PROPER CAPITALIZATION & SPELLING OF BIBLICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, RELIGIOUS & THEOLOGICAL WORDS

A
a posteriori
a priori
Abrahamic Covenant
absolutism
act-utilitarianism
an aesthetic theory
African-American
Age of Enlightenment
Age of Reason
Age: Atomic Age
   Nuclear Age
   Space Age
   (but church age)
the Almighty
Almighty God
amillennial (amillennialist)
the Antichrist
the Anti-Defamation League
antichristian
antichrists (many)
antinomianism
the Arian controversy
Arminianism (school of theology)
Arminius, Jacobus (1560-1609)
Arnauld (French family
Arnauld, Antoine (1560-1619)
Apocrypha
apocryphal
apostles(s), but the Apostle Paul, the
   apostles, the 12 Apostles, the
   Twelve
apostolic
Apostolic Age
aretaic ethics
archaeology
Aristotle
the Aristotelian categories
ark (referring to it generally)
ark (Noah’s)
ark of the covenant
the Armageddon (specific event)
Armenian (church)
Ascension (specific biblical event)
Atonement (of Christ)
moral theory of atonement
audiovisual
Augustinianism
Australopithecus robustus (capitalize
   first word in sentence; italicize).
Augsburg Confession (1530)

B
Babylonian captivity
backsliding
baptism
Baptist, John the
Baptist Unions
Beautitudes
Believer-priests
Beelzebub
Bible
biblical
biblical theology
Black theology
the Board of Regents
the Board of Incorporate Members
the Board
bodhisattva
body of Christ
building of Christ
Bolshevik
Bolshevik Revolution
Bolsheviks
Book of books (Bible)
Book of Job (a book of the Bible)
book of life (mentioned in Rev. 20:15)
bookstore
Bread of Life
Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)
Buddhism
the Bultmannian tradition
C
Calvinistic
Calvinism
Chalcedon formula
Chalcedonian Christology
Cambridge Platonists
the Canon Law
the Cappadocian Fathers
Captivity (the Babylonian; others are lowercase)
capital punishment
cardinal virtues
Catalog (general term)
Catholics, Catholicism (but catholic, meaning universal)
Chakra (italicize)
chapter (general term)
chapter six (specific chapter)
charismatic
of Cartesian
chief priest(s)
children of Israel
Christ Child
Christian confessionalism
Christian education (but Department of Christian Education)
the Christian worldview
Christlike
Christmas
the Christological
Christology
Christ’s kingdom
church, the early
church fathers (but the Fathers)
church (both universal and local)
classical moral relativism
classical Reformed theology
the Commandments (capitalize only when referring to the whole Decalogue: Ten Commandments, but first commandment)
Commencement
communion (the sacrament)
communists, communism (when referring to the political system)
conflict absolutism
congregationalism
consequentialist
covenant (but Old Covenant and New Covenant)
Continental (philosophical movement)
The Council of Chalcedon
Counter-Reformation
covenant theology
cosmological argument
Creation (the original)
the Creator
the Cross (figurative sense of Christ’s sacrifice and redemption)
cross (the wooden object)
the Crucifixion (when referring to Calvary in its total significance)
Council of Trent (1545-63)
culture
curriculum, curricula

D
Darwin, Erasmus (1731-1802)
Darwinism
Darwinism (social)
Davidic Covenant
Day of Atonement
Day of Pentecost
Day of the Lord
the Decalogue
the Deism
the death penalty
deontological
deontology
denominational
Department of Historical Theology (but Historical Theology department)
Derrida, Jacques (1930-)
Descartes, Rene’ (1596-1650)
determinism
devil
disciple
dispensation
dispensational
dispensationalism
divine command theory
the Donatists of North Africa
Druidism
Druids
Dukka
dualism
Druze
Durkheim, Emile (1858-1917)
Dworkin, Ronald (1931-)

