

Some Uses of Capital Letters to Differentiate Meaning in the Urantia Book

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1. **The Supreme**, capital S, refers to the Supreme Being.

- Example: "God the **Supreme** in Havona is the personal spirit reflection of the triune Paradise Deity. This associative Deity relationship is now creatively expanding outward in God the Sevenfold and is synthesizing in the experiential power of the Almighty **Supreme** in the grand universe. Paradise Deity, existential as three persons, is thus experientially evolving in two phases of Supremacy, while these dual phases are power-personality unifying as one Lord, the **Supreme** Being." [F:VII.5](11; 1)
- Example: "The **Supreme** is evolutionary-experiential self." [118:0.5](1294:1- no.4)

2. **The supreme**, small s, is indicative of the (impersonal) supreme level, or anything relating to the experiential finite level, such as: supreme realities. Also as a generic adjective, as in " From the Universal Father who inhabits eternity there has gone forth the **supreme** mandate, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect."

3. From the above logically follows the use of **Supremacy**, capital S, referring to phenomena associated with the repercussions of the presence of the Supreme Being in the domains of the finite.

- Example: "Mercy is the justice of **Supremacy** adapted to the situations of the evolving finite, the righteousness of eternity modified to meet the highest interests and universe welfare of the children of time." [2:4.5](38; 5)

4. The use of **supremacy**, small s, refers to attained or attainable value levels within the finite.

- This example illustrates much of the above: "The Supreme is symmetrically inclusive. The First Source and Center is potential in the three great Absolutes, is actual in Paradise, in the Son, and in the Spirit; but the Supreme is both actual and potential, a being of personal supremacy and of almighty power, responsive alike to creature effort and Creator purpose; self-acting upon the universe and self-reactive to the sum total of the universe; and at one and the same time the supreme creator and the supreme creature. The Deity of Supremacy is thus expressive of the sum total of the entire finite." [117:1.9](1279; 7)

5. **The Ultimate**, capital U, refers to the personal time-space transcended Deity, Deity functioning on the absonite and ultimate levels.

- Example: "The Ultimate is transcendental-experiential self." [118:0.7](1294:1-no.6)

6. **The ultimate**, small u, refers to the impersonal ultimate level or anything relating to it.

7. **The (noun) suffix "cy"** signifies rank, or quality of function. In the Urantia Book "cy" endings elevate the rank to *overcontrol* functions of Deity, the highest in authority.

- Example: Supremacy of Deity: "Deity functioning on the first creature-identificational level as time-space overcontrollers of the grand universe, sometimes designated the Supremacy of Deity." [F:I.9]
 - Note: **an act of Supremacy**, capital S, is not limited to the Supreme Being alone. It concerns an *overcontrol* of the finite level by any or all of the Deities or Trinities.
 - Example: "...the Trinity is functional on all (total) levels, including the level of the function of **Supremacy**". [115:5.2](1265:2) (See also: Trinity of Supremacy. [10:5.4](113:#5:4))

- Example: "The Deity level of **Supremacy** may be conceived as a function in relation to finite existences." [F:I.11]
- Example: Ultimacy of Deity. "...this absonite function in the master universe is tantamount to universal overcontrol and super-sustenance, sometimes called the Ultimacy of Deity." [F:I.10]
- Example: "The Deity level of Ultimacy connotes a function in relation to absonite realities. No matter in what part of the master universe, whenever time and space are transcended, such an absonite phenomenon is an act of the Ultimacy of Deity." [F:I.12]
- Example: Trinity of Ultimacy. "The Paradise Trinity has regard for those levels of existence which are more than finite but less than absolute, and this relationship is sometimes denominated the Trinity of Ultimacy." [10:5.5](113:#5:5)
- The Absolute: the suffix "cy" cannot be applied to the word 'Absolute' so the suffix 'ness' -which has the same connotation (status, quality of function) is used.
 - Example: "...the First Source and Center....achieves expansion of experiential Deity on the levels of Supremacy, Ultimacy, and Absoluteness.[F:XI.2](14:l)

The overcontrol on the (experiential) Absolute level (the level of God the Absolute) could then be referred to as: the Absoluteness of Deity; and the level of the function as: the Deity level of Absoluteness. This of course refers to the experiential Deity since the capital A is used.

8. The Paradise Deities may be referred to as: **absolute Deity** (small a) but not **Absolute Deity**, since capital A

connotes *infinity potentials*. When the personal reference is used, as in "Absolute Deity", it infers God the Absolute.

- Example: "The Universal Father is the personal cause of the Absolutes; he is the **absolute** of **Absolutes**" [104:4.1](1148:1)
- Example: "God the **Absolute** is the realization-attainment goal of all superabsonite beings, but the power and personality potential of the Deity **Absolute** transcends our concept, and we hesitate to discuss those realities which are so far removed from experiential actualization." [F:X.2]

9. **The Absolutes**, capital A refers to the seven existential phases of total reality, the Seven **Absolutes** of Infinity; namely: the First, Second, and Third Sources and Centers, Paradise Source and Center, and the three potential **Absolutes**: the Qualified, Unqualified, and Universal **Absolutes**. [105:3.1](1156; section 3)

10. **The absolute**, small a refers to the absolute level and Paradise Deity.

