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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 *Critique of Pure Reason* (AA, 3–4)

**AA** The Academy Edition of Kant’s Writings in German / Kant, Immanuel. 1902–. *Kants gesammelte Schriften*. 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** *Anthropology Lectures Friedländer, Winter Semester 1775/1776* (AA, 25)

**AMron** *Anthropology Lectures Mrongovius, Winter Semester 1784/1785* (AA, 25)

**APar** *Anthropology Lectures Parrow, Winter Semester 1772/1773* (AA, 25)

**BDG** *Der einzig mögliche Beweisgrund zu einer Demonstration des Daseins Gottes/The Only Possible Argument in Support of a Demonstration of the Existence of God* (AA, 02)

**Br** *Briefe/Letters* (AA, 10–13)
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DfS Die falsche Spitzfindigkeit der vier syllogistischen Figuren erwiesen “The False Subtlety of the Four Syllogistic Figures” (AA, 02)

DR Danziger Rationaltheologie nach Baumbach/The Danzig Rational Theology According to Baumbach (AA, 28)

FM Welches sind die wirklichen Fortschritte, die Metaphysik seit Leibnitzens und Wolf’s Zeiten in Deutschland gemacht hat?/What Real Progress Has Metaphysics Made in Germany since the Time of Leibniz and Wolff? (AA, 20)

GMS Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten/Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (AA, 04)

IaG Idee zu einer allgemeinen Geschichte in welsbürgerlicher Absicht/Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose (AA, 08)

KpV Kritik der praktischen Vernunft/Critique of Practical Reason (AA, 05)

KU Kritik der Urteilskraft/Critique of the Power of Judgment (AA, 05)

LBl Logic Blomberg (AA, 24)

LDoh Logic Dohna (AA, 24)

LPhil Logic Philippi (AA, 24)

LPöl Logic Politz (AA, 24)

LWien Logic Wiener (AA, 24)

MAM Muthmasslicher Anfang der Menschengeschichte/Conjectural Beginning of Human History (AA, 08)

MAN Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Naturwissenschaften/Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science (AA, 04)

MDoh Metaphysics Dohna (AA, 28)

MH Metaphysics Lectures Herder (AA, 28)

MK1 Metaphysics Lectures K1 (AA, 28)

MK2 Metaphysics Lectures K2 (AA, 28)

ML1 Metaphysics Lectures L1 (AA, 28)

ML2 Metaphysics Lectures L2 (AA, 28)

MMron Metaphysics Lectures Mrongovius (AA, 29)

MNH Metaphysics Herder, Supplement (AA, 28)

MSI De mundi sensibilis atque intelligibilis forma et principiis/On the Form and Principles of the Sensible and Intelligible World (AA, 02)

MVol Metaphysics Lectures Volckmann (AA, 28)

MvS Metaphysics Lectures von Schön (AA, 28)
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NEV 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 (AA, 02)

NG Versuch, den Begriff der negativen Größen in die Weltweisheit einzuführen/Attempt to Introduce the Concept of Negative Magnitudes into Philosophy (AA, 02)

NTV Natural Theology Lectures Volckmann (AA, 29)

PND Principiorum primorum cognitionis metaphysicae nova dilucidatio/ A New Elucidation of the First Principles of Metaphysical Cognition (AA, 01)

R Reflections and Elucidations (AA, 14–19)

Rel Die Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft/ Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason (AA, 06)

RelPö Religion Lectures Pölitz (AA, 28)


TG Träume eines Geistersehers, erläutert durch die Träume der Metaphysik/Dreams of a Spirit-seer Elucidated by Dreams of Metaphysics (AA, 02)

UD Untersuchung über die Deutlichkeit der Grundsätze der natürlichen Theologie und der Moral/Inquiry Concerning the Distinctness of the Principles of Natural Theology and Morality (AA, 02)

ÜE 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 (AA, 08)

WDO Was heißt sich im Denken orientieren?/What Does It Mean to Orient Oneself in Thought? (AA, 08)

Other Frequently Cited Works

BM Alexander Gottlieb Baumgarten’s Metaphysics, translated by Fugate and Hymers (Baumgarten 2013)

Dp Christian Wolff’s Discursus praeminaris (in Wolff 1728)

HBr Johann Gottfried Herder’s Briefe: Gesamtausgabe (Herder 1977–96)
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