

We had our second small group meeting on March 24, Tuesday at 4 Pm on the third floor of Durham Hall.

- 1) What is the purpose of having/following a "Code of Ethics"?

The purpose of following a Code of Ethics is to basically give an idea to the employees/students/ other members of the organization about the sense of commitment, and the moral principles and values that they should demonstrate in the workplace.

- 2) When you are faced with an ethical situation, how do you, personally, go about making a decision? What factors are involved in making your decision? Be specific!

One of the most important things that I consider that I consider while facing an ethical situation is, whether I would repent on my decision at a later point in my life or not. If I have even a very small feeling that the decision is something that I could regret in the future, then I do not go ahead with it. Other factors that I consider would be, would I expect the same thing to be done to me, as my decision would affect the other people, and if someone would be on the unfair side of the outcomes.

- 3) What case study was discussed in your small group? How did the ethical considerations introduced by your group members differ from your own? How were they alike? Was your group able to come to a consensus on what the most "ethical" decision would be?

The case study that we discussed in the small group meeting was on the Citicorp Tower. Most of the members were unanimous with my considerations for the case study, regarding that the architect handled the ethical dilemma with grace by solving the problem in his structure on time. We all did come to a final ethical decision that what the architect did was right, and there was no other way that could have used to solve the fault of the building structure.

- 4) Reflect on the "Virtue of Ethics" as it relates to the case study your group discussed. Choose three of the six virtues that you feel are most related to your case study and briefly write about them. Why did you choose the three you did? How are they relevant to the case study? Why are the other virtues less relevant? Is there another ethical virtue you feel could apply to your case study that is NOT included in the "Virtue of Ethics?" Why or why not?

Three Virtues:

Integrity: One of the most important virtues demonstrated in the case study is Integrity. We get to see the integrity of Le Messurier. After he found out the fault in his structure, and the threat that the people working there faced, he could have just run away and hid himself somewhere. Actually, after I read the case study, I did a little bit of research on the tower. I found out that once Le founded the mistake, he fled to his private island to save himself from the humiliation, but later he came back with a solution. I would consider this as a great example of integrity.

Responsibility: Responsibility and integrity both go hand in hand. You cannot demonstrate integrity unless you are responsible enough towards your job. Le Messurier showed a responsibility towards his job and towards the other architects by coming up with a solution and not fleeing away. If he wouldn't have done that, then it would have brought the ethics of the architectural society in to question.

Honesty: I find all the above virtues overlapping each other. It takes a lot of courage to be completely honest and accept your mistake. Le demonstrated an excellent example of accepting the fault of his design, and coming up with a solution for it later on.

We can also conclude from the case study that there was a hint of self-discipline, and fidelity too in Le's decision, but I believe that the above three mentioned virtues stand out from the rest of them. It is hard to find an example of Charity.