

Phil 1071

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Philosophy of the Person II

Spring, 2023

2nd Paper Assignment

According to Descartes's Discourse on Method, what is the nature of the person? In this work Descartes discusses knowledge, certainty, science, God, the soul, the body, as well as the way in which philosophical thought should approach these topics. He is trying to establish a new foundation for philosophical thought, and to set philosophy on a new course. What idea of the person emerges from his discussion of these topics and from his attempt to establish a new direction for philosophy?

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Write a well-organized and carefully argued three-page essay on this topic. Base your essay closely on the text of Descartes's Discourse we have been studying during the semester, and do not resort to flimsy, unreliable sources like Wikipedia, sparknotes, etc. Please follow the writing format instructions given in the syllabus, and be sure to proofread and carefully check your work before handing it in.

Papers are due in class **Wednesday, March 15th.**