

PHIL 13195: Second (still ungraded, mini-)paper assignment

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Due: in class, Tuesday, September 9

In the passage we read, Descartes presents arguments for (among other things) the following two conclusions:

- We cannot know anything about corporeal bodies.
- Persons are distinct from their bodies.

In your paper, do the following two things:

1. Pick one of these two conclusions, and state the most convincing valid argument in premise/conclusion form that Descartes gives for this conclusion. If you think that some of the premises are supposed to follow from others, be sure that this is clear.
2. In one paragraph, develop an objection to the premise in your formulation of the argument that you think is weakest.

When you hand in your paper, you should also include your first draft. You should feel free to either revise the argument you handed in in the first draft in light of my comments, or start from scratch with a new formulation of the argument.

Again, that's all you have to do. Don't write an introduction, or conclusion. Just a formalized argument + a one-paragraph discussion of one of the premises.

You should type the paper.