

6. Son: “I can’t believe you won’t let me buy a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Mom. It’s because you’re a woman, isn’t it?”

7. Presbyterian: “Our children shouldn’t read *The Lord of the Rings* because, after all, Tolkien was a Roman Catholic.”

8. “Unless you apologize to me, I’ll post scurrilous reviews of all your products on the Web.”

Name: _____

_____ / 10 points

THE AMAZING DOCTOR RANSOM'S

QUIZ 2

FOR ADORABLE FALLACIES 8-14



COMPREHENSION

Answer the following big-picture questions, demonstrating your grasp of the material along with some original thought. (2 pts each)

1. Should how you feel about something determine whether you believe it? What if your opponent is offended by your argument?

2. You might think a Chronological Snob is *too* critical, but perhaps you should start thinking of Chronological Snobbery as being too *uncritical*. Explain why and Compose an example.

IDENTIFICATION

Identify the adorable fallacy present, or declare the reasoning fallacy-free. (1 pt each)

3. "To be scrupulously honest, having regular quizzes really causes Mrs. Beauregard's class to suffer as far as recreation is concerned and should be discontinued."

4. Small, sneaky dinosaurs still exist in some jungles of the world. Most of the jungle is unexplored, and no studies have shown dinosaurs couldn't exist in such a habitat.
5. I can't believe a perfectly loving God could send people to Hell.
6. Grocer: "A lot of people are buying dry goods because they believe the world is going to end in A.D. 2000. I mean, it's Y2K!"
7. Intolerista: "If you don't publicly endorse egalitarianism, we will be forced to show the whole town how bigoted you are by means of tell-all flyers."
8. I personally find it hard to believe that candidate because of his previous, opposite voting record.

5. Invent your own example of the *Ad Baculum* fallacy.

6. Compose an example of a fallacious appeal to pity.

IDENTIFICATION

Identify the adorable fallacy present, or declare the reasoning fallacy-free. (1 pt each)

7. Professor: “I’m unsure if you persist in declaring this book to be poorly written because of your aesthetically stunted education or because of some deep-seated loathing for modern authors.”

8. Ballet virtuoso Petrovina Kalishnakov can put all her (albeit very small) weight upon one toe and then hop about like a kangaroo. Surely she knows what travel agency I should use for my Russia trip!

9. You should probably reverse your policy. Two thousand individual tweets demand it.

10. Parent: “I know kids shouldn’t eat too much sugar, but I think the yearly county fair is a pretty reasonable exception.”

11. Evolutionist: “My creationist colleagues disagree with my findings because they hate experiments and the scientific method, which is obviously laughable.”

12. Elder: “The Apostle Paul’s admonition to ‘stand firm in the faith and act like men’ deeply offends some guys in our congregation who dislike conflict. Please don’t preach on 1 Cor. 16:13.”

13. Reporter: “How could you think we can’t afford a war? People who think those terrorists are justified should be jailed.”

14. Pro-choicer: “How could you say you’re pro-life? Against abortion but against gun control?!”

Name: _____

_____ / 10 points

THE AMAZING DOCTOR RANSOM'S

QUIZ 3

FOR ADORABLE FALLACIES 18–25



COMPREHENSION

Answer the following big-picture questions, demonstrating your grasp of the material along with some original thought. (2 pts each)

1. Define Equivocation. A friend tells you that you're not allowed to tell him to stop swearing, because the Bible says love your neighbor, even if they sin against you. What tricky thing is going on with the word "love"?

2. Say your friend asks you this loaded question: "Was rebuking me to make yourself feel more holy worth it?" Identify the "ambiguous" hidden premise.

IDENTIFICATION

Identify the adorable fallacy present, or declare the reasoning fallacy-free. (1 pt each)

3. "Oh, I wouldn't say I disagree with the Apostle Paul. I just find him inaccurate for modern readers in a couple high-profile areas."

4. Look. Student debt plus lots of fashion purchases don't add up to a successful college experience.

5. David is no Christian hero, he's a liar: He had a guy killed and yet he has the audacity to say he's blameless before God (Ps. 18:23).

6. The Asian bird flu *hit* New York? HOW BIG IS THIS THING?

7. Daughter: "Are you wearing *that* on your date with Mom?"
Dad: "Hey!"
Daughter: "What? I just asked if that's what you were wearing."

8. The Neighborhood Watch prevents crime in many communities across the US, and the same principle should replace the standing army for national defense.

