René Descartes - Meditations on First Philosophy (Bennett)

RENÉ DESCARTES (1596-1650): Meditations on First Philosophy in which are demonstrated the existence of God and the distinction between the human soul and body.

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