

# Nota Bene: I

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**ibidem:** in the same place (abbreviated *ibid.*)

**iconoclast:** someone who attacks traditional beliefs or institutions

**id est:** that is (abbreviated *i.e.*)

**idealism:** the view that fundamental reality is mind-dependent or mental in nature (thus non-spatial and non-sensuous); subjective idealism holds that to be is to be perceived; objective idealism maintains that there is no categorical distinction between the knower and what he knows - that both are part of absolute thought

**idée directrice:** directed by an idea or purpose; e.g., Divine Providence

**idée fixe:** fixed idea

**identity:** the condition of being the same; the identity principle (law of logic) is a principle which asserts that if any statement is true then it is true

**idolatry:** to think wrong thoughts about the true God; to worship anything other than the one, true, triune, and living God

**idyll:** a rustic, romantic interlude; poetry or prose that celebrates simple pastoral life

**ignoble:** dishonorable in nature; to be base or low

**ignominious:** shameful or disgraceful; public humiliation or failure

**ignoramus:** ignorant of

**illicit:** illegal, wrongful

**illuminate:** to brighten with light; to enlighten or elucidate; to decorate (a manuscript)

**imbibe:** to drink

**imbroglio:** an entanglement or complicated misunderstanding

**imbue:** to saturate or flow throughout by absorption

**immaculate:** totally unblemished, spotlessly clean

**immaterial:** of no consequence, unimportant; of a different substance than matter; spirit

**immolate:** to kill as if as a sacrifice, especially by fire

**immutable:** incapable of change; unchanging

**impalpable:** impossible to perceive through use of the sense of touch

**imparity:** inequality; disparity

**impartial:** fair, equal, unbiased

**impasse:** a position or situation from where there is no escape; deadlock

**impassivity:** apathy, unresponsiveness

**impeccable:** flawless; virtually perfect

**imperative:** essential, obligatory, or mandatory

**imperceptible:** impossible to perceive, inaudible or incomprehensible

**imperious:** haughty; urgent

**impertinent:** rude, brash

**imperturbable:** cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited

**impervious:** impenetrable; impossible to alter or affect

**impetuous:** acting hastily or impulsively

**implacable:** unbending, resolute

**implication:** a relation that holds between the antecedent and the consequent of a true conditional or hypothetical argument; a material implication is a truth-functional relation that *may* connect two statements

**implicit:** implied or understood

**implore:** to beseech or beg for fervently

**importunate:** demanding or impatient in issuing repeated requests

**impregnable:** stubbornly resistant

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**impropriety:** incorrectness  
**impromptu:** without previous study  
**impugn:** to brand as false in argument or discourse  
**impunity:** freedom from punishment or penalty  
**in memoriam:** in memory of  
**in status quo:** in the former state  
**in toto:** in the whole, altogether  
**inadvertent:** unintentional  
**inane:** pointless or lacking in substance  
**incarnate:** embodied; something that takes the bodily or physical form  
**inception:** beginning  
**incessant:** unceasing  
**inchoate:** only partly formed or formulated  
**incipient:** at an early stage  
**incise:** to carve into, to engrave  
**inclement:** harsh  
**incognito:** hidden or unknown  
**incommensurate:** non-proportional (Ancient Greek mathematics); out of alignment  
**incongruous:** unlikely  
**inconsistent:** characterized by a set of propositions that cannot all be true together or any argument having contradictory premises  
**incorporeal:** lacking form  
**incorrigible:** impossible to manage or reform  
**inculcate:** to instill (learning) by means of repetition or instruction  
**inculcate:** to incriminate  
**incursion:** a hostile entrance into a territory; a foray into an activity or venture  
**indefatigable:** tireless  
**indelible:** unremovable  
**indelicate:** blunt, undisguised  
**indemnify:** to protect from or provide compensation for damages  
**indigenous:** an innate, inherent, natural, or original characteristic  
**indolent:** lazy, as a way of life  
**induction:** inferring with probability a general conclusion from particular premises  
**inductive validity:** an inference is inductively valid when the premises provide some reasonable ground for the conclusion, though not necessarily a conclusive one  
**inebriated:** intoxicated  
**inevitable:** unable to be avoided  
**inference:** a logical movement in thought which draws a conclusion from premises  
**ineffable:** beyond the capacity of expression; forbidden as a subject of conversation  
**ineluctable:** unavoidable; impossible to overcome  
**inept:** inappropriate  
**inertia:** the quality of being inert or sluggish; in physics, the tendency of an object to resist change unless acted on by an outside force  
**inexorable:** defying explanation or interpretation  
**infallible:** incapable of error or mistake  
**infer:** to gather by reasoning  
**infernal:** pertaining to hell; fiendish, devilish  
**infidel:** a person who does not accede to a particular set of religious beliefs

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**infidelity:** the quality or act of having been untrue or inconsistent with a given standard  
**infrastructure:** foundation; underlying base  
**ingrate:** an ungrateful person  
**inherent:** intrinsic; necessary  
**inimical:** unfavorable, harmful  
**inimitable:** incapable of being imitated, matchless  
**iniquity:** immoral action or injustice  
**innate idea:** a concept known *a priori* and characterized by universality and necessity  
**innocuous:** harmless  
**inoculate:** to graft onto; to facilitate the buildup of resistance to a disease by introducing a minuscule sample of its virus into the body  
**inopportune:** awkward, untimely  
**inscrutability:** quality of being extremely difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious  
**insensible:** unaware, incognizant; unconscious, out cold  
**insidious:** enticing yet harmful  
**insipid:** flavorless, uninteresting  
**insinuate:** hint or intimate; to creep in  
**insolence:** an attitude or behavior that is bold and disrespectful  
**insoluble:** unable to be solved; indissoluble  
**insubordinate:** failing to accept or obey proper authority  
**insular:** narrow or isolated in attitude or viewpoint  
**insurgence:** revolt or uprising  
**integrity:** from integritas meaning soundness or whole; in mathematics, integral means “to sum to a whole”  
**intercede:** to step in, to moderate; to mediate or negotiate on behalf of someone else; to live for another  
**interim:** meanwhile (**interval**)  
**intercalate:** to insert  
**interject:** to insert between other things  
**intermittent:** characterized by a cycle of stopping and starting  
**interpolator:** to interject, interpose, or intercalate  
**interpose:** to place between  
**intransigent:** unwilling to compromise  
**intrepid:** brave  
**intrinsically:** essentially, inherently  
**introspection:** self-examination  
**intuition:** direct, immediate (non-discursive) knowledge  
**inundate:** to overwhelm; to flood  
**invalid:** not valid; characterizing a deduction argument that fails to provide conclusive grounds for the truth of its conclusion  
**invective:** insulting, abusive language  
**inveigh:** to protest strongly  
**inverse probability:** the relationship between the conditional probability of “a given b,” and of “b given a.”  
**inveterate:** deep-rooted  
**invigorate:** to give energy to, to stimulate  
**invocation:** the process or act of asking a higher power (e.g., God) for help  
**ipse dixit:** he himself has spoken  
**ipso facto:** by the fact itself

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**irascible:** easily provoked into anger, hot-headed

**iridescent:** possessing rainbow-like colors

**irrelevant:** not relevant or pertinent; an irrelevant conclusion is an informal logical fallacy committed when the premises of an argument purporting to establish one conclusion are actually directed toward the establishment of another conclusion

**“is” of identity:** is the same object as

**“is” of predication:** part of a predicate indicating the application of the property expressed by the rest of it