Name: _____

_____ / 20 points

TEST 2: FALLACIES OF AMBIGUITY

ADORABLE FALLACIES 18-28



COMPREHENSION

Answer the following big-picture questions, demonstrating your grasp of the material along with some original thought. (2 pts each)

1. What is selectively arranged about the following: “I can’t believe God had every poor little Amalekite executed! He should be prosecuted for war crimes (if He existed).”
2. “You haven’t confessed Jesus as your Lord. You’re about to die, and it will be too late after that. Talk to me.” Is this the fallacy of Exigency? Explain.
3. List the two different (effective) ways you can respond to a Loaded Question such as “Have you stopped wasting time during all your classes?”
4. When does “repetition of a key point” become the fallacy of Repetition? Compose an example.

13. “Enron’s CEO was caught insider-trading. Don’t hire her—she was working at Enron during all that!”

14. “Christians are equal before Christ (Gal. 3:28). Don’t you dare try to get me to follow your example.”

Name: _____

_____ / 8 points

THE AMAZING DOCTOR RANSOM'S

QUIZ 4

FOR ADORABLE FALLACIES 29-31



COMPREHENSION

Answer the following big-picture questions, demonstrating your grasp of the material along with some original thought. (2 pts each)

1. A very common attack on Christianity is that the argument *God exists, because the Bible says so, and we believe the Bible because God says it's true* is begging the question at its worst. Is it? Why or why not?

2. Define *Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc*. What three criteria do you need to meet to demonstrate "causation"?

IDENTIFICATION

Identify the adorable fallacy present, or declare the reasoning fallacy-free. (1 pt each)

3. Christians are horrible geologists. Are any intellectually rigorous professors of geology Christians?

4. Sister: "Mom! Brother exited carrying a permanent marker, and lo! inside the room, my Breyer horse was marked up. He's guilty."

5. The Christian church experienced huge growth after Nero was emperor. Nero must have helped a lot of Christians!

6. The more birthdays my grandpa celebrates, the less he feels like running marathons. So I'm not having a party for him this year.

5. Teddy: "If my Panama initiative is effective, I shall either get malaria or typhus. I got malaria (but not typhus), so my policy really did work!"

6. I won't be coming beaver-trapping with you. After all, going to the Rockies often equals getting attacked by grizzlies. So if I don't trap beavers in the Rockies, I won't get attacked by a grizzly.

5. A pet bull who gored someone without provocation should be killed, just like a human murderer.

6. Soccer Dad: “I’m gonna try a bicycle kick off the curb! Don’t stop me! Did Klaus Fischer hold back in the 1982 World Cup?”

5. Church Communication Consultants: “Less than one half of teenagers questioned think church is cool. We need an ecclesiastical image summit immediately!”
6. Christian: “I know working hard at school would increase my mental abilities, but I just don’t feel like putting in the effort. In the moment, I never feel like it.”
7. “What do you mean, what do the lyrics ‘mean’? Couldn’t you hear the bitter cry of the artist’s soul as she rapped? Asking for meaning is so pedantic.”
8. Policy-makers who argue that recycling is ineffective and expensive are unbelievable. Haven’t they seen the poor people in Central America wading through rivers clogged with unrecycled trash, just looking for their next meal?

13. Informed Christian guy: “I’m not going to converse politely about the issues with the counterprotester I’m standing next to at the rally because I’m too nervous.”

14. Political Christian guy: “Well, I think he’s the best candidate we’ve seen in a couple election cycles, but the Greater Rodomontade Poll says he hasn’t got a popsicle’s chance in August. I guess I won’t vote for him.”

IDENTIFICATION

Identify the adorable fallacy present, or declare the reasoning fallacy-free. (1 pt each)

11. Atheist: “Jesus Christ exists? He is as real as my deity of choice, the Flying Spaghetti Monster. (The characteristic that they both share is that they’re both invented, of course.)”
12. It’s not that Aunt Cindy gives bad presents, it’s just that nobody wants a handknitted sweater that is tight around the waist and saggy on the shoulders.
13. The longer the French custom of two-hour lunch breaks during the work week has persisted, the more their culture has wilted. Coincidence? I think not.
14. “Cicero’s views on morality are actually quite informative for today’s citizens. After all, he was writing more about two thousand years before today’s silly ethicists were even born.”
15. Christopher Reeve: “When matters of public policy are debated [as with embryonic stem cell research], no religions should have a seat at the table.”
16. Planned Parenthood has had unsupportable ties with eugenicists since its founder, Margaret Sanger, collaborated with so-called “Negro Project” originator W.E.B. DuBois.
17. The reason I’m failing Latin class is that my teacher just wants me to stop speaking English for the rest of my life and move to Italy. Needless to say, that’s ridiculous—I’m proud to be an American, where at least I know I’m free.
18. Civic Theorist: “A government’s sole purpose is the welfare of its citizens. From that simple premise it’s a logical step to a welfare system for those without jobs nationwide.”
19. Vegan: “Don’t eat burgers if you wouldn’t eat your neighbor.”
20. Supreme Court Justice Kennedy says two men can be married. I think the definition is settled.