Word	Definition
Abasement	The act of lowering or humbling oneself.
Abeyance	Suspension; temporary inactivity.
Abhorrent	Causing repugnance; loathsome.
Abide	To stay; to continue.
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Abomination	Anything hateful or shamefully vile.
Abound	To be in great plenty.
Abscess	A collection of pus; a hidden infection.
Absolute Idealism	Theory which regards reality as the embodiment of mind.
Absolution	Remission of sins.
Absolutism	The doctrine that the will of the ruler is unlimited; in philosophy, the belief in a single, all-encompassing Absolute reality.
Absorption	Entire engrossment of the mind; a state of disappearance or loss of identity.
Abstinence	Habitually refraining from the use of intoxicating substances.
Abstract	Existing in the mind only; separate from concrete matter or practice.
Abstraction	A visionary notion; theory.
Abyss	The bottomless gulf, pit, or chaos of the old cosmogonies.
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Accept	To receive with consent.
Accessory	Aiding or contributing is a secondary way.
Accident	An event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation.
Accord	To grant as suitable or proper.
Accredit	To believe; to give authority or credit to.
Acme	The top or highest point; the culmination.
Acquiesce	To accept as inevitable or indisputable.
Acquiesces	To rest satisfied; to submit.
Actualize	To make actual; to realize in action.
Acute.	Crucial; penetrating; keen.
Ad libitum	“As you desire.”
Adjure	To appeal to solemnly; to entreat earnestly.
Administer	To manage or direct the execution, application, or conduct of.
Adolescence	Period of life from puberty to maturity.
Adventure	A bold undertaking in which hazards are to be met and discoveries achieved.
Affective	Emotional.
Afflict	To inflict great injury; causing continued pain or mental distress.
Alienist	A specialist in diseases of the mind; a psychiatrist.
Allegory	A story where characters represent abstract ideas.
Anesthesia	Entire or partial loss of feeling or sensation; a state of paralysis of the sensory apparatus.
Anguish	Extreme pain of body or mind.
Anhedonia	Complete loss of ability to feel pleasure.
Annihilate	To reduce to nothing.
Annul	To make void, as legal rights, laws, established rules.
Antecedent	That which goes before in time; prior; preceding; the conditioning cause.
Anthropology	The science of man.
Antithesis	Opposition; contrast; the direct opposite; contrary.
Apperceive	To perceive with full awareness; to interpret new ideas by connecting them to existing knowledge.
Appertain	To belong as appropriate or as a possession, attribute, part.

Appetite	An inherent or habitual desire or propensity for some personal gratification, either of body or mind; craving.
Appointment	Designation of a person to hold an office or discharge a trust.
Arbitrary	Depending on will or discretion; not governed by fixed rules.
Ardent	Warm; passionate; eager.
Ardor	Heat or glow of passion; intense devotion or zeal.
Array	An imposing series of things.
Articulate	Ability to express oneself clearly of systematically.
Articulately	Spoken intelligibly.
Artifice	Artful or skillful contrivance; ingenuity.
Ascertain	To make certain to the mind; to free from obscurity or doubt.
Ascetic	One who practices self-denial for spiritual discipline.
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Aspire	To desire with eagerness; to seek to attain something high or great.
Assurance	Security; safety; certitude.
Astringent	Stern; austere.
Atavism	The recurrence in a descendant of characteristics of a remote ancestor; to revery to the primitive.
Atman	The eternal soul or true self, unchanging and divine. It is believed to be identical in essence to Brahman, the universal Spirit.
Atonement	The redeeming effect of Christ's incarnation, suffering, and death; also, reconciliation between God and men.
Attitude	Position of the mind; the stance one takes toward the cosmos.
Authoritative	Possessing the legal or rightful power to command.
Authority	Legal or rightful power to command.
Autobiography	Memoirs of one's life written by oneself.
Auxiliary	Giving support; helping; subsidiary.
Avidhya	Ignorance, misconceptions, misunderstandings, or incorrect knowledge.
Backslide	To lapse morally or in the practice of religion.
Belief	A conviction or persuasion of truth.
Bereave	To deprive of; to make destitute (esp. of hope).
Berkeleyan idealism	Based on the preposition that so called material things exist only in being perceived.
Beseech	Ask someone urgently and fervently to do something.
Bide	To wait; to tarry.
Bosh	Empty talk; trash.
Breed	To cause.
Bub	A loud noise of many voices shouting at once; uproar; tumult; confusion.
Bugaboo	A bogle or specter; something imaginary used to excite fear.
Buoyant	Resilient of spirit; springy.
Callous	Hardened; insensible.
Candid	Frank; straightforward; free from undue bias; disposed to think and judge according to truth.
Capacious	Able to contain much.
Capacity	The power of receiving and holding knowledge, etc.; ability.
Caper	To leap or jump about in a sprightly manner.
Caricature	Grotesque or ludicrous exaggeration; distortion or exaggeration of parts or characteristics.
Carking	Anxious; worried.
Cecrops	Mythical king of Athens. 'City of Cecrops' refers to the secular world.
Certitude	Freedom from doubt; assurance; certainty; a fixed conviction.
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Chaff	The husks of grain; worthless matter.