E
Ea or Enki
Easter Day
Elements of Hebrew (as a course title)
Elohim
Encratites
the Enlightenment
episcopal
epistemology
Epistle (when used in connection with
the biblical letters, as “the Epistle of
the Galatians,” the Epistles,” “the
Epistles of Paul,” “the Pastoral
Epistles’; but Paul’s epistles)
Erasmus
esotericism
eternal God
ethical relativism
ethics of care
the ethos
eudaimonia
euthanasia
Eutychianism
evangelical
Evangelicalism
evolution
evolutionism
excommunication
existentialism
Exile (biblical event)
Exodus (biblical event)

F
Faculty Handbook
Fall (of man, biblical event)
fall season
fasting
fatalism
Fates (three female figures)
the Father (God)
the Fathers (meaning the church
fathers)
Fauvism
Feast of Tabernacles
feminist ethics
Flood (biblical event; but the flood of
Noah’s day)
the French European
Foucault, Jean Bernard Leon (1819-
1984)
fundamentalism
fundamentalist

G
Garden of Eden
Garden of Gethsemane
generalism
Gentile
Gnostic(s), Gnosticism
Godhead
godless
godly
God-Man
God’s Word
Golden Rule
the Good Shepherd
gospel (when referring to the
evangelical message)
Gospel, Gospels (one or more of the
first four New Testament books)
graded absolutism
Great Awakening
Great Commission
Great Sanhedrin
great white throne judgment
Greeks

H
heaven
heavenly Father
traditional Hebrew-Christian morality
hedonism
hell
Heidegger, Martin (1889-1976)
hetenoeism
Heraclitus (c. 544-483 B.C.)
the Herodians
higher criticism
High Priest (for Jesus, otherwise lowercase)
the Holocaust
Holy Land
holy of holies, holy place, most holy place (in the tabernacle and temple)
Holy One (God)
*Homo erectus* (capitalize first letter; italicize)
*Homo habilis* (higher case first word; italicize)
Husserl, Edmund (1859-1938)

**I**
the Incarnation
Islam

**J**
Jansenism
Jehovah (*but* Yahweh preferred)
Jesuits
the Johannine community
Judaism
the Judge (God)
judgment seat of Christ
the Just for the unjust

**K**
Kant
kantian
Kierkegaard, Soren (Aaybe) (1813-1855)
King of kings
the kingdom (*also* His kingdom)
the kingdom of God
eat only kosher food
Krishna
Kristeva, Julia (1941-)
Kuhn, Thomas (1922-
Kundalini

**L**
Last Supper
Law (Pentateuch or the Ten Commandments; lowercase for any other reason)
Law of Moses
legalism
Liberation theology
libertarianism
limited atonement
limited relativism
the literary genres
Living Water (Jesus)
“living water” (salvation)
Lord of lords
Lord’s Day (Sunday)
lordship
Lord’s Prayer (specific prayer taught by Jesus)
Lord’s Supper
Lord’s Table
low church
lower criticism
Lucifer (devil)
Lucretius (Titus Lucretius Carus), c. 99-55 B.C.)
Lully, Raymond (c. 1232-1315)
Luther, Martin (1483-1546)
Lutheranism

**M**
Majority Text
marriage supper of the Lamb
martyr
Marx, Karl (Heinrich) 1818-1883)
Marxism (capitalized in sentence)
masochism
Mass (Eucharist)
mass (physics)
the Master (Jesus)
the Matthean community
the means-ends principle
Mediator (Christ)
mercy seat
Messiah
messiahship
messianic
metaethical moral relativism
the Middle Ages
Midrash
Midrashic
millennial
millennium
modalism
modern Germany
modernism
modernity
monophysitism
monotheism
moral influence theory (of atonement)
moral relativism
Mosaic Covenant
Mosaic Law
Most High (name of God)
most holy place
Muhammad
Muslims
mystery religion

National Socialism
natural-law ethics
natural law
naturalistic determinism
Nazism
the Niagara Conference
neo-orthodox
Neoplatonic
Neoplatonist
Neoplatonism
Neo-Thomism
Nestorianism
newborn
New Covenant
New Jerusalem
Nicene fathers
Noah’s ark
nominal essence
non-Christian
non-conflict absolutism
nondeterminism
Northern Kingdom (Israel)

