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Source	Mercier, H. & Sperber, D. The enigma of reason: a new theory of human understanding. (2018)
Link	Link
Source Type	Theory /Hypothesis
Domain	Individuals
Subdomain1	In general
Subdomain2	Beliefs / attitudes
Key Points	Convincingly argues that reasoning is used mainly to justify our internal pre-existing beliefs, and to persuade others to our adopt our beliefs, rather than to follow the pathways suggested by cool logic and empirically derived and demonstrably unequivocal facts.
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