Channel	That thru which anything passes; passage.
Character	Distinguishing quality or attribute.
Charge	An accusation.
Charity	That disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow men, and to do them good; universal love.
Chimera	A frightful, vain, or fooling fancy.
Chromatic	Of or pertaining to colors or color.
Chronic	Continuing for a long time.
Circumlocution	Use of many words to express what might be expressed by few or one; a roundabout expression.
Circumscribe	To draw a line around; to limit or confine the scope of a subject.
Citation	A passage or quotation from a book.
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Cloy	To cloy/satiate; thicken.
Coalesce	To grow together; to unite into one body or mass.
Codify	To systematize; classify.
Cogent	Compelling or constraining; esp., appealing forcibly to the mind or reason; convincing.
Cogitation	Act or faculty of thinking or reflecting; meditation.
Cognitive	Of the process of knowing.
Collateral	Accompanying as a secondary fact; auxiliary.
Colleague	An associate in a profession or a civil or ecclesiastical office.
Commemorate	To call to remembrance or serve as a memorial of.
Commend	To entrust for care; or to praise.
Compentrate	To penetrate throughout or pervade every part of something, often by penetrating each other mutually or reciprocally.
Complexion	General appearance; aspect.
Conceited	Entertaining a flattering opinion of oneself.
Conclusion	A reasoned judgement; inference.
Concrete	Of the nature of, or characterized by, immediate experience; belonging to actual things or events; real; not abstract or ideal.
Concupiscence	Ardent desire; hence sexual lust.
Conduct	Manner of carrying oneself; ones actions in general.
Confess	To acknowledge sin.
Conflagration	A raging destructive fire.
Confusion	To jumble together things until they become unrecognizable or indistinguishable.
Congener	A thing of the same genus, kind, or nature; an allied characteristic.
Congenital	Existing at, or dating from, birth; constitutional.
Congruity	Agreement, harmony, or correspondence between things.
Conjuncture	A combination of events; a crisis.
Connoting	Suggesting the significance of a word apart from its explicit and recognized meaning.
Conscious	Aware of one's own existence; opposed to the subliminal.
Consciousness	Awareness, especially of something within oneself.
Consecrate	To render sacred; to hallow.
Console	To comfort; to alleviate grief.
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Conspicuous	Attracting attention; striking.
Constitute	To set up or establish; to form or compose.
Constitution	The aggregate of the physical and vital processes of an individual; also, temperament or disposition.
Contemplate	To view with continued attention.

Content	Having the desires limited to what one has; satisfied.
Contention	Strife; struggle.
Contract	To constrict, diminish, shorten or shrink.
Contradistinction	Distinction by contrast.
Contrite	Broken down with sorrow for sin; humble and thoroughly penitent.
Contrive	To devise; plan or scheme.
Controvert	To oppose with arguments; deny; contradict.
Convalesce	To gather strength after sickness; to recover health and strength gradually.
Conventionality	Adherence to social formalities or usages.
Convert	To cause spiritual transformation in; to turn from one belief or course to another.
Convex	Curved or rounded as the exterior of a spherical or circular form.
Convulsion	A violent disturbance.
Coquette	A flirt; a woman who seeks attention without affection.
Correlate	Indicating or involving a reciprocal relationship.
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Corroborate	To make more certain; to confirm; establish.
Corroboration	A strengthening or confirming; the act of giving support to a statement.
Corrugate	Wrinkled; furrowed.
Cosmos	The universe seen as an ordered, harmonious whole.
Counterfeit	That which is made in imitation of something with a view to deceive; spurious.
Cowl	A monk's hood.
Cozenage	Artifice; trickery; fraud.
Cramped	Confined or contracted.
Cranky	Full of cranks or twists; mentally eccentric; subject to whims or monomania.
Creed	Any formula of confession of religious faith.
Crisis	The decisive moment or turning point; a time of great danger or trouble which forces a change in the soul.
Criteria	A rule or test by which anything is tried in forming a correct judgement respecting it.
Criticism	The art of judging with knowledge and propriety the beauties and faults of works of art or literature.
Crude	Unripe; immature.
Cultivate	To devote time and thought to; hence, to foster; cherish.
Curdle	To coagulate/sour.
Curious	Exciting attention or inquiry; strange.
Dally	To waste time; to linger; to delay.
Damper	The felt covered pieces in a piano that deaden vibrations.
Dark	Not clear to the understanding.
Decline	To fail to accept; refuse.
Decree	An order or law made by a superior authority.
Deduce	To derive by reasoning.
Degenerate	To pass from a higher to a lower type or condition; to become depraved; to deteriorate.
Degrade	To lower the physical, moral, or intellectual character of.
Delectable	Highly pleasing; delightful.
Deleterious	Hurtful; noxious.
Delusion	A misleading of the mind; a false belief or opinion that cannot be corrected by reason.
Denude	To divest of covering; strip.

