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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) Is Newton's idea of 'absolute space' a necessary condition for the formulation of his first law of motion? Why or why not?

Please submit as a double-spaced Word document ('.docx' or '.doc') on Compass by **5p** on **Thursday, 28 September**.

Your submission should be 650-1000 words (about 2-3 pages, but go by word count). Please see 'Guidelines for Written Assignments' (website) and 'Rubric for homeworks' (Compass) before completing your assignment. You are also encouraged to discuss your response with the assistants (in person or via email) and/ or to come to the writing session (Tuesdays, 4p-5p).