

Supporting information on the question of Capitalization

The First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany, page 225

CAPITALIZATION

A correct use of capital letters in composition caps the climax of the old "new tongue." Christian Science is not understood by the writer or the reader who does not comprehend where capital letters should be used in writing about Christian Science.

In divine Science all belongs to God, for God is All; hence the propriety of giving unto His holy name due deference, – the capitalization which distinguishes it from all other names, thus obeying the leading of our Lord's Prayer.

The coming of Christ's kingdom on earth begins in the minds of men by honoring God and sacredly holding His name apart from the names of that which He creates. Mankind almost universally gives to the divine Spirit the name God. Christian Science names God as divine Principle, Love, the infinite Person. In this, as in all that is right, Christian Scientists are expected to stick to their text, and by no illogical conclusion, either in speaking or in writing, to forget their prayer, "Hallowed be Thy name."

In their textbook it is clearly stated that God is divine Principle and that His synonyms are Love, Truth, Life, Spirit, Mind, Soul, which combine as one. The divine Principle includes them all. The word Principle, when referring to God should not be written or used as a common noun or in the plural number. To avoid using this word incorrectly, use it only where you can substitute the word God and make sense. This rule strictly observed will preserve an intelligent usage of the word and convey its meaning in Christian Science.

What are termed in common speech the principle of harmonious vibration, the principle of conservation of number in geometry, the principle of the inclined plane in mechanics, etc., are but an effect of one universal cause, – an emanation of the one divine intelligent Principle that holds the earth in its orbit by evolved spiritual power, that commands the waves and the winds, that marks the sparrow's fall, and that governs all from the infinitesimal to the infinite, – namely, God. Withdraw God, divine Principle, from man and the universe, and man and the universe would no longer exist. But annihilate matter, and man and the universe would remain the forever fact, the spiritual "substance of things hoped for;" and the evidence of the immortality of man and the cosmos is sustained by the intelligent divine Principle, Love.

Beloved students, in this you learn to hallow His name, even as you value His all-power, all-presence, all-Science, and depend on Him for your existence.

Excerpt from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Page 319

Scriptures misinterpreted (*marginal heading*)

The divine Science taught in the original language of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspiration to be understood. Hence the misapprehension of the spiritual meaning of the Bible, and the misinterpretation of the Word in some instances by uninspired writers, who only wrote down what an inspired teacher had said. A misplaced word changes the sense and misstates the Science of the Scriptures, as, for instance, to name Love as merely an attribute of God; but we can by special and proper capitalization speak of the love of Love, meaning by that what the beloved disciple meant in one of his epistles, when he said, "God is love." Likewise we can speak of the truth of Truth and of the life of Life, for Christ plainly declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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My diction, as used in explaining Christian Science, has been called original. The liberty that I have taken with capitalization, in order to express the "new tongue," has well-nigh constituted a new style of language. In almost every case where Mr. Wiggin added words, I have erased them in my revisions.

Excerpt from the *Christian Science Journal* Volume 19 - Issue 3 - June, 1901 - Page 145

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WE desire to correct an error which inadvertently appeared in the following statement by Mrs. Eddy as it was published on page 145 of the June Journal. **In the fourth line from the bottom, we failed to capitalize the word "his." This destroyed Mrs. Eddy's meaning, as she referred to God and not to the Christ.**

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