

2. The receiving as one's own, what is new or not natural.
3. God's taking the sinful children of men into his favor and protection. Eph. iv.
- Adoption by arms*, an ancient ceremony of presenting arms to one for his merit or valor, which laid the person under an obligation to defend the giver.
- Adoption by baptism* is the spiritual affinity which is contracted by god-fathers and god-children, in the ceremony of baptism. It was introduced into the Greek church, and afterwards among the ancient Franks. This affinity was supposed to entitle the god-child to a share of the god-father's estate. *Encyc.*
- Adoption by hair* was performed by cutting off the hair of a person and giving it to the adoptive father. Thus Pope John VIII adopted Boson, king of Arles.
- Adoption by matrimony* is the taking the children of a wife or husband, by a former marriage, into the condition of natural children. This is a practice peculiar to the Germans; but is not so properly adoption as *adulthood*. *Encyc.*
- Adoption by testament* is the appointing of a person to be heir, by will, on condition of his taking the name, arms, &c. of the adopter. *Encyc.*
- In Europe, adoption is used for many kinds of admission to a more intimate relation, and is nearly equivalent to *reception*; as, the admission of persons into hospitals, or monasteries, or of one society into another. *Encyc.*
- ADOPTIVE**, *a.* [L. *adoptivus*.] That adopts, as an adoptive father; or that is adopted, as an adoptive son.
- ADOPTIVE**, *n.* A person or thing adopted.
- ADORABLE**, *a.* That ought to be adored; worthy of divine honors. In popular use, worthy of the utmost love or respect.
- ADORABLENESS**, *n.* The quality of being adorable, or worthy of adoration.
- ADORABLY**, *adv.* In a manner worthy of adoration.
- ADORATION**, *n.* The act of paying honors to a divine being; the worship paid to God; the act of addressing as a God. Adoration consists in external homage, accompanied with the highest reverence. It is used for the act of praying, or preferring requests or thanksgiving, to the Supreme Being.
2. Homage paid to one in high esteem; profound reverence.
- Adoration*, among the Jews, was performed by bowing, kneeling and prostration. Among the Romans, the devotee, with his head uncovered, applied his right hand to his lips, bowing and turning himself from left to right. The Persians fell on the face, striking the forehead against the earth, and kissing the ground. The adoration paid to the Grecian and Roman emperors, consisted in bowing and kneeling at the feet of the prince, laying hold of his robe, then withdrawing the hand and clapping it to the lips. In modern times, adoration is paid to the pope by kissing his feet, and to princes, by kneeling and kissing the hand. This word was used by the Romans for acclamation or great applause, given to public performers; and the election of a pope is sometimes by adora-

- tion, that is, by sudden acclamation without ceremony. *Encyc.*
- ADORE**, *v. i.* [L. *adoro*. In Ch. and Heb. *אָדָרָה*, to honor, reverence or glorify, to adorn; Heb. *אָדָרָה*, to be magnificent or glorious, to magnify, to glorify. This word is usually referred to the Latin *ad orare*, to carry to one's mouth; *ad* and *os*, oris; as, in order to kiss one's hand, the hand is carried to one's mouth. See *Calmet*, *ad verbum*, who cites, in confirmation of this opinion, the ancient practice of kissing the hand. See Job. xxxi. 1 Kings. xix. Ps. ii. Gen. xli. Ainsworth supposes the word to be a compound of *ad* and *oro*, to pray; and if the word is compound, as I suspect, this opinion is most probably correct.]
1. To worship with profound reverence; to address with exalted thoughts, by prayer and thanksgiving; to pay divine honors to; to honor as a god or as divine. *Dryden*.
2. To love in the highest degree; to regard with the utmost esteem, affection and respect; as, the people *adore* their prince. *Tatler*.
- ADORED**, *pp.* Worshipped as divine; highly revered; greatly beloved.
- ADORER**, *n.* One who worships, or honors as divine; in popular language, an adoring lover.
- ADORING**, *ppr.* or *a.* Honoring or addressing as divine; regaling with great love or reverence.
- ADORN**, *v. t.* [L. *adorno*, *ad* and *orno*, to deck, or beautify, to dress, set off, extol, furnish; Fr. *ornier*; Sp. *port. ornar*; It. *ornare*; Arm. *aurma*. Orno is probably the Saxon *hrinan*, *gerenian*, *gerinan*, *gehrinan*, to touch, to strike, to adorn, that is, to put on.]
1. To deck or decorate; to make beautiful; to add to beauty by dress; to deck with external ornaments.
- A bride *adorneth* herself with jewels. Isa. vi.
2. To set off to advantage; to add ornaments to; to embellish by any thing external or adventitious; as, to *adorn* a speech by appropriate action, sentiments with elegance of language, or a gallery with pictures.
3. To make pleasing, or more pleasing; as, great abilities *adorned* by virtue or affability.
4. To display the beauty or excellence of; as, to *adorn* the doctrine of God. Titus ii.
- ADORN**, *n.* Ornament. *Obs.* *Spenser*.
- ADORN**, *a.* Adorned; decorated. *Obs.* *Milton*.
- ADORNED**, *pp.* Decked; decorated; embellished.
- ADORNING**, *ppr.* Ornamenting; decorating; displaying beauty.
- ADORNING**, *n.* Ornament; decoration. 1 Pet. iii.
- ADOSCULATION**, *n.* [L. *ad* and *osculatio*, a kissing, from *osculum*, a kiss, or mouth.] The impregnation of plants by the falling of the farina on the pistils. *Encyc.*
- Adosculatio* is also defined to be the inserting of one part of a plant into another. *Crabbe*.
- ADOSSED**, *a.* [Fr. *adossee*, part. of *adosser*, to set back to back; *dos*, the back.]

