St. Thomas Aquinas [*Summa totius logicae Aristotelis* (*Opusculum* 48)] divides the operations of the Understanding in reference to the logical character of their products into

*Simple Apprehension,*

*Judgment,* and

*Ratiocination,* or *Reasoning.* [—]

*Ratiocination* or *reasoning* produces *inferences* or *reasonings,* which are expressed by *argumentations,* as, “I think, therefore I must exist,” “Enoch, being a man, must have died; and since the Bible says he did not die, not everything in the Bible can be true.”


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