

# Plato and the Scotsmen

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I have loved logical fallacies ever since I took a deductive logic class in college. To be more accurate, I don't love the fallacies themselves, but I love learning and knowing about them. I find that familiarity with the most common fallacies, together with some other logical principles, gives one power to quickly understand, deconstruct, and cut through even the most formidable opponent's arguments. It can mean the difference between "that doesn't sound quite right, but I can't put my finger on why" and "you're using argument X, and it's fallacious, and here's why." Of course, the latter response can make one an unpopular conversationalist, but that is a separate issue. [more>>>](#)