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remains, but metamathematics goes outside the safety of finitism in its effort to provide a foundation for an develop the structure of classical logic. This leads metamathematics into the danger of falling vicitim to Gödel's incompleteness results, and thus presents a serious challenge to metamathematics both from the perspective of Kronecker and Gödel. Hilbert's attempt to reconstitute classical logic is not influenced directly by Kronecker's finitism but by Kronecker's actual efforts to develop an arithmetic theory of algebraic quantities. It is Kronecker's mathematical work along these lines, rather than his philosophical perspective, that is seen as the forerunner to the Hilbert program. "Internal logic" is Gauthier's rendering of what Hilbert called "das inhaltliche logische Schliessen."

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