

ISAAC NEWTON'S TWELVE ARTICLES ON GOD AND CHRIST

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Artic. 1. There is one God the Father ~~eternal~~ ^(everliving,) omnipresent, omniscient, almighty, the maker of heaven & earth, & one Mediator between God & Man the Man Christ Jesus.

Artic 2. The father is the invisible God whom no eye hath seen or can see, all other beings are sometimes visible.

Artic. 3. The Father hath life in himself & hath given the son to have life in himself.

Artic 4 The father is omniscient & hath all knowledge ~~of future things~~ originally in his own breast, & communicates knowledge ~~to the son~~ of future things to ~~the son~~ ^(Jesus Christ) & none in heaven or earth or under the earth is worthy to receive knowledge of future things immediately from the father except the Lamb. ^(And therefore the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy & Jesus is the Word or Prophet of God.)

Artic 5. The father is immoveable ~~th~~ no place being cap^(a)ble of becoming emptier or fuller of him then it is by the eternal necessity of nature: all other being [*sic*] are moveable from place to place.

Artic 6. All the worship (whether of prayer praise or thi^(a)nks giving w^{ch} was due to the father before the coming of Christ is still due to him. Christ came not to diminish the worship of his father.

Artic. 7. ~~A~~ Prayers are most prevalent when directed to the father in the name of y^e son

Artic. 8. We are to return thanks to y^e father alone for creating us & giving us food & raiment & other blessings of this life & whatsoever we are to thank him for or desire that he would do for us we ask of him immediately in the name of Christ

Artic. 9. We need not pray to Christ to intercede for us. If we pray the father aright he will intercede.

Artic. 10. It is not necessary to salvation to direct o^{ur} prayers to any other then y^e father in y^e name of the Son.

Artic. 11. To give the name of God to Angels or Kings is not against y^e first commandment. To give the worship of the God of the Jews to Angels or Kings is against it. The meaning of the commandment is Tø^(h)ou shalt worship no other Gods but me.

Artic 12. ~~To give glory Christ & the Holy Ghost~~ To us there is but one God y^e father of whom are all things (& we of him), & one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things & we by him. ~~And each have their proper worship~~ ~~We are~~ that is, we are to worship the father alone as God Almighty & ~~the Lor~~ Jesus alone as the Lord the Messiah the ~~king of t~~ great King the ?? Lamb of God who was slain & hath redeemed us wth his blood & was made us kings & Priests.

Diplomatic transcription

Key: Newton's deletions are represented as strike-outs and his insertions are placed within angle brackets; y^e = the, w^{ch} = which, o^{ur} = our, wth = with, ?? = illegible letters.

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