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**Term:** Ratiocination

**Quote:** St. Thomas Aquinas [*Summa totius logicæ 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."

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1893). *Grand Logic 1893: Division III. Substantial Study of Logic Chapter VI. The Essence of Reasoning*. MS [R] 408.

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