...a leading principle, which contains no fact not implied or observable in the premisses, is termed a *logical principle*, and the argument it governs is termed a *complete*, in contradistinction to an *incomplete* argument, or *enthymeme*.

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A logical principle is said to be an *empty* or merely formal proposition, because it can add nothing to the premisses of the argument it governs, although it is relevant; so that it implies no fact except such as is presupposed in all discourse...


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