

Le Cercle Français, Pi Delta Phi & the Department of Modern Languages  
Present

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# La pensée cartésienne

*comment Descartes a été compris par les Français de son temps et aujourd'hui encore*



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RENE DESCARTES (1595-1650) was a famous French mathematician, scientist and philosopher. He was arguably the first major philosopher in the modern era to make a serious effort to defeat skepticism. His views about knowledge and certainty, as well as his views about the relationship between mind and body have been very influential over the last three centuries.

"If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things."

"Each problem that I solved became a rule, which served afterwards to solve other problems."

"Except our own thoughts, there is nothing absolutely in our power"

"It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well."

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"Cogito ergo sum. Je pense donc je suis. I think therefore I am."