Discussion Questions

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    a. Make up your own example of an argument which commits the *fallacy of composition*.

    b. Make up your own example of an argument which commits the *slippery slope fallacy*, but which is a valid argument (if its premises are true, then its conclusion must be true). Which premise of the argument is suspect?

2. A machine functionalist can view fears as involving not only tendencies to behave in certain ways, but also as involving other brain states. Could this make it easier for a logical behaviorist to give an account of the fear the decorated soldier feels before battle, even though he carefully avoids behaving as though he were afraid? Explain.

3. Parfit considers the case of transplanting half his brain into the brain-dead body of an identical twin, while the other half of his brain dies with his original, gravely injured body. He says that, in this case, he would be numerically the same person before and after the operation. Yet he also says that he would have ceased to exist as a person if the other half of his brain were also transplanted into the brain-dead body of another identical twin. Why does he say this?