

General Philosophy
Skepticism

Readings

R. Descartes, [*Meditations on First Philosophy*](#) (trans. J. Cottingham), Meditation I.

B. Stroud, [*The Significance of Philosophical Scepticism*](#) (OUP 1984), Chapters. 1,2, pp.1-82.

G. E. Moore, 'Proof of an External World', in Michael Huemer (ed.) *Epistemology: Contemporary Readings* (Routledge 2002), Chapter 9, pp.602-605. First published in *Proceedings of the British Academy* 25 (1946), reprinted: Moore, *Philosophical Papers*, (Allen & Unwin 1959), Chapter 7, pp.127-150.

H. Putnam, 'Brains in a Vat', in Michael Huemer (ed.) *Epistemology: Contemporary Readings* (Routledge 2002), Chapter 9, pp.524-538; also in Sven Bernecker and Fred Dretske (eds.) *Knowledge: Readings in Contemporary Epistemology* (OUP 2000). First published in Putnam *Reason Truth and History* (CUP 1981), Chapter 1, pp.1-21.

Question

If you do not know that you aren't dreaming, does it follow that you don't know that you are writing this essay?

Wylie Breckenridge,
January 2007.