- Example: "Whenever wherever, and however the **absolute** level of Deity functions, paradise values and meanings are manifest". [F:I.13](F:2:LP)
- Example: "While **absolute** Deity is eternal in nature, the Gods are related to time as an experience in eternity". [118:1.1](1295:1)
- The word '**absoluteness**', small a, is used in relation to existential Deity with the connotation of having the quality of being Absolute.
 - Example: "...when acting alone, each person of Deity is apparently limited in **absoluteness**. [10:3.4](111; section 3)
 - Example: "God's **absoluteness** pervades all seven levels of universe reality.(59:2)

- Example: "...the Father has divested himself of all direct manifestations of **absoluteness** except absolute fatherhood and absolute volition."
[10:3.6](112)

11. **Deity**, capital D is used as a personal, divine, supernal title.

- Example: "DEITY is personalizable as God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. **Deity** is characterized by the quality of unity--actual or potential--on all supermaterial levels of reality; and this unifying quality is best comprehended by creatures as divinity." [F:I.2]

12. By contrast, **deity**, small d, is used in discussion of levels, impersonal acts, etc.

- Example: "The universe of universes presents phenomena of **deity** activities on diverse levels of cosmic realities, mind meanings, and spirit values". [F:2.2] Note also: "DIVINITY is the characteristic, unifying, and coordinating quality of **Deity**." [F:I.16] and "Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness; correlated in personality as love, mercy, and ministry; disclosed on impersonal levels as justice, power, and sovereignty." [F:I.17] Given these examples, it might be appropriate to consider that **Deity**, capital D, can be personalizable as God, whereas **deity**, small d, signifies the characteristic unifying quality of divinity.
 - Example: "No one of the Seven Spirits is organically representative of the Paradise Trinity, but when they unite as sevenfold **Deity**, this union in a **deity** sense--not in a personal sense--equivalates to a functional level associable with Trinity functions." [16:3.16]

13. When **Reality**, capital R is used, it refers to the ORIGIN of reality, the I AM Infinite Father of total Reality.

- Example: "As a time-space creature would view the origin and differentiation of Reality, the eternal and infinite I AM

achieved Deity liberation from the fetters of unqualified infinity through the exercise of inherent and eternal free will..."[F:III.14](6;2)

- Example: "The Universal Father is the explanation of universal unity as it must be supremely, even ultimately, realized in the post-ultimate unity of absolute values and meanings--- unqualified **Reality**". [56:9.11](645:7)

14. When '**reality**', small r is used, it refers to realities *after* differentiation of existential potentials; realities on all levels, - absolute, absonite, and finite; they are referred to as "universe realities".

15. The **Infinite**, capital I, is used to denote the fullness -- the finality -- implied by the primacy of the First Source and Center. [F:III.17](6;4). Small i, **infinite**, is a simple adjective used in a variety of contexts.

16. **God the Sevenfold**, capital S, is a personal title denominating a sevenfold Deity personalization and representation in time-space to the seven superuniverses.

- Example: "God the **Sevenfold**--Deity personality anywhere actually functioning in time and space. The personal Paradise Deities and their creative associates functioning in and beyond the borders of the central universe and power-personalizing as the Supreme Being on the first creature level of unifying Deity revelation in time and space." [F:II.13](4; 10 5)
- Example: "God the **Sevenfold** is self-distributive divinity." [118:0.6](1294:l, item number 5)
- Example: "God the **Sevenfold** represents the personality and divinity revelation of the Universal Father to creatures of both maximum and submaximum status, but there are other sevenfold relationships of the First Source and Center which do not pertain to the manifestation of the divine spiritual ministry of the God who is spirit." [105:7.7](1160;15)

- Example: "You have been instructed in the relationship of God the **Sevenfold** to the Supreme Being, and you should now recognize that the **Sevenfold** encompasses the controllers as well as the creators of the grand universe." [116:5.1](1273; 5)

17. **Sevenfold Deity**, capital S, also refers to this personal title.

- Example: "Man, being personal and ascending by spiritual progression, finds the personal and spiritual divinity of the **Sevenfold Deity**; but there are other phases of the **Sevenfold** which are not concerned with the progression of personality." [106:1.4](1164; 3)
- Example: "The Supreme is not completely real to universe creatures, but there are many reasons for deducing that he is quite real to the **Sevenfold Deity**, extending from the Universal Father on Paradise to the Creator Sons and the Creative Spirits of the local universes." [117:7.5](1291; 9 3)

18. The **sevenfold Deity**, small s, refers to functional levels of divinity expressed in two contexts.

- As the coordinate association of the Paradise Deities, the Supreme Being, and the Supreme Creators.
 - Example: "This **sevenfold Deity** personalization in time and space and to the seven superuniverses enables mortal man to attain the presence of God, who is spirit. This **sevenfold Deity**, to finite time-space creatures sometime power-personalizing in the Supreme Being, is the functional Deity of the mortal evolutionary creatures of the Paradise-ascension career. Such an experiential discovery-career of the realization of God begins with the recognition of the divinity of the Creator." [F:VIII.2](11; 13)
- As a description of the appearance of the Seven Master Spirits to the universes.

Example: "No one of the Seven Spirits is organically representative of the Paradise Trinity, but when they unite as sevenfold Deity, this union in a deity sense--not in a personal sense--equivalates to a functional level associable with Trinity functions. In this sense the "Sevenfold Spirit" is functionally associable with the Paradise Trinity." [16:3.16](188; 4) Note that "Seven Master Spirits" is a title whose first S is always capitalized.

The relationship between God the Sevenfold and the sevenfold Deity of the Seven Master Spirits might be an interesting topic for further investigation.