

today's issue: Are you religious?

→.My parents and my household they are all believe the traditional Chinese religion- Taoism.

1. **Religious** 宗教的；虔誠的

a. **religious** [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] (adj.) 宗教的；虔誠的

-My grandparents are very religious and they go to church every week.

b. **religion** [rɪˈlɪdʒən] (n.) 宗教

-Many of my friends don't follow any particular religion.

-我有許多朋友是沒有信仰的。

2. **profile** 人物簡介；側面像

a. **profile** [ˈprɒfaɪl] (n.) 人物簡介；側面像

-You usually can see the **detail** profile of the author on the first page of the book.

***keep a low profile** 保持低調.

-He has been a little **trouble** recently so he is trying to keep a low profile.

-他最近惹上了一些麻煩，所以他最近試著保持低調。

b. **portrait** [ˈportret] (n.) 肖像，畫像

-She is good at painting portraits.

c. **portfolio** [portˈfɒliəʊ] (n.) 作品集

-He is working on his personal portfolio to apply for a master degree.

3. **affiliation** 聯繫；從屬關係

a. **affiliation** [əfɪlɪ'eɪən] (n.) 聯繫；從屬關係

-He has no affiliations with any governmental organizations.

-他與政府組織沒有任何聯繫。

b. connection [kə'nekʃən] (n.) 聯繫；關係

-He has some important connections in company.

c. **junction** ['dʒʌŋkʃən] (n.) 連接，匯合

*兩條橋(或河)的連接處

-The **convenient** store is at the junction of two highways.

4. decline 下降；減少；婉拒

a. decline [dɪ'klaɪn] (v.) 下降；減少；婉拒

-The employment rate declined to seven percent last year.

-去年的失業率降至 7%。

-She **declined** their ~~invitation~~ **invitation** to the welcoming party.

-她**婉拒**了他們迎新會的邀請。

b. decrease [dɪ'kris] (v.) 減少

-Population growth is decreasing every year.

c. increase [ɪn'kris] (v.) 增加

-We need to increase public **awareness** to **climate** change.

5. **spirituality** 精神上的事情；靈性

a. **spirituality** [ˈspɪrɪtʃʊˈælɪtɪ] (n.) 精神上的事情；靈性

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b. **spiritual** [ˈspɪrɪtʃʊəl] (adj.) 心靈的；神聖的

-It's important to fulfill one's spiritual needs.

The religious profile of the world is changing. But even in areas where religious affiliation is declining spirituality is not. America has become less religious in recent years. But the percentage of non-religious Americans, who say they often feel spiritual has risen.

世界的宗教信仰正在變化，即使在宗教影響力減弱的區域來說，靈性並沒有削弱。美國在近年來越來越少人有宗教信仰，但在這些無宗教信仰的美國人裡，說自己有精神上的信仰的人反而有增多。