

PHIL 13195: First (ungraded, mini-)paper assignment

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Due: in class, Thursday, August 30

At the end of the second Meditation, Descartes seems to have arrived at the view that while he can know that he exists and that he thinks, he does not know anything about ‘corporeal bodies’ – the kinds of objects that we (seem to) touch and see. State at least one valid argument in premise/conclusion form that Descartes gives for the view that we do not know anything about corporeal bodies.

(That’s all you have to do. Don’t write a commentary on the argument, just hand in a formalized argument for the conclusion that we do not know anything about corporeal bodies which is valid and suggested by Meditation 1 and/or 2.)