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Commonly Confused

- sacrilegious
- sacrosanct

Synonyms

- supernatural
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- sacrosanct
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- righteous
- spiritual

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Nearby Words

- religionless
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- religious belief
- religious ceremony
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adjective, noun, plural -gious.

-adjective

1. of, pertaining to, or concerned with religion: *a religious holiday*.
2. imbued with or exhibiting religion; pious; devout; godly: *a religious man*.
3. scrupulously faithful; conscientious: *religious care*.
4. pertaining to or connected with a monastic or religious order.
5. appropriate to religion or to sacred rites or observances.

-noun

6. a member of a religious order, congregation, etc.; a monk, friar, or nun.
7. the religious, devout or religious persons: *Each year, thousands of the religious make pilgrimages to the shrine.*

Use **religious** in a sentence

Origin:

1175-1225; Middle English (< Old French) < Latin *religiōsus*, equivalent to *religi* (*ō*) religion + *-ōsus* -ous

-Related forms

- re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
- re·li·gious·ness, *noun*
- an·ti·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- an·ti·re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
- non·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- non·re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
- non·re·li·gious·ness, *noun*
- o·ver·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- o·ver·re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
- pre·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- pseu·do·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- pseu·do·re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
- qua·si·re·li·gious, *adjective*
- qua·si·re·li·gious·ly, *adverb*
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- ul·tra·re·li·gious·ness, *noun*

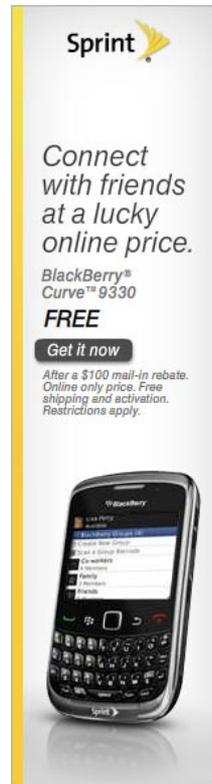
-Can be confused: Irreligious, sacrilegious, sacrosanct (see synonym note at the current entry).

-Synonyms

2. reverent. Religious, devout, pious indicate a spirit of reverence toward God. Religious is a general word, applying to whatever pertains to faith or worship: *a religious ceremony*. Devout indicates a fervent spirit, usually genuine and often independent of outward observances: *a deeply devout though unorthodox church member*. Pious implies constant attention to, and extreme conformity with, outward observances. It can also suggest sham or hypocrisy: *a pious hypocrite*.
3. devoted, unswerving, meticulous.

-Antonyms

2. impious.



Hunt v. City of Los Angeles, No. 09-55750 archived on March 24, 2011