

1<sup>st</sup> Assignment: Descartes' Dualism

Carefully explain Descartes' argument for the claim that his mind is distinct from his brain and body and everything he perceives in space. (Make sure to use passages from the text to defend your interpretation.) How might Smart use Frege's views to argue against the validity of this argument? (Make sure to explain Frege's view of 'doubt', 'belief', etc. in detail by explaining the way words are supposed to shift their denotations when they occur within psychological contexts.) How might Descartes respond to these objections to his argument? Can a dualist reply to Smart's objections in an effective way? Back up your answers with arguments.

3-5 pages, normal formatting (e.g. Times 12 pt double spaced)

Assigned: January 13, 2020

**Due: January 29, 2020 (in class)**