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Abbreviations

Kant's works are cited within the text by volume number and page following the German Academy Edition. The pagination in that edition is given in the margins of the English translations published by Cambridge University Press. The *Critique of Pure Reason* is cited according to the first edition of 1781 (A) or second edition of 1787 (B) pagination. (See Bibliography for further information.)

Otherwise the following abbreviations are used:

A	<i>Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View</i>
CB	"Conjectural Beginning of Human History"
CF	<i>The Conflict of the Faculties</i>
CJ	<i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>
CPPr	<i>Critique of Practical Reason</i>
E	"An Answer to the Question: What Is Enlightenment?"
GR	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i>
IH	"Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Aim"
L	<i>Lectures on Logic</i>
LE	<i>Lectures on Ethics</i>
LM	<i>Lectures on Metaphysics</i>
LP	<i>Lectures on Pedagogy</i>
LPR	<i>Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion</i>
MM	<i>The Metaphysics of Morals</i>
MT	"On the miscarriage of all philosophical trials in theodicy"
OP	<i>Opus Postumum</i>
OPA	<i>The Only Possible Argument in Support of a Demonstration of the Existence of God</i>
OT	"What does it mean to orient oneself in thinking?"
PP	"Toward Perpetual Peace"

viii	<i>List of abbreviations</i>
PR	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i>
R	<i>Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason</i>
RPT	“On a recently prominent tone of superiority in philosophy”
TP	“On the common saying: That may be correct in theory, but it is of no use in practice”