

**her·e·sy**: belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine.

"Huss was burned for heresy"

**her·e·tic**: a person believing in or practicing religious heresy

**ver·nac·u·lar**: the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

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**hith·er·to**: until now or until the point in time under discussion

**schis·mat·ic**: characterized by or favoring schism

**u·surp**: take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force

**clem·en·cy**: mercy; lenience

**for·bear**: politely or patiently restrain an impulse to do something; refrain

**a·pos·tle**: each of the twelve chief disciples of Jesus Christ

**en·croach·ment**: intrusion on a person's territory, rights, etc.

**pi·e·ty**: the quality of being religious or reverent

**ab·jure**: solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim)

**ven·er·a·tion**: great respect; reverence

**i·dol·a·try**: the worship of idols

**teem**: be full of or swarming with

**de·lu·sion**: an idiosyncratic belief or impression that is firmly maintained despite being contradicted by what is generally accepted as reality or rational argument, typically a symptom of mental disorder

**no·to·ri·ous**: famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed

**plu·ral·ism**: a condition or system in which two or more states, groups, principles, sources of authority, etc., coexist

**sub·or·di·na·tion**: the action or state of subordinating or of being subordinate

**au·ton·o·my**: the right or condition of self-government

**de·mon·ic**: of, resembling, or characteristic of demons or evil spirits

**tem·po·ral**: relating to worldly as opposed to spiritual affairs; secular

**a·bom·i·na·ble**: causing moral revulsion

**tran·sub·stan·ti·a·tion**: (especially in the Roman Catholic Church) the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remaining

**re·mit**: cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting (a debt or punishment)

**cat·a·lyst**: a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change

**vexed**: (of a problem or issue) difficult and much debated; problematic

**e·dict**: an official order or proclamation issued by a person in authority

**a·fore·men·tioned**: denoting a thing or person previously mentioned

