

## Logic Lesson 10a: Ambiguities

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*In the first act of the mind we have been noting ambiguities in terms. Most logical fallacies are due to these ambiguities. In the following sentences explain and resolve the ambiguities.*

1. The end of a thing is its purpose and perfection, and death is the end of life, therefore death is life's purpose and perfection.
2. Cancer is made of human cells, and whatever is made of human cells is human, and what is human should not be killed, so cancer should not be killed.
3. *Innuendo* is an Italian suppository.
4. Condemned prisoner to judge: "But I don't *feel* guilty."
5. Condemned prisoner to judge: "You're a bad man, judge; you're terribly judgmental."
6. Condemned prisoner to judge: "You're supposed to do justice, judge. But you've just done a bad thing, and a bad thing can't be just, because justice is a good thing, not a bad thing." "What bad thing have I done?" You've lowered my self-esteem in declaring me guilty. Self-esteem is good, and you've taken away something good, so you're bad. You should be punished instead of me."
7. There shouldn't be laws against drugs, because the people who use drugs don't believe there should be laws against them, and that means the country doesn't have consensus about it, and laws should reflect the people's consensus.
8. Philosophy is a kind of love—the love of wisdom. Therefore philosophy teachers who accept salaries are mercenary lovers. They're intellectual prostitutes; they sell their love for money.
9. Antigravity should be easy. We disobey all kinds of laws, even the law of non-contradiction, so we should be able to disobey the law of gravity.
10. How can we claim to define ambiguity? It can't be done, because to define anything is to take its ambiguity away. But if you take ambiguity away from ambiguity, it won't be ambiguity any more.

*We will cover a few of these in our next Bible class. I will provide the answers to all of these sentences this Thursday.*

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In Him,

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