

Part I
Descartes

Chapter 1

Introduction to Descartes' *Meditations*

1.1 The General Project of the *Meditations*

1.1.1 Homework

Readings :

- Descartes, Dedicatory Letter CSM
- BGD1 (Ariew)

Study Questions :

- What are Descartes' main aims in the *Meditations*?
- What method does he propose?
- How does he justify such a method?
- What is Roger Ariew's main thesis about Descartes' philosophy?

Text Analysis :

Dedicatory Letter, from "I have always thought" to "the things of this world"

Discussion Question: Faith vs Reason in Religious Matters