

# Should References to "Natural" Be Understood As Contrasting "Given By Nature" to "Given By Convention"?

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Thanks for those quotes Bryan!

Those lead me to ask: In this context does "convention" focus on "agreement between multiple people"? I could almost see these quotes referring to "the conclusions of reason" or even something indicated by prolepsis / anticipation, with the focus on the difference between "the reasoning process" and "the direct perceptions of the senses.'

So when we hear convention should we hear "determined by agreement among people" or "determined through reason" or some combination of both?