Denunciation	That by which anything is denounced; a threat of evil; a public menace.
Depravity	Characterized by corruption; perverted; evil.
Derive	To receive, as from a source or origin.
Dervish	Member of a religious group, usually of a Sufi order, who takes vows of poverty and asceticism. They use intense physical practices like chanting, meditation, or fast spinning dances (the whirling dervishes) to reach a state of religious ecstasy and feel closer to God.
Desolation	Grief; woe.
Detach	To part; to separate or disunite.
Detest	To hate intensely; to abhor; loathe.
Detriment	Injury, damage, or that which causes it.
Developed	Advanced, evolved.
Devout	Expressing devotion or piety; earnest in religious feeling.
Dhyana	Profound meditation, contemplation, or reflection.
Diabolic	Of or pertaining to the Devil or devils.
Dialectic	That branch of knowledge which deals with the art of disputation and of discriminating truths from error.
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Diaphanous	Transparent.
Diffuse	Poured widespread; spread out.
Dignity	Elevation of character, intrinsic worth; excellence.
Dionysius the Areopagite	A convert of St. Paul in the first century. Later mystical writings attributed to him influenced Christian mysticism, particularly negative theology and the celestial hierarchy.
Dire	Extreme; overpowering.
Discern	To make out as with the eye or by the mind; to see; to understand; to detect.
Disconcert	To disturb the composure of; to throw into confusion.
Discontinuous	Broken off; interrupted.
Discourse	An extended treatment of a subject.
Discredit	To destroy confidence or trust in; to deprive of credit or good repute.
Discrepant	Disagreeing; inconsistent; contrary.
Discursive	Passing from one subject to another; roving; digressive.
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Disgust	A strong aversion or repugnance excited by that which is loathsome or offensive.
Disillusion	To free from illusion; disenchant.
Disposition	The natural constitution of the mind; the prevailing spirit or temper of a person.
Disputation	Controversy; debate.
Dissemble	To hide under a false appearance; to conceal one's true motives.
Dissever	To sever thoroughly; disunite.
Dissolution	The breaking up of an assembly or body.
Distinguish	To separate into kinds, classes, or categories.
Diurnal	Daily; recurring every day.
Diverse	Different; unlike; distinct; separate.
Divided Self	A state of the soul in which two hostile wills struggle for mastery; a heterogeneous personality.
Divination	The act or practice of foreseeing or foretelling future events or discovering hidden knowledge.
Divinity	The state of being divine; deity; the nature of God.

Doctor	A teacher; a learned man.
Dogmatic	Asserting a matter of opinion as if it were fact; arrogant in belief.
Dogmatism	Positiveness in assertion of opinion; arrogance in stating beliefs as facts without proof.
Drab	Dull; cheerless; lacking color.
Dupe	One who is easily deceived.
Duplexity	Double or two-fold.
Earnest	Proceeding from an intense and serious state of mind; not flippant.
Ebriety	State of being drunk or intoxicated.
Eccentricity	Deviation from the norm.
Ecclesiastical	Pertaining to the church or its organization (as opposed to personal religion).
Ecstasy	A state of overmastering feeling; a mystic, prophetic, or poetic trance.
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Efficacious	Having the power to produce an intended effect.
Efficacy	Power to produce effects; potency.
Effulgent	Diffusing a flood of resplendent light; radiant.
Ejaculate	To throw out suddenly; to utter a brief, sudden exclamation or prayer.
Electress Dowager	Widow of the elector who retains her late husband's title.
Elicit	To draw out; to evoke.
Elysian	Resembling Elysium; blissful.
Emancipation	Act or process of setting or making free; liberation.
Empirical	Pertaining to, or founded upon, experiment or experiences.
Enchant	To charm or bewitch.
Endow	To enrich with a gift or quality.
Endure	To bear with patience.
Engender	To cause to develop; to bring forth; produce.
Engrossed	Monopolized; absorbed; fully occupied.
Enhance	To advance, augment, or elevate.
Enigma	Anything inexplicable; a riddle.
Ensue	To follow as a consequence.
Enthusiasm	Intense emotion; divine inspiration ('God within').
Entity	A real being; that which has distinct existence.
Enumerate	To count or tell off one by one; to number.
Enumerated	Specified; detailed; recapitulated.
Ephemeral	Beginning and ending in a day; hence, short--lived.
Epicurean	Displaying fastidiousness in tastes or enjoyments; a connoisseur.
Epicureanism	Displaying fastidiousness in enjoyment.
Equanimity	Evenness of mind; calm temper.
Equilibrium	A state of just poise or balance; a condition where the conflicting forces of the soul come to rest.
Equity	State or quality of being equal or fair; fairness in dealing.
Erroneous	Containing error; wandering; straying.
Erudition	Learning; scholarship.
Espousal	The act of adopting a cause.
Essence	Ultimate or intrinsic nature; the truth which underlies all outward manifestations.
Essential	Belonging to the essence or intrinsic nature of a thing; indispensable.
Esteem	To appreciate the worth of; to hold in high regard; to prize.
Ether	A medium postulated to permeate space.
Exalt	To raise high; to lift up.
Example	One or a portion taken to show the character and quality of all; a sample.
Exasperate	To inflame anger; to vex.

