

Key Terms

Please read these carefully. They will add to your comprehension (understanding) of the material. If still in doubt, consult a concise Dictionary, or find comparative words in a Thesaurus.

abhorrence	a feeling of extreme loathing or aversion
aids	helps used by a teacher or such person to explain a point
astounded	overwhelmed with amazement, bewildered

beseech	to ask earnestly for something: to beg
bombarded	attacked persistently and with concentrated energy
bonsai tree	a tree kept small by the constant pruning of its roots and branches

carousing	drinking and partying
composition	something formed by combining parts
connotation	an association of ideas suggested by a word or phrase
contentions	arguments about some asserted point
contextual	in the right setting; not out of place
crave	to desire or long for something very much

degeneration	having declined to a lower moral, physical or mental level; degraded, corrupt
detriment	to someone's disadvantage
diametrically	completely and utterly opposite or different
diligence	proper attention or care
discern	to recognise or perceive differences clearly
distracted	having the attention diverted
doting	loving to an excessive degree

enticed	attracted by exciting hope or desire, tempted
enmeshed	to catch as if in a net; snare; entangle
edification	to improve the morality and intellect by instruction
eastern mysticism	a belief in or experience of a reality not understood by normal people and which originates in the east

false doctrine	teachings which are untrue according to the beliefs of a particular party
fluctuating	changing position constantly; up and down like waves
furnished	equipped with whatever is necessary

goal	anything that acts as a spur or prod to move someone along. A destination or finishing point.
goads	a goad is a stick with a sharp point used to move cattle
hypocritical	a person saying he believes something which is contrary to the way he acts

idiosyncrasies	a type of behaviour of one particular person; a quirk
immortality	not subject to decay or death; having perpetual life
implicated	involved; entangled – often in a crime
incorruptible	not able to be corrupted; honest; not subject to decay
intensification	extreme force used to make feelings stronger
intercession	the act of offering prayer to God on behalf of others
intravenously	through a vein into the body
intricate	difficult to understand, involved, entangled
invincible	not able to be defeated; unconquerable

legalism	a system of strict adherence to the letter of the law, without holding to its spirit
lethargy	sluggishness, slowness or dullness; an abnormal lack of energy
licentiousness	being sexually unrestrained or promiscuous

magnification	the degree to which something is magnified or enlarged
meagre	deficient in quantity, fullness or extent; scanty
meekness	patience, long-suffering; submissive, compliant
metamorphoses	a complete change of appearance or substance
meticulous	with great care about details; precise; painstaking

negativism	a tendency to be unconstructively critical; a sceptical or mocking attitude towards something
nutrients	food components necessary for good health

oracles	an agency through which a prophecy is transmitted
ordination	the receipt of holy orders

partakers	those who take a share in something
participators	be actively involved, or share in something
perdition	final and unchangeable spiritual ruin
plundered	stolen by force
precept	a rule or principle for action
predestined	determined beforehand
prescribe	to lay down as a rule or directive, to order
provocation	the inciting of anger or indignation in a person

radically	producing extreme change in the conditions or institutions of a person or thing
recap	an abbreviation for 'recapitulate'; to repeat the main points of an argument
relish	enjoy; take delight in something
rendered	to give or provide aid, to show expected obedience
reservedly	set aside for use by a particular or special person

scourge	a whip used to inflict punishment
slap dash	carelessly; without due thought
sluggard	a person who is habitually lazy or indolent
sorcery	the art, practices or spells of all magic
speculating	to guess without knowing all the facts
spewed	spat out
squandered	wasted; used wrongfully
sustenance	the means of keeping health or life; food; nourishment

tenacity	holding firmly; stubborn or persistent
theme	the central or unifying idea or image
travail	painful or excessive labour or exertion

underived	not obtained by reasoning, deduction or inference
unruly	undisciplined and disobedient

vindication	to be cleared from guilt or blame
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