

William Langland, *The Vision of Piers Plowman*

1. Symbolism:

- Sheep.
 - Symbolizes the innocent and calming sleep.
- Tower. *“east, up high toward the sun... tower on a hill-top”*
 - Symbolizes Heaven.
- Dungeon/Prison. *“a deep dale beneath, a dungeon tower in it”*
 - Symbolizes Hell.

2. Field Full of Fork: (field full of people)

- Purpose of describing people?
 - He described people to be neither in hell nor in heaven they were in the middle. Basically, it means that they are still living their mortal life.
- Types of people who were there:
 - Type 1:
 - *“Working & wandering as the world required”*.
 - Plowing(farming).
 - played very rarely.
 - Sowing seeds.
 - Setting plants.
 - Worked hard.
 - Type 2:
 - Wasters.
 - Pursued pride.
- “Religions” people – discription of the pardoner
 - Put on proud bright clothing.
 - Live hard hoping to have Heaven’s bliss.
 - Hermits (pretending to be religious).
 - Pardoner discriptions:
 - He could remove their sins.
 - Acted as if he had priest’s rights.
 - Poor men believed him.
 - He steals money from the people who believed him.

3. Significance of “Plowing”

- labouring & working in earth

Sir Thomas More, *Utopia*

1. Uses of gold and silver.

- What they think of gold and silver.
 - They don't use it among themselves.
 - They don't over value gold and silver.
- How they treat it.
 - They force criminals to wear golden rings in their ears and on their fingers, golden chains around their necks, golden headbands.
 - Give diamonds and pearls to children as toys.

2. Philosophy

- Clothing (their thoughts)
 - They think it is foolish to respect a man just because he is wearing fine cloths and jewels.
 - They think it is foolish to a man to consider himself noble just because he is "*wearing clothing of especially fine wool*".
- The important of Reading (why?)
 - Every child gets an introduction to good literature and spend their time in reading throughout their lives.
 - To spread literacy.
 - They believe that being educated is very important in society.
- Happiness/Pleasure
 - Happiness is never to be discussed "*without joining to their philosophic... drawn from religion*".
 - Happiness is only fond when following God's well.
 - Not restraining means of pleasure, will lead to living a meaningless live which will end in hell.
- Harmony (society)
 - With others.
 - To live in harmony with others.
 - With oneself.
 - Expectation. (lower one's expectation in life)
 - Being happy with our situation.

Aemilia Lanyer, *To the Doubtful Reader*

1. Audience?

- To the reader who has doubts.
- Men and women who doesn't believe in women's abilities.

2. How does she address the Queen?

- Most gracious mother of succeeding kings.

3. Defending women from attacks of men.

- Arguments:
 - Existence of men.
 - *“men who forgetting they were born of women, nourished of women, and that if it were not by the means of women, they would be quite extinguished out of the world”.*
 - Famous women – chosen by god.
 - Deborah.
 - Jeal
 - Judith
 - Susanna
 - Jesus (women were important in his life).
 - Given life *“without the assistance of man”.*
 - Surrounded himself with women his entire life *“be begotten of a woman, born of a women, nourished of a women, obedient to a women, healed women, pardoned women, comforted women”.*

William Gouge, *Of Domestical Duties*

1. Arguments for husband's superiority. (List three of the arguments)

- God have the power to place his image in whom he will, and that “*god said of the man to the women, he shall rule over thee*”.
- Nature placed an eminency in the male over female.
- The title and names whereby the husband is set forth. (Lord, master, guide, head...)
- The husband virtue of his place, and the wife virtue of her place.
- Woman was created after a man which make her imply no less.
- Women were given certain customs of nature for all times and places.

2. Duties of wife

- Obedience
- Mild in speech
- Respect Husband

Sir Francis Bacon, *Of Truth*

1. Why do people like telling lies?

- For the sake of the lie.
- Anyone who stops telling lies to himself and tell the truth, it would bring him no motivation and effect his judgment in life to the point to be depressed for living.

2. How does he rank truth?

- “The first creature of god, in the works of the days, was the light of the sense; the last was the light of reason”.

3. Truth in practical life (e.g. business)

- He believed that the truth in business is very important.
- Truth must be told even in financial businesses.
- There should be honesty in selling matters like selling golds and telling their clarity.