
**Term:** Deduction

**Quote:** There are three stages of inquiry, demanding as many different kinds of reasoning governed by different principles. They are,

1. *Retroduction*, forming an explanatory hypothesis;
2. *Deduction*, tracing out the consequences that would ensue upon the truth or falsity of that hypothesis; and
3. *Induction*, the experimental testing of the hypothesis by inquiring whether its consequences are born out by fact, or not.


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