

'Ratiocination' (pub. 03.02.13-08:51). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-short-logic-4>.

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**Term:** Ratiocination

**Quote:** *Reasoning* is the process by which we attain a belief which we regard as the result of previous knowledge. [—]

Again, a given belief may be regarded as the effect of another given belief, without our seeming to see clearly why or how. Such a process is usually called an *inference*; but it ought not to be called a *rational inference*, or *reasoning*. A blind force constrains us. [—]

The word *illation* signifies a process of inference. Reasoning, in general, is sometimes called *ratiocination*. *Argumentation* is the expression of a reasoning.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1895). *Short Logic: Chapter I. Of Reasoning in General*. MS [R] 595.

**References:** EP 2:11-12

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