

1.3.1. Standard Form Argument Problems

Put each of the following arguments into **standard form**.

1. Surely God must exist. After all, the world exhibits a high degree of order, and order requires a designer.

2. I don't care what you say – I really think Josie is love with Juan. Why? Because she always wants to talk about him. And she gets very excited when he is due for a visit. She even blushes when you ask her about him.

– Trudy Govier, *Asking the Right Questions*

3. Who broke into the conservatory? Well, if it wasn't Dr. Slim, it had to be Jake. And as a matter of fact, Dr. Slim was nowhere near the conservatory at the time of the crime. So Jake must have committed the crime.

4. Everyday objects are neutral in charge. But these objects are made up of many negatively-charged particles. And this proves that ordinary objects must be made up of positively-charged particles as well.

5. "Such actions as clearing the dust from the room and the dead leaves from the garden path all represent clearing the 'dust of the world,' or the worldly attachments, from one's heart and mind. It is then, after putting aside material concerns, that people and things can be perceived in their truest state. The act of cleaning thus enables one to sense the pure and sacred essence of things, man, and nature."

– Soshitsu Sen XV, **Tea Life, Tea Mind** (Weatherhill, 1979), p. 14

6. It is clearly a good idea to keep our military forces prepared for action at all times. For who's to say when a new crisis will break out somewhere in the world?