

Discussion Questions

1. Use an example to explain the difference between
 - a. *affirming the consequent* and the valid argument form called *modus ponens*.
 - b. *Denying the antecedent* and the valid argument form called *modus tollens*.

2. What objections does Parfit discuss to Locke's memory criterion of personal identity? How does he modify Locke's criterion?

3. Describe the view that J.J.C. Smart attributes to the philosopher Wittgenstein about what is really going on when we say things like "I'm seeing a roundish blurry-edged after-image which is yellowish towards its edge and orange towards its center." Smart does not think that Wittgenstein's account is adequate. What does Smart think we are doing when we say things like this?

4. Gertler views her own argument for dualism (the Disembodiment Argument) as a descendant of one of Descartes' arguments. Which of Descartes' arguments do you think she means? How is her argument different from Descartes'?