

Reason

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In the best philosophical use of English words, “reasoning” is a well-known operation of a mind, and “reasoning power” (or, less well, “reason”) is the faculty of performing it. “The Reason” is a totally distinct faculty by which we are supposed to know the truth of first principles. “Reason” means nothing more nor less than conformity to the best result of deliberation.

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The very being of the General, of Reason, *consists* in its governing individual events. So, then, the essence of Reason is such that its being never can have been completely perfected. It always must be in a state of incipency, of growth.