

Discussion Questions

What is an example of a *modus ponens* argument? *modus tollens*?

Can an argument be *sound* but not *valid*? *Valid* but not *sound*?

On her deathbed, Weirob considers being told “that tomorrow, though I will be dead, someone else that looks and sounds and thinks just like me will be alive.” Why wouldn’t this comfort her, even if she believed it to be true?

Why does Weirob think it is impossible to tell if two souls are really the same soul? Why is this important to her?

In *Meditation VI*, Descartes says “I, [that is, my mind, by which I am what I am], is entirely and truly distinct from my body, and may exist without it.” What arguments does he give for this ?

In her first letter to Descartes, what does Princess Elisabeth ask Descartes to explain? In his reply, how does he try to explain it?