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“Earth”, “the earth”, “earth”, “Creation” and “creation”

We capitalize “Earth” in this book whenever an author is referring mainly to our home, the third planet out from the sun. This is consistent with the practice of capitalizing the names of the planets in our solar system—Mercury, Venus, Mars, etc. No personification or deification is implied. In other places, the phrase “the earth” is used, without capitals, to be consistent with the practice of lower-casing “the sun” and “the moon.” This may be used when an author is referring to the global environmental situation in a more scientific sense. And, of course, when referring to the granular stuff beneath our feet, it’s just plain “earth.” A similar practice is followed in capitalizing “Creation” when an author is referring to the whole created order, to distinguish that from “creation” as a specific act of creating something. Again, no personification or deification is implied.
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