

Table 1 Topical analysis of the *Meditations*

<i>Med.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Epistemological topics</i>	<i>Metaphysical topics</i>
1	What can be called into doubt	Sensory fallibility Mathematics dubitable	
2	The nature of the human mind, and how it is better known than body	Indubitable "I" (<i>cogito</i>) Mind cannot be imaged Knowledge of body via intellect	Nature of thinking thing Body as extension
3	The existence of God	Truth rule, clear and distinct perceptions are true Natural light vs. teachings of nature Idea of God innate God is no deceiver	Causal principle Metaphysics of ideas God's existence and attributes Preliminary distinction between geometrical and other sensory qualities
4	Truth and falsity	Analysis of judgment: intellect and will Analysis of cognitive error Reaffirmation of truth rule (God is no deceiver)	Cognitive error and the problem of evil Freedom of the will
5	The essence of material things, and the existence of God considered a second time	Innate ideas of essences Knowledge of God needed to banish doubt	Essence of matter is extension Ontological argument for God's existence
6	The existence of material things, and the real distinction between mind and body	Intellect vs. imagination Role of senses and intellect in knowing bodies Analysis of sensory error	Mind as distinct substance; with intellectual essence External objects exist Mind-body union Status of sensory qualities Psychophysiological correlations