

Mind and the World
Workshop: Rosenberg, ch's 4-6
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- I. Review Rosenberg's restatement of Descartes' alleged argument. Can you come up a better "modal" argument that wouldn't commit this fallacy?
- II. In Chapter Three, Rosenberg outlines "how philosophers operate." (Good idea!)

Here's a version of Meno's argument at 80d (p. 100):

1. Inquiry into anything requires that we "put it before our mind."
2. We can put something before our mind only if we have some idea of what it is.
3. Socrates "hasn't even got the faintest idea what being good is."

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4. It is impossible for Socrates to inquire into what goodness is.

Why is this a problem for Socrates? What are the various ways in which Socrates might respond to this "paradox."

- III. Look over "checklist" Rosenberg offers on pp. 57-58. Discuss how this might be used in writing some essay, for example, one due on Monday? Are there ways to use this checklist as a tool for organizing the composition of your essay?