Orthodox Church
orthodox faith
orthopraxy

parable of the prodigal son (etc.)
the Paraclete
Passover feast (Fest of the Passover)
the Pauline churches
particular redemption
Pentecostalism
of Persian origin
the Person and work of Christ
Person (one of the Trinity)
perspectivalism
Pietist Movement
Pietism
the Pharisees
Plato (c. 428-347 B.C.)
Platonism
A Platonized dogma
pluralism
Polanyi, Michael (1891-1976)
polis
polytheistic
polytheism
postliberalism
post-Reformation
postmillennial (postmillenarian)
postmodernism
Protestantism (European)
pragmatism
premillennial (premillenarian)
presbyterian government
Prince of Peace
Promised Land
prophet (but the Prophet Amos)
the Prophets (Hebrew division of the Old Testament)
Protestant, Protestantism
Psalm (specific song or chapter in the Psalms; but this psalm)
psalmist (but Psalmist David)
the psalms (general reference)
Psalms (the biblical book)
Ptolemy
and Puritan doctrine
Quran

rabbi
rabbinical (but Rabbinical Judaism)
Radical Orthodoxy
rapture
Rationalism
rationalist
real essence
redaction criticism
the Redeemer
redemptive history
Reformation
Reformation theology
registration
relativism
the Resurrection (Jesus'; otherwise lowercase; see 7.15)
rhetoric
Ricouer, Paul (1913-)
righteous One
River Jordan
the Roman Empire
rule-utilitarianism
Ryle, Gilbert (1900-1976)

Sabbath Day
Sabellianism
Sadducees
Sanhedrin
Sangha
Santayana, George (1863-1952)
Satan
satanic, Satanism
Savior
scribes
scriptural
Scripture, Scriptures
the Second Advent
the Second Coming (biblical event; but Christ's second coming)
the secularization
self-actualization
the Seminary
Sermon on the Mount
are not seventh-day Sabbatarians
Shekinah
Shockley, Paul
Sin-bearer (Christ)
situationism
the Socratic ideal
Son of Man
sonship
Southern Kingdom (Judah)
space-time
Spencer, Herbert (1820-1903)
Spengler, Oswald (1880-1936)
Sphinx
Spinoza, Baruch or Benedict (1632-1677)
the Spirit of God
the Spirit of Truth
spring season (summer, fall, winter, spring)
Stoic(s) (member of the philosophy begun by Zeno)
stoic (an attitude)
Stoicism
Student Handbook
suffering Servant (Christ)
Summer School
Sunday school
super
Swedenborg, Emanuel (1688-1772)
Synoptics
Synoptic Gospels
Syrian Jacobites
systematic theology (but the Department of Systematic Theology)

Tabernacle
Talmud
temple
Teresa, Mother (1910-)
Teresa of Avila, Saint (1515-1582)
Tertullian, Quintas Septimus Flavius (155-212 A.D)
the Ten Commandments (but the first commandment)
theistic determinism
third world
Tillich, Paul Johannes (1886-1965)
a theocracy
Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)
throne of grace
Thomism
Thy holy name
Transcendental Thomism
Transfiguration (biblical event)
the Tribulation, the Great Tribulation
Trinity
Triumphal Entry
triune
Trosky
TV (not T.V.)
the Twelve (but the 12 Apostles)

U
unbiblical
unchristian (but un-Christlike)
universalization principle
Unitarianism
utilitarianism

V
Vatican Council
virtue ethics
virtue pluralism
virtue theory
Volta, Alessandro (1795-1827)
Voltaire (pen name of Francois-Marie Arouet; 1694-1778)
Vulgate (the)

W
Walvoord, John F.
Wesley, John (1703-1791)
as Western culture
a Western democracy
to Western democracies
Western perspective
the Westminster Confession
white (Caucasian)
Winter Intersession
wise men (biblical)
Wonderful One (title of God)
the Word (Bible or Christ)
worldview

X
Xerox (but photocopy or duplicate is preferred)

Z
Zedekiah
Zwingli, Ulrich (1484-1531)
Zorastrianism