

## KANT'S *LECTURES ON METAPHYSICS*

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## Abbreviations

With the exception of the *Critique of Pure Reason*, which is cited according to the customary A and B editions, all works by Immanuel Kant are cited by an abbreviation of the original German title of the work followed by the volume and page number of the Academy Edition of Kant's Writings in German (AA). Where available, all translations are from the Cambridge Edition of the *Works of Immanuel Kant* (edited by Paul Guyer and Allen W. Wood), unless otherwise indicated.

### Kant's Writings

A/B	The pagination of the A (1781) and B (1787) editions of the <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> (AA, 3–4)
AA	The Academy Edition of Kant's Writings in German / Kant, Immanuel. 1902–. <i>Kants gesammelte Schriften</i> . 29 vols. Issued by the Preußischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (vols. 1–21), the Deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften (vol. 23) and the Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen (vols. 24–9). Berlin: De Gruyter
AFr	<i>Anthropology Lectures Friedländer, Winter Semester 1775/1776</i> (AA, 25)
AMron	<i>Anthropology Lectures Mrongovius, Winter Semester 1784/1785</i> (AA, 25)
APar	<i>Anthropology Lectures Parrow, Winter Semester 1772/1773</i> (AA, 25)
BDG	<i>Der einzig mögliche Beweisgrund zu einer Demonstration des Daseins Gottes/The Only Possible Argument in Support of a Demonstration of the Existence of God</i> (AA, 02)
Br	<i>Briefe/Letters</i> (AA, 10–13)



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DFS	<i>Die falsche Spitzfindigkeit der vier syllogistischen Figuren erwiesen</i> “The False Subtlety of the Four Syllogistic Figures” (AA, 02)
DR	<i>Danziger Rationaltheologie nach Baumbach/The Danzig Rational Theology According to Baumbach</i> (AA, 28)
FM	<i>Welches sind die wirklichen Fortschritte, die Metaphysik seit Leibnizens und Wolf's Zeiten in Deutschland gemacht hat?/What Real Progress Has Metaphysics Made in Germany since the Time of Leibniz and Wolff?</i> (AA, 20)
GMS	<i>Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten/Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> (AA, 04)
IaG	<i>Idee zu einer allgemeinen Geschichte in weltbürgerlicher Absicht/Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose</i> (AA, 08)
KpV	<i>Kritik der praktischen Vernunft/Critique of Practical Reason</i> (AA, 05)
KU	<i>Kritik der Urteilskraft/Critique of the Power of Judgment</i> (AA, 05)
LBl	<i>Logic Blomberg</i> (AA, 24)
LDoh	<i>Logic Dohna</i> (AA, 24)
LPhil	<i>Logic Philippi</i> (AA, 24)
LPöl	<i>Logic Pölitz</i> (AA, 24)
LWien	<i>Logic Wiener</i> (AA, 24)
MAM	<i>Muthmaßlicher Anfang der Menschengeschichte/Conjectural Beginning of Human History</i> (AA, 08)
MAN	<i>Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Naturwissenschaften/Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science</i> (AA, 04)
MDoh	<i>Metaphysics Dohna</i> (AA, 28)
MH	<i>Metaphysics Lectures Herder</i> (AA, 28)
MK <sub>2</sub>	<i>Metaphysics Lectures K<sub>2</sub></i> (AA, 28)
MK <sub>3</sub>	<i>Metaphysics Lectures K<sub>3</sub></i> (AA, 28)
ML <sub>1</sub>	<i>Metaphysics Lectures L<sub>1</sub></i> (AA, 28)
ML <sub>2</sub>	<i>Metaphysics Lectures L<sub>2</sub></i> (AA, 28)
MMron	<i>Metaphysics Lectures Mrongovius</i> (AA, 29)
MNH	<i>Metaphysics Herder, Supplement</i> (AA, 28)
MSI	<i>De mundi sensibilis atque intelligibilis forma et principiis/On the Form and Principles of the Sensible and Intelligible World</i> (AA, 02)
MVol	<i>Metaphysics Lectures Volckmann</i> (AA, 28)
MvS	<i>Metaphysics Lectures von Schön</i> (AA, 28)

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NEV	<i>Nachricht von der Einrichtung seiner Vorlesungen in dem Winterhalbenjahre von 1765–1766/M. Immanuel Kant's Announcement of the Programme of His Lectures for the Winter Semester 1765–1766</i> (AA, 02)
NG	<i>Versuch, den Begriff der negativen Größen in die Weltweisheit einzuführen/Attempt to Introduce the Concept of Negative Magnitudes into Philosophy</i> (AA, 02)
NTV	<i>Natural Theology Lectures Volckmann</i> (AA, 29)
PND	<i>Principiorum primorum cognitionis metaphysicae nova dilucidatio/A New Elucidation of the First Principles of Metaphysical Cognition</i> (AA, 01)
R	<i>Reflections and Elucidations</i> (AA, 14–19)
Rel	<i>Die Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft/Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason</i> (AA, 06)
RelPö	<i>Religion Lectures Pölitz</i> (AA, 28)
RezHerder	<i>Recensionen von J. G. Herders Ideen zur Philosophie der Geschichte der Menschheit/Review of J. G. Herder's Ideas on the Philosophy of the History of Humanity</i> (AA, 08)
TG	<i>Träume eines Geistersehers, erläutert durch die Träume der Metaphysik/Dreams of a Spirit-seer Elucidated by Dreams of Metaphysics</i> (AA, 02)
UD	<i>Untersuchung über die Deutlichkeit der Grundsätze der natürlichen Theologie und der Morall/Inquiry Concerning the Distinctness of the Principles of Natural Theology and Morality</i> (AA, 02)
ÜE	<i>Über eine Entdeckung, nach der alle neue Kritik der reinen Vernunft durch eine ältere entbehrlich gemacht werden soll/On a Discovery Whereby Any New Critique of Pure Reason is to be Made Superfluous by an Older One</i> (AA, 08)
WDO	<i>Was heißt sich im Denken orientieren?/What Does It Mean to Orient Oneself in Thought?</i> (AA, 08)

#### Other Frequently Cited Works

BM	Alexander Gottlieb Baumgarten's <i>Metaphysics</i> , translated by Fugate and Hymers (Baumgarten 2013)
Dp	Christian Wolff's <i>Discursus praeliminaris</i> (in Wolff 1728)
HBr	Johann Gottfried Herder's <i>Briefe: Gesamtausgabe</i> (Herder 1977–96)

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| HSW  | Johann Gottfried Herder's <i>Sämtliche Werke</i> (Herder 1877–1913)                      |
| JubA | Moses Mendelssohn's <i>Gesammelte Schriften: Jubiläumsausgabe</i> (Mendelssohn 1971–)    |
| M    | Alexander Gottlieb Baumgarten's <i>Metaphysica</i> , 4th Latin edition (Baumgarten 1757) |
| ST   | Thomas Aquinas's <i>Summa Theologica</i> (Aquinas 1997)                                  |