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the least plausible. At first glance, basic principles of Berkeley's idealism— for example, that material objects have no existence outside our minds— may sound as absurd to us as they sounded to many of his contemporaries. Berkeley himself argued, however, that these principles offered the best defense of common sense and empirical science against the absurd ideas of the more orthodox thinkers. It is hard to understand the history of modern philosophy, especially the history of empiricism, without recognizing the impact that it had on epistemology, metaphysics, and the history of ideas.

ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.