

Note on Dates and Texts

I have followed the convention of taking 1 January as the start of the calendar year. When citing from sixteenth- and seventeenth-century editions, I have preserved original capitalisation, punctuation, and spelling (including *u/v* and *i/f*), with the exception of long *s* and *vv*, which I have changed to regular *s* and *w*. Further, I have reversed italic font and spelled out ligatures and superscript abbreviations such as *y^f* or the tilde. If they are available, I have cited page numbers, and if not, signatures. All Biblical references are to the 1560 edition of the *Geneva Bible*, unless indicated otherwise. References to the works of Ben Jonson are to the *Cambridge Edition of the Works of Ben Jonson*, and references to the works of Francis Bacon are to *The Oxford Francis Bacon*, unless indicated otherwise.