

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

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Due: in class, Thursday, August 28

In the passage we read, Descartes argues for the conclusion that each of us is something distinct from our body. State the most convincing valid argument in premise/conclusion form that Descartes gives for the view that we do not know anything about corporeal bodies. If you think that some of the premises are supposed to follow from others, be sure that this is clear.

(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.)