

## Descartes - Blurb #2

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Descartes' skepticism about the "eternal truths" (such as the laws of logic and mathematics) does not create a paradox in his use of the laws of logic to arrive at that conclusion because the conclusion is merely a statement that those eternal truths do not meet the extremely high bar of absolute certainty. However, they still do meet the lower (though still quite high) standard that we could not conceive of them being otherwise, and given that they meet that standard, we can be as certain as it is possible for us to be (which is not absolutely certain) that we cannot know anything, even the eternal truths of logic, with absolute certainty. However, if (as some claim) Descartes' indubitable fact that "I exist" derives by logical inference from "I am thinking", then this skepticism about the eternal truths does mean that "I exist" is not so indubitable after all, for the logical inference made from "I am thinking" could be faulty.