

# REASONING & CRITICAL THINKING SG

- Reasoning is **putting your thoughts in order**
- Reason without the Holy Spirit
  - Is man's natural mind trying to rule a reality he did not create
  - Will lead man into error
  - Cannot comprehend the things of the Spirit
- Logic is a system **of rules governing reasoning**
  
- Logic
  - is observational
  - reflects God's nature
  - is the science and art of reasoning
- "Against the man"
  - **Ad Hominem**
- You either vote for Joe or you're a bad person.
  - **False Dilemma**
  
- Offering a weak but similar argument in order to appear to have defeated the original argument
  - **Straw Man**
  
- You shouldn't tell me not to drive fast, since you're always driving fast.
  - **Tu Quoque**
  
- 9 out of 10 mothers choose Jif, so you know it is the best peanut butter.
  - **Appeal to popularity/bandwagon**
  
- I don't know a single Chinese person, so there can be one billion Chinese people.
  - **Argument to small numbers**
  
- Racial and sexist stereotypes are forms of
  - **Hasty generalization**
  
- We can't support this cut or our senior citizens will have to choose between eating and getting their medicine.
  - **Appeal to pity**
  
- Once you buy a gun, you'll end up getting shot with it yourself.
  - **Slippery Slope**
- I haven't gotten bitten by a single mosquito, clearly they don't like blondes.
  - **False Cause**
- We know this medicine works; the guy who made it has a PH.D.
  - **Appeal to Authority**
  
- Simply restating the argument with different words
- **Circular Argument/Reasoning**
  
- Knowledge is power
- **When it is acted upon**

- Marxism
  - **Advocates the transfer of private property into the hands of a select oligarchy**
- The primary framework within which “the left” argues today is
  - **Identity politics**
  
- A is A
  - **Law of Identity**
- The primary assault of Satan in the Garden
  - **Was an assault on Truth**
  
- A and non-A cannot be true at the same time in the same relationship
  - **Law of Non-Contradiction**
- The Law of the Excluded Middle states that
  - A statement is either true or false
  - There is no “in-between”
  - If a statement is half-truth then it is false
- God created man with the ability to reason so that man could
  - Understand God’s Word
  - Obey God’s Word
  - Share God’s Word
  
- Sound reason
  - **Must be guided by the Holy Spirit**
  
- Reason is limited
  - **By the vessel in which it operates**
  
- An argument
  - **Consists of reasons as a basis for a conclusion**
- The truth value of an argument
  - **Is determined by its content**
- The validity of an argument
  - **Is determined by its form**
- a key element of effective communication?
  - **Active listening**
  
- “The senator must be correct in her stance on healthcare because she graduated from an Ivy League school.” This is an example of
  - **Appeal to authority**
- Postmodernism was started by
  - **Satan in the Garden of Eden**
- Postmodernism rejects
  - **An objective meaning for words**
- A winning principle of argumentation
  - **Exercise Self-control**
- Confidence in your argument
  - **Comes from knowledge and preparation**
- A winning principle of argumentation
  - **Deal with what your opponent gives**
- Modern schemes of Socialism
  - Are veiled to fool the population

- Work through heavy taxation
- Do not try to seize property directly
  
- **Come** now, and **let us reason together**, saith the LORD...
  - **Isaiah 1:18**
- And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.
  - **Acts 19:8**
  
- And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,
  - **Acts 17:2**
  
- A technique for diffusing an attack
  - Agree with you opponent
  - Don't defend your honor
  - Stay calm, don't react emotionally
  
- Always remember
  - **Reason must be guided by the Holy Spirit**
  
- When someone says, "If we allow people to speed, the next thing you know, everyone will drive recklessly," they are using which fallacy?
  - **Slippery slope**
  
- "All swans I have seen are white; therefore, all swans are white." This statement is an example of:
  - **Hasty generalization**
  
- What is the fallacy in the statement: "You either support the new policy, or you are against progress"?
  - **False dilemma**
  
- "Everyone is buying the new smartphone; it must be the best on the market." This is an example of:
  - **Appeal to popularity/Bandwagon Fallacy**
  
- Which of the following is an example of the "appeal to authority" fallacy?
  - **"Dr. Smith, a renowned physicist, says this diet will help you lose weight."**

- "After I started drinking green tea, I haven't gotten sick. Green tea must be the reason I'm not getting sick." This is an example of:
  - **False Cause/Correlation**
  
- "If you don't do your homework, you'll fail the class, and then you won't get into college, which means you'll never find a good job." This is an example of:
  - Slippery slope
  
- "The best coffee in town is sold at that new café because they say so in their advertisement." This is an example of:
  - **Circular reasoning**