

SPELLING STYLE SHEET

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Nova Religio generally follows the conventions of the *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* and the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition.

Preferred Nova Religio spelling of terms

Antichrist

anticult (no hyphen)

anticult movement (no use of ACM)

antisemitism (antisemite, etc., also philosemitism, etc.)

Armageddon

biblical (but Bible)

British-Israelism

Communism

countercult (no hyphen)

countercultural, counterculture (no hyphen)

Dispensationalism, Dispensationalist

Endtime

esotericism, esoteric (but Western esotericism)

fundamentalism

internet

Millennium (to refer to the millennial collective salvation)

Mormon-related terms:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church or Mormon Church in subsequent mentions in the text)

Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints (now Community of Christ)

Latter Day Saint tradition

Latter Day Saint Movement

Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints (general offshoots)

Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the specific group)

Neo-Nazi

Neopagan (for the contemporary movement)

new religious movements (no capitalization, no use of NRMs or other acronyms)

percent (not %)

postmillennialism

premillennialism

Rapture

Seventh-day Adventist

Spiritualism, Spiritualist (when referring to the movement)

theosophy, theosophical, theosophist (when referring to similar modes of thought and practice across cultures and historical periods)

Theosophy, Theosophical, Theosophist (when referring to the specific movement or one of the organizations within the broad movement – these are the terms most often used in NR)

United States or United States of America (not US or USA)

Plural of acronyms

DVDs; CDs; UFOs; ETs

Possessives

Names ending in a 's' or 'z' do not require a second 's' for possessive, e.g. Nettles'

Transliterations

Transliterations of biblical languages should follow the style guidelines of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Chinese transliterations should follow pinyin system with the exception of Chinese words that have entered the English language in other transliterations, e.g. Tao.

Simplified transliterations of Sanskrit are acceptable. *Nova Religio* can also print articles containing transliterations using diacritical marks.

Arabic words may be written with no diacritical marks. Islam specialists may utilize diacritical marks in transliterations of Arabic words.

al-Qaeda or al-Qaida (but be consistent across the article)

bin Laden, Osama

Chanukah or Hanukkah (but be consistent across the article)

shari'a

Shia or Shii or Shi'i, etc. (but be consistent across the article)

sunna (or Sunna)

umma (instead of ummah)