 8:30 am):

Can Colleagues Be Friends?

Tab 6

Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book VIII, “Friendship,” pp. 207-266, Terence Irwin, translator

I Samuel 17:48-24:22. The friendship of David and Jonathan.

Philip Glotzbach: “Truth and Friendship: Reflections on a Paradox of Academic Community,” in *Liberal Education*, Volume 90, Winter, 2004.