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A ring is called *nil clean* if every element can be written as the sum of a nilpotent element and an idempotent element. This condition, while natural, is somewhat restrictive. In this new investigation, we consider rings which have the property that every (two-sided) ideal can be written as the sum of a nilpotent ideal and an idempotent ideal. In the commutative case, this coincides with the strongly π -regular property; in the noncommutative case, the situation is far more interesting. (Received July 18, 2016)