

### Vic Skeptics JULY 2012 Crossword

Theme: Logical Fallacies 1

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Suggested references:

http://theskepticsguide.org/resources/logicalfallacies.aspx http://vicskeptics.wordpress.com/2012/02/26/critical-thinking-videos-and-book/

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#### **CLUES ACROSS:**

1. & 12 Down: An argument that draws comparisons between two situations based on similarities which don't really apply. *Example: If evolution is random, then it's like having an explosion in a rubbish tip which causes a working space shuttle to self- assemble*. (two words, [5], [7])

- 7. In opposition [7]
- 10. *Ad* \_\_\_\_\_ Attacking the person, not the argument [7]
- 11. Unhappy [3]
- 13. Wharf [4]
- 14. Italian wine [4]
- 16. See 36 Across
- 18. Jelly [5]
- 20. See 26 Across
- 21. The Lion [3]
- 22. & 65 Down: Literally, "You Too". Also known as an Appeal to

**Hypocrisy**. It dismisses someone's point of view based on criticism of the person's inconsistency, and not the position presented. (Two words, [2], [6]) 23. Foot-operated lever [5]

24. Certain [4]

26. & 20 Across: : \_\_\_\_\_ *the* \_\_\_\_\_ Arbitrarily shifting the requirement for proof beyond the range of current evidence: *Example: An intermediate fossil is demanded to establish an evolutionary relationship between species A and species C. Species B is discovered and fits the criteria. Now there are two new demands: for intermediates between A & B and B & C.* (Two words, [6], [8])

28. & 61 Across: An attempt to counter a position by arguing against a different position. *Example: Skeptics oppose homeopathy because it conflicts with their world view (not because Scientific testing* 

*consistently exposes Homeopathy as valueless)* (Two words, [5], [3]) 29. Segment of a circle [3]

- 31. Primate [3]
- 32. Instruct, educate [5]
- 34. Non-prescription analgesic [7]
- 35. Not many[3]

36. & 57 Across & 16 Across: If the premises lead to an absurd conclusion then the premises must be wholly or partly wrong. This reasonable principle has suffered abuse. *Example: If I don't believe in ghosts I must* 

necessarily not believe in atoms, since I haven't actually seen either.

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(Three words, [8], [2]], [8])
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- 38. Playing card [3]
- 39. Festival or feast. [4]
- 40. Quarry [4]
- 41. Purge, eradicate, become free from [3]
- 42. & 8 Down: Argument from \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

"I cannot explain or understand that, therefore it can't be true" (two words,

- [8], [11])
- 44. Sweet Food [5]
- 45. Mineral Spring [3]
- 47. Dandy, fop [4]
- 48. See 48 Down

50. Biblical priest [3]

52. & 15 Down: Argument based on the idea that if A preceded B, A must necessarily have caused B (Two words, often hyphenated [4], [3])

- 54. Small citrus fruits [8]
- 57. See 36 Across
- 58. Cold [3]
- 59. Belonging to us [3]
- 60. Charged atom [3]
- 61. See 28 Across
- 62. Related to words [6]
- 64. Rich, creamy soup made from meat, fish, or shellfish [6]
- 67. Contradict; reject [4]
- 68. Digital appendages [4]

69. & 2 Down: Logical fallacy where a stated conclusion is not supported by its premise. *Example: All men are human. Mary is human, therefore* 

Mary is a man. (Two words, [3], [8])

70. Fastened firmly in place [5]

72. *Ad* \_\_\_\_\_\_ The argument from ignorance; The argument that a belief is true because we don't know that it isn't true. *Example: The human brain is so complicated that it is not yet thoroughly understood, so it's likely that ESP is possible.* [11]

74. Factual [4]

77. Argument from \_\_\_\_\_\_. *Example: Dr X believes in Y and he's a highly qualified person, so it must be true* [9]

80. Tree [3]

81. An argument which employs circular reasoning: *Example: The Bible is the Word of God. The Bible tells us so and the Bible is infallible, because it's the Word of God.* [9]

- 82. Territory of North-West Canada [5]
- 83. Garland [3]
- 84. (abb) Retire from military service [5]
- 85. Malady with alternating periods of chills, fever, and sweating [4]

#### **CLUES DOWN:**

1. *Genetic* \_\_\_\_\_\_. Error of relevance based 1n linking current usage to superseded historical usage. *Example: It is inappropriate to wear a wedding ring because the wedding ring evolved from the slave-bracelet.* 

- 2. See 69 Across
- 3. Bashful [3]
- 4. Occurring at the end [5]

5. Argument based on reverse of cause and effect, also called Argument from Final Consequences: **Example: The earth is an ideal place for humans to live, therefore it must have been designed that way.** [12]

6. Shorthand for paranormal [3]

- 7. Sun-dried brick [5]
- 8. See 42 Across
- 9. Novel, play, or film that continues a previously related story [6]
- 12. See 1 Across
- 14. Large vessel used to hold liquids [3]
- 15. See 52 across
- 17. Plausible but fallacious argumentation [9]
- 19. Cleric who assists a vicar [6]
- 24. Cooked by simmering [6]
- 25. Female sheep [3]
- 27. Related to the period during which menstruation ceases [10]

28. & 42 Down: Another term for ad hoc reasoning. *Example: Water Diviners perform badly when scientifically tested because the testing procedure interferes with the divining process* (Two words, [7],

[8])

29. Units of area [5]

- 30. Study of using language persuasively. [8]
- 31. From, at or to a great distance [4]

33. *False* \_\_\_\_\_: The arbitrary reduction of many possibilities to only two. *Example: He is an enemy of my enemy therefore he must be my friend*. [9]

- 37. Lair [3]
- 39. Unrestricted [4]
- 40. South American country [4]
- 42. See 28 Down
- 43. Snake [3]
- 45. Body of water [3]
- 46. Stroke lightly as a gesture of affection [3]
- 47. Seed vessel with hooks or prickles [4]

48. & 48 Across: The idea that a position is untenable because to accept the position would necessarily require one to accept the extreme. *Example:* 

# Pornography should not be banned, because once any form of literature can be banned, will never stop. It will lead to burning all

the classic books. (Two words, [8], 5])

- 49. Possess [3]
- 51. Place, stead [4]
- 53. Oblation [8]

54. **False** \_\_\_\_\_\_: If the distinction between two extremes is not clear cut, then it is not real or meaningful. **Example: One grain of sand** *is not a heap. Two grains of sand is not a heap. Three grains of sand is still not a heap; and so on. Therefore, as long as we add grain by grain, we will never form a heap of sand.* [9]

55. Change position [4]56. See 63 Down

63. & 56 Down: \_\_\_\_\_ *the* \_\_\_\_\_. A conclusion is assumed within a question. *Example: When are you going to stop beating your wife?* (Two words, [7], [8])

- 64. Change from a liquid to a vapour by the application of heat [4]
- 65. See 22 Across
- 66. Period of time [5]
- 71. Herb [4]
- 73. Without legal force; invalid [4]
- 75. Fish [3]
- 76. Mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder [3]
- 77. Vote of affirmation [3]
- 78. Technical Knock-out [3]
- 79. Flat top part of a stove [3]

## SOLUTION