Excursus	A dissertation or digression appended to a work, discussing some point incidental to the main subject.
Exemplify	Ti illustrate by example.
Exhilarate	To make merry; enliven; cheer.
Exist	Actual or real being.
Experience	The actual living through an event or events; actual enjoyment or suffering; hence the effect upon the judgment produced by personal and direct impressions.
Expiate	To make complete satisfaction for; atone for; as to expiate sin.
Explicit	Distinctly stated; plain in language; clear.
Expunge	To blot out; to erase entirely.
Extract	A selection from a writing or discourse.
Extravagance	Excessive behavior; wandering beyond bounds.
Exuberance	Characterized by abundance; effusive; lavish.
Exultant	Rejoicing triumphantly; the mood of the convert.
Fact	That which has actual existence; an event.
Faculty	Ability to act or do.
Fain	Gladly; willingly.
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Faint	Faint.
Fairy	Belonging to fairyland; imaginary; fanciful.
Fancy	Delusive imagination; illusion; the faculty by which the mind forms images or representations of things at pleasure.
Farce	A hollow mockery; a ridiculous show.
Felicitous	Happy; well-chosen.
Fervent	Hot; glowing; ardent.
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Fetishism	The worship of material objects (fetishes) supposed to be inhabited by spirits.
Fiend	An evil spirit; the devil.
Fleeting	Passing swiftly.
Flexion	Bending, folding.
Foreshadow	To indicate beforehand.
Form	The idea of intrinsic character of anything, or that which improves this character; hence, a pattern or scheme.
Forsake	To quit or leave entirely.
Forthwith	Immediately; promptly.
Fret	To agitate; disturb.
Frivolous	Of little weight; lacking seriousness.
Froward	Habitually disposed to disobedience; contrary.
Function	Special purpose.
Fundamental	Of or pertaining to the foundation or basis.
Gamecock	A rooster bred for fighting; metaphor for the spirited character.
Gash	A deep or long cut.
Genus	A class; order; kind.
Gild	To adorn with gold.
Gleam	A transient illumination.
Godhead	God as a pure nature, [beyond individual attributes or distinctions].
Gradation	Successive or hierarchical arrangement.
Grandeur	Grandness, eminence, magnificent, sublimity.
Grudgingly	Unwillingly; with reluctance.
Habitation	Dwelling place.

Hackneyed	Commonplace; trite.
Hallow	To make holy; to consecrate.
Hallucination	Perception of objects with no reality.
Hansom	A light two-wheeled covered carriage with the driver's seat elevated behind.
Haunt	A place to which one often resorts; a den or lair.
Healthy-Minded	A temperament which has a constitutional incapacity for prolonged suffering; the optimist who sees no evil.
Hegelian Dialectic	A method of argument and a way of understanding how ideas and history progress through a three-step cycle: an initial idea, its opposite, and a resolved higher truth.
Heroic	Participating in the nature of a hero; daring; noble; altruistic; despising danger for a higher cause.
Heterogeneous	Consisting of dissimilar or diverse ingredients; having a composition of conflicting parts (as in the Divided Self).
Hinduism	The native religious and social system of India.
History	A narrative of past events.
Hoary	White/grey with age (ancient).
Honor	Manifestation of respect; fame; credit; good name.
Humble	Near the ground; not high or pretentious; unassuming.
Hygiene	A system of principles or rules designed for the protection of health.
Hypnoid	Akin to sleep or hypnosis.
Hypocrite	One who plays a false part; a dissembler; one who feigns to be what he is not.
Hypothesis	A tentative theory or supposition.
Ideal	A standard of perfection, beauty, or excellence.
Idealism	The philosophical system that maintains that the real is of the nature of thought or spirit.
Idiosyncrasy	A peculiarity of constitution or temperament.
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Idol	An image or representation of a deity made or used as an object of worship.
Ignominious	Humiliating; degrading.
Illogical	Flawed or unsound reasoning; contrary to the rules of logic.
Illumination	Enlightenment, spiritual or mental.
Illustrious	Famous; renowned.
Immanent	Indwelling; remaining within; the belief that God is present in the world/mind.
Immemorial	Indefinitely ancient.
Immense	To engage deeply; to engross; to absorb.
Immerse	To engage deeply; to engross; to absorb.
Imminent	Threatening to occur immediately.
Impalpable	That cannot be felt; intangible.
Impart	To communicate by words or signs.
Impel	To drive or urge forward.
Imperious	Commanding; urgent; not to be restrained.
Importance	Consequence; weight; significance.
Imposition	The laying on of something.
Impotent	Wanting in adequate strength, capacity, qualifications, or the like.
Impregnable	Not to be taken by assault; able to resist attack; unassailable.
Impugn	To assail by words or arguments; to call in question.
Impulse	Act of impelling or driving onward; a sudden incitement to action.
Impulsive	Having the power of driving or impelling.

Inaugurate	To commence or enter upon; to set in motion.
Inconsistent	Incoherent or illogical; self-contradictory; not uniform.
Indefeasible	Incapable of being annulled or made void.
Indifferent	Having a neutral or unbiased disposition.
Indolent	Lazy; avoiding exertion.
Indomitable	Not to be subdued; unconquerable.
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Induce	To lead on; to move by persuasion or influence.
Induce	To bring on or about; cause.
Indulgence	Self-gratification.
Indurate	To make unfeeling; render stubborn.
Ineffable	Incapable of being expressed in words; unspeakable; a quality of experience that defies language.
Ineradicable	Incapable of being plucked out by the roots.
Inextricable	Incapable of being disentangled or untied.
Infer	To derive by reasoning; conclude from facts or promises.
Inference	The act of passing from a belief or recognition to a judgement; a logical conclusion from given data or premises.
Infirm	Weak; feeble; not firm or solid.
Infuse	To pour in; to install (as divine grace).
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Ingrained	Wrought into the grain or fiber; hence deep-seated.
Inhibitive	Having the power to hold in check; restrain.
Innervate	To stimulate to activity.
Inoculate	To introduce into the mind of.
Inquiry	A search for truth, information, or knowledge.
Insidious	Awaiting a chance to ensnare; treacherous.
Inspiration	A supernatural influence which qualifies men to receive and communicate divine truth.
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Intellect	The power or faculty of knowing, especially the power of reasoning, judgement, comprehending, etc.
Interstice	A space between one thing and another, especially between things closely set, or between the parts of a body.
Intimate	Innermost; internal; pertaining to the very essence or heart.
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Intoxicant	That which poisons, makes drunk, inebriates.
Intoxicate	To excite to frenzy.
Intrinsic	Belonging to the constitution, nature, or essence, of a thing.
Intrinsic	[Belonging to a thing by its very nature or essence.]
Intuition	Immediate knowledge or cognition; the power of the mind by which it immediately perceives the truth of things without reasoning.
Intuitive	Having immediate knowledge or cognition; knowing without recourse to inference or reason.
Invoke	To appeal for support.
Ironic	The willing sacrifice of one's interests or oneself for the benefit of others.
Irony	A contradiction between expectation and reality.
Irrefragable	Unanswerable; undeniable.
Irremediable	Incurable; not to be remedied.
Jar	To affect painfully; to shock.
Judgement	Evaluation; decision, discernment.
Juvenile	Young; youthful; immature or undeveloped.

Kelson	Longitudinal structure incorporated with the framing of a ship to stiffen; the backbone of a ship.
Keynote	The central principle or dominant theme.
Knell	A ring or toll that serves as a warning of approaching evil.
Languish	To lose vigor through grief.
Languor	Dullness; sluggishness; lack of vigor; stagnation.
Lassitude	A morbid state of the body or mind characterized by weakness, languor, and lack of energy.
Lief	Gladly; willingly; freely.
Listless	Having no desire or inclination; spiritless.
Logic	Sound reasoning.
Loquacity	Talkativeness; garrulity.
Lot	Fortune; destiny; that which happens to one.
Lucid	Easily understood; clear.
Luminous	Enlightened; intelligent; intelligible; emitting light; clear.
Lunatic	Affected by lunacy; insane; mad. Term often used by skeptics to dismiss religious genius.
Lustre	Radiance; splendor.
Lutheran	Adhering to the doctrines of Martin Luther, especially the doctrine of justification by faith alone.
Maenad	A nymph attendant upon Dionysus, any frenzied or unnaturally excited woman.
Magic	The art of producing effects by superhuman beings or occult powers (transactional).
Maimed	Crippled; mutilated.
Malady	Having a healthy reddish color.
Manifest	Evident to the senses, esp. to the sight; hence, obvious to the understanding.
Mantle	Something that envelops, enfolds, or covers.
Marshal	To usher, guide, or lead.
Maul	A heavy mallet, staff, or mace.
Maxim	A general truth or rule of conduct.
Maya	Illusion; magic show; where things appear to be present but are not what they seem.
Mean	Ordinary; average.
Medical Materialism	The doctrine that seeks to explain away spiritual states by referring them to the physical condition of the organs; a reduction of the divine to the physiological.
Meditation	State of contemplation.
Melancholy	A gloomy state of mind; depression of spirits.
Meliorism	The doctrine that the world is neither worst nor best, but that it is capable of improvement through human effort.
Merit	Spiritual worth or value.
Metabolism	The chemical changes in living cells, by which the energy is provided for the vital processes and activities.
Metamorphosis	A striking alteration in appearance, character, or circumstances.
Metaphysical	Having, or pertaining to, real being or essential nature; nature of reality.
Methodical	Habitually proceeding according to a method; systematic.
Mitigate	To make less severe.
Mockery	Insincere imitation.
Mode	Manner of doing or being; method.
Moderate	Kept within due bounds; observing reasonable limits; not excessive.
Molt	Shed hair, feathers, outer layer of skin, horns, or the like.

Monism	The doctrine that reality is one unitary whole.
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Monodeism	State of prolonged absorption in a single idea (as in mental depression, trance, hypnosis).
Monopolist	One who claims exclusive control over a commodity or truth.
Monotheism	Doctrine or belief that there is but one God.
Moral	Pertaining to character, conduct, intentions, social relations, etc.; viewed from an ethical perspective; right and wrong.
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Morbid	Not sound and healthful; diseased.
Moribund	In a dying state.
Mote	A small particle or speck (metaphor for small things altering vision).
Motive	That within the individual, rather than without, which incites him to action.
Mould	Distinctive character or nature; cast.
Mump	To mope; to grumble or whine.
Mutilate	To cut off or destroy a limb/part.
Mystic	One who claims direct intercourse with the divine.
Mystical	Of, resulting from; or manifesting an individual's direct communion with God through contemplation, vision, an inner light, or the like, as mystical rapture.
Mystical Consciousness	Manifesting an individual's direct communion with God through contemplation, vision, an inner light, etc.
Mysticism	Belief that direct knowledge and/or experience of God is attainable.
Mythic	Existing only in imagination.
Naturalism	Doctrine denying the supernatural.
Nature	Essential character.
Nemesis	Goddess of retributive justice (Fate).
Neuralgia	Nerve pain.
Neurotic	Exhibiting a nervous disorder.
Nirvana	The ultimate state of peace and freedom; the end of suffering, desire, and the endless cycle of rebirth.
Noetic	Cognition, especially through direct and self-evident knowledge.
Normalism	The doctrine denying that anything in reality has a supernatural significance; accounts for all phenomena.
Notion	A mental apprehension; an idea.
Nuptial	Of or pertaining to marriage or the wedding ceremony.
Objective	Detached; impersonal; unprejudiced.
Obligation	Any duty imposed by law, promise, contract or social relations.
Obliterate	To erase or blot out; efface; cancel.
Obscure	Dark; dusky; not readily seen.
Obsession	Persistent and inescapable preoccupation with an idea or an emotion.
Obstinate	Tenaciously adhering to an opinion.
Obstruct	To block up; stop up or close the way.
Offhand	Without previous study or preparation.
Office	A duty, function, or service.
Omnipotent	Unlimited in power, ability, or authority; almighty.
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Omniscience	Infinite knowledge (attribute of God).
Once-Born	The character which is naturally adapted to the world; the soul which has never known deep spiritual sickness.
Ontology	The science of being or reality; the branch of knowledge that investigates the nature, essential properties, and relations of being.

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Opacity	Impervious to light.
Optimism	The doctrine that everything in nature and history is ordered for the best; the belief that good ultimately predominates over evil.
Order	Regular arrangement; system.
Orison	A prayer.
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Orthodox	According to, or congruous with, the creed of a church, the decree of a council, or the like.
Palpable	Easily perceptible by the senses.
Pang	Sudden sharp attack of any emotion.
Pantheism	The doctrine that the universe is God.
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Pantomime	A dumb show; acting without words.
Par excellence	“By way of excellence.”
Paradox	A statement that seems contradictory but is actually true.
Paramount	Highest in rank; supreme.
Partake	To take a part or share in common.
Parti Pris	Bias.
Particular	An individual fact or item.
Passive	Not active, but acted upon; affected by outside force or agency.
Pathological	Morbid; due to disease.
Pathology	Conditions produced by disease.
Peal	To sound forth, as the ringing of a bell.
Pedagogies	The art or science of teaching; instructional methods.
Pedantic	Ostentatious in learning; making a vain display of knowledge.
Peevish	Habitually fretful; hard to please.
Pensive	Thoughtfulness with sadness.
Peradventure	Chance; hap; hence, doubt; uncertainty.
Perfect	Having all the properties naturally belonging to it; complex; sound; flawless.

Peripheral	On the outer edge of a perimeter.
Permeate	To spread or diffuse itself through; to pervade.
Permutation	The arrangement of any determinate number of things in all possible orders.

Pernicious	Highly injurious or destructive in character; deadly.
Perplex	To disturb mentally; to confuse; to puzzle.
Perplexity	Bewildering; distracting uncertainty.
Pertain	Characteristic of.
Pertaining	Connected with; characteristic of.
Pertinacious	Unyielding; tenacious; persistent.
Pervade	To pass through; permeate; to be diffused throughout.
Perverse	Deviating from the right, true, correct; obstinate in the wrong; willful.
Pestilent	Injuring peace, morals, etc.; pestering; troublesome.
Phantasm	A product of fantasy.
Phenomena	Observable facts, occurrences, or circumstances that are highly unusual or unexplainable.
Phenomenon	Any object known through the senses rather than through thought or intuition.

Philistine	A person lacking in or hostile to culture; one blind to spiritual reality.
Philosophy	The science which investigates principles of reality and of human nature and conduct; practical or moral wisdom.
Piety	Dutifulness in religion; reverence for God.
Pilgrim	One who journeys (esp. to a sacred place).
Pinch	To straiten; to distress.
Pine	To yearn intensely.
Pious	Manifesting devotion to God or the gods; zealous in prayer or acts of worship.
Plaintive	Expressive of sorrow.
Pluralism	The doctrine that there is more than one kind of ultimate reality.
Poignant	Painfully moving; touching.
Poise	Balance; equilibrium; stability.
Polarize	To fix the significance of.
Polytheism	The belief in a plurality of gods.
Positivism	Philosophy that excludes the supernatural.
Possession	Fact or state of being dominated by an extraneous personality, a demon, passion, idea, or the like.
Pour encourager les autres	To encourage others
Practice	To perform repeatedly to acquire proficiency.
Precarious	Dependent on contingencies; exposed to hazards; uncertain.
Precede	To precede in time; come before.
Precedent	Something done or said that may serve as an example to authorize or justify a subsequent act of the same or analogous kind.
Predicate	The word expressing what is said of the subject.
Predispose	To incline beforehand; give a tendency.
Premise	To set forth beforehand, as introductory or as an underlying hypothesis.
Preoccupied	Previously applied to another object and so not available for use in a new sense.
Prerogative	Right to exercise a power or privilege.
Prestige	Power to command admiration; renown.
Presumptuous	Overweeningly proud; self-confident, or venturesome; overbold.
Pretension	A claim to dignity or importance (often false).
Primal	First; original; fundamental.
Primordial	Existing from the beginning; first in order; original.
Principle	A source or origin; ultimate basis.
Privation	The state of being deprived; hardship.
Prodigious	Out of the course of nature; marvelous.
Profusion	Abundance; lavish supply.
Promote	To seek to elevate, advance, or further in the estimation of others.
Promulgated	To make known by open declaration; to publish (often regarding dogmas).
Propagate	To spread from one person to another; disseminate.
Propensity	A natural inclination or bent.
Prophet	One inspired by God to speak in His name.
Proposition	A formal statement of a truth to be tested or demonstrated.
Prosody	Versification.
Prostrate	Thrown down; laid low.
Prostration	Complete exhaustion, impotence, or dejection.
Protract	To lengthen in time.
Providential	That is on is like an intervention of Providence; lucky; highly opportune.
Provisional	Temporary; serving for the time being.
Prudence	Ability to regulate or discipline oneself through the exercise of reason.
Psychical	Pertaining to the soul/mind.

Psychology	The science which treats of the mind in any of its aspects; systematic knowledge and investigation of the phenomena of consciousness and being.
Pulverize	To reduce to dust; to crush completely.
Pungent	Sharply caustic; biting.
Purgatorial	Pertaining to Purgatory; suffering that cleanses or purifies.
Purge	To cleanse or purify; to clear of guilt or sin.
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Quaff	To drink deeply.
Quality	An essential character or property.
Querulous	Habitually complaining.
Rapture	State of being rapt, or carried out of oneself, spiritual or emotional ecstasy.
Rapture	To transport with emotion, especially with joy or delight.
Raptus	Latin for “seized” or “abducted.”
Reaction	Responsive effect of stimulation.
Reanimate	Revive.
Reason	The power of inferring; intellect.
Recalcitrant	Stubbornly rebellious; obstinate in defying constituted authority; refractory.
Receptive	Able to take in, absorb, hold, or contain.
Recoil	To shrink back in fear or disgust.
Recollect	To gather again, as something that has been scattered; to recover.
Reconcile	To make consistent or congruent.
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Recriminate	To make a countercharge or accusation.
Recrystallize	To reassume or cause to reassume a fixed and definite form.
Redeem	To buy back; to save from a state of sin/debt.
Regenerate	To cause to be reborn spiritually; to reform completely.
Rejoice	To give joy to; to gladden.
Religion	The feelings, acts, and experiences of individuals in their solitude, so far as they apprehend themselves to stand in relation to whatever they may consider the divine.
Reminiscence	Act, power, or fact of recalling past experience; recollection.
Remorse	Gnawing distress from guilt.
Remuneration	Reward or pay; the 'profit' of the religious life.
Renounce	To give up; to abandon.
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Repent	To feel pain/sorrow and change direction.
Repine	To feel or express dejection or discontent; to complain; grumble.
Repose	Rest; quietness.
Reprehensible	Worthy of reproof; blame; censure.
Reproach	Disgrace or discredit.
Repudiation	Refusal to accept as true; rejection of validity or authority.
Requisite	Required by the nature of things or by circumstances; necessary.
Resign	To give up; to yield or submit.
Respite	Temporary intermission of labor.
Retardation	Slowness of development or progress.
Retreat	A place of seclusion, privacy, safety; a refuge.
Retribution	The distribution of rewards and punishments at a future judgment.
Revelation	The disclosing of what was heretofore unknown; the lifting of a veil of secrecy; a striking disclosure.

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Reverence	Honor or respect felt or manifested; deference.
Reverie	A fanciful product of the mind; a theory or notion, usually strange or impractical.
Revivalistic	Of or pertaining to an evangelistic meeting or series of meetings.
Righteous	Free from sin; virtuous.
Rigorous	Strict; severe; harsh; exact.
Robust	Strong; vigorous health.
Rogue	Knave; cheat.
Ruddy	Having a healthy reddish color.
Rudiment	An unformed or unfinished beginning; a first principle or element.
Rugged	Rough, uneven, jagged; disturbed.
Sacrament	A religious ceremony instituted by Christ.
Sacrifice	The surrender of something valued.
Sacrilegious	Violating sacred things; profane.
Sagacity	Quickness or acuteness of scent or discernment; shrewdness.
Saintliness	The collective name for the ripe fruits of religion; a character marked by charity, purity, and spiritual strength.
Sally	A sudden rushing forth of troops to attack besiegers.
Salubrious	To make merry; enliven; cheer.
Salvation	The saving of man from the spiritual consequences of sin.
Samadhi	Sanskrit word that translates to “complete absorption or union”; a high state of meditative consciousness where the mind becomes completely still, and the separation between the observer and the object of meditation dissolves into pure awareness.
Sanctify	To set apart to a sacred office or religious use.
Sanctuary	A sacred or inviolable asylum; a place of refuge.
Sanguine	Characterized by warm blood and an ardent temper; anticipating the best; not easily despondent.
Satiety	State of being satisfied.
Scandal	A stumbling block; a cause of reproach or disgrace to reason.
Scholar	One who has engaged in advanced study and acquired knowledge in a special field.
Scholastic Theism	The dominant Christian philosophy of the Middle Ages.
Scrupulous	Careful; exact.
Self	The individual ego; the subject of one's own consciousness.
Self-centered	Independent; self contained.
Self-conscious	Conscious of one's acts or states as belonging to, or originating in, oneself.
Sentient	Capable of sensation and consciousness.
Sentiment	A complex organization of ideas and instincts.
Sentimental	Having an excess of feeling; overly emotional.
Sepulchre	A tomb; a burial vault.
Serene	Bright, clear; calm, shining with clear, steady light.
Shingle	Coarse, rounded detritus or alluvial material on a seashore.
Sick Soul	A temperament which perceives the evil and suffering of the world as the essential truth of existence.
Significance	Importance; consequence.
Sine qua non	(Latin) 'Without which not'; an indispensable condition or essential element.
Skeptical	Carrying a critical attitude into an inquiry; habitually doubtful; specifically questioning the divine origin of religion due to physical causes.

Skepticism	The doctrine that all knowledge is uncertain.
Slough	To be shed or cast off, as diseased tissue.
Sluggard	A person habitually lazy, idle, and inactive.
Sociability	Sociable character, disposition, atmosphere.
Sojourn	A temporary stay; to dwell for a time.
Sole	One and only.
Solemn	Marked by grave seriousness and earnestness.
Sombre	Grave; gloomy; dull; dusky; pertaining to the melancholy temperament which perceives the darker aspects of existence.
Sophistry	Deceptive subtle, but often captious or fallacious reasoning.
Span	A brief space of time.
Speculate	To ponder a subject in its different aspects and relations.
Spirit-Return	Belief in mediumistic recall of spirits.
Spiritism	The doctrine that all that exists is spirit; idealism, esp. metaphysical idealism.
Spiritual	Of the soul or its affections as influenced by the divine spirit.
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Sporadic	Occurring occasionally or in scattered instances.
Spurious	Not proceeding from the true source; not genuine; counterfeit; false.
Spurn	To reject with disdain.
Square	To make even; to balance accounts.
Stalwart	Strong and brave; valiant.
Starbuck, Edwin D.	Author, The Psychology of Religion - the manuscripts.
Stifle	To stop the breath of; to choke; to suffocate.
Stoic	One who endures pain without complaint.
Stratagem	A plan or scheme (esp. military) to deceive an enemy.
Strenuous	Eagerly pressing or urgent; zealous; ardent. Marked by requiring zealous energy.
Stupefaction	Insensibility of mind.
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Subjective	Conditioned by personal characteristics of mind, or by particular states of mind.
Subjoin	To annex; to append.
Subliminal	Existing beneath the threshold of consciousness; pertaining to those mental processes which occur outside of immediate awareness.
Submission	The act of yielding to power or authority.
Subsistence	Means of support; provisions; supplies.
Subtle	Delicate; elusive; difficult to perceive.
Suffer	To undergo pain or distress.
Sufferance	Pain; misery; suffering.
Suffuses	To overspread, as with a fluid.
Sufi	A Sufi Muslim is a practitioner of Sufism, the mystical tradition of Islam. Sufis focus on the inner, spiritual dimension of the faith, seeking a direct, personal experience of God through self-purification, intense love for the Divine, and ascetic discipline.
Sundry	Various; miscellaneous.
Superficial	Of or pertaining to the surface only; not penetrating below.
Superfluity	Superabundance, as of money, possessions, etc.
Supernatural	Of, or proceeding from, an order of existence beyond nature, or the visible and observable universe.
Supersensible	Above that which is apparent to the senses; spiritual; psychical.
Superstitions	Excessive belief in the supernatural; beliefs not based on reason.
Suppose	To lay down or assume as true; to imagine.

Survey	A comprehensive, critical inspection to provide exact information.
Susceptible	Such in constitution or temperament as to be unresistant; exposed or liable through weakness, sensitiveness, etc.
Sway	Controlling influence or power.
Tactile	Pertaining to the sense of touch.
Tedious	Tiresome; boring.
Temperament	The peculiar physical and mental character of an individual; the type of mental reactions characteristic of an individual.
Terminus	The end or limit; the final goal.
Theism	Belief in the existence of one God.
Theology	The science of God or of religion; the intellectual formulation of religious belief.
Therapeutics	Medical science which