Philosophy and The Engineer

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Abstract: Engineering entered the groves of Academe through the philosophers gate and not through the tradesmen's entrance. Engineers and philosophers still have three major concerns in common. These are: 1) The need to understand the world about people, 2) The need for knowledge, where it comes from and what its limitations are, and 3) The need to be able to differentiate between right and wrong in moral as well as technical terms. The first two of these fall under the heading of Metaphysics and the last under Ethics. This paper discusses about the concepts about Metaphysics and Ethics, and explores the link between Philosophy and the Engineer.

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