- In *heraldry*, denoting two figures or bearings placed back to back. *Encyc.*
- ADOWN**, *prep.* [a and down.] From a higher to a lower situation; downwards; implying descent.
- ADOWN**, *adv.* Down; on the ground; at the bottom.
- ADREAD**, *a.* *Adred*. [See *Dread*.] Affected by dread. *Obs.*
- ADRIATIC**, *a.* [L. *Adria*, or *Hadria*, the gulf of Venice.] Pertaining to the Gulf, called, from Venice, the Venetian Gulf.
- ADRIATIC**, *n.* The Venetian Gulf; a Gulf that washes the eastern side of Italy.
- ADRIFF**, *a.* or *adv.* [Sax. *adrifan*, *gedri-fan*, and *drifan*, to drive. See *Drive*. *Adrift* is the participle of the verb.]
- Literally*, driven; floating; floating at random; impelled or moving without direction. *As an adjective, it always follows its noun*; as, the boat was *adrift*.
- ADROGATION**, *n.* [L. *ad* and *rogo*, to ask. See *Interrogate* and *Rogation*.] A species of adoption in ancient Rome, by which a person, capable of choosing for himself, was admitted into the relation of a son. So called from the questions put to the parties. *Encyc.*
- ADROIT**, *a.* [Fr. from *droit*, right, straight, direct; whence *droite*, the right hand; It. *diritto*, right, straight, contracted from the L. *directus*, *dirigo*; Arm. *drct*. See *Right*.] Dextrous; skilful; active in the use of the hands, and *figuratively*, in the exercise of the mental faculties; ingenious; ready in invention or execution.
- ADROITLY**, *adv.* With dexterity; in a ready skilful manner. *Chestersfield*.
- ADROITNESS**, *n.* Dexterity; readiness in the use of the limbs, or of the mental faculties. *Horne*.
- ADRY**, *a.* [Sax. *adriagan*, to dry.] Thirsty, in want of drink. [This adjective always follows the noun.] *Spectator*.
- ADSCITIVIOUS**, *a.* [L. *ascititius*, from *adscisco*, *ascisco*, to add or join.] Added; taken as supplemental; additional; not requisite. *Warton*.
- ADSTRICTICION**, *n.* [L. *adstrictio*, *adstrictio*, of *ad* and *stringo*, to strain or bind fast. See *Strict*.] A binding fast. Among physicians, the rigidity of a part of the body, occasioning a retention of usual evacuations; costiveness; a closeness of the evacuatories; also the stypic effects of medicines. *Encyc.*
- ADSTRICTORY**, **ADSTRINGENT**, [See *Adstringent*.]
- ADULARIA**, *n.* [From *Adula*, the summit of a Swiss mountain.] A mineral deemed the most perfect variety of felspar; its color white, or with a tinge of green, yellow, or red. *Cleveland*.
- ADULTATION**, *n.* [L. *adultatio*.] Servile flattery; praise in excess, or beyond what is merited; high compliment. *Shak*.
- ADULTATOR**, *a.* A flatterer; one who offers praise servilely.
- ADULTATORY**, *a.* Flattering; containing excessive praise or compliments; servilely praising; as, an *adulatory* address.
- ADULATRESS**, *n.* A female that flatters with servility.