Order of the Acts of Reason

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Reason understands what something is before it understands a statement. And it understands a statement before it reasons.

Reason knows things in a confused way before distinctly. Hence, it must distinguish, divide and define in order to go forward.

Reason sees a distinction before it sees a before and after.

Reason thinks about something before understanding it.

Reason grasps something before judging it.

Reason guesses or believes before it knows.

Reason knows what it knows naturally before what it knows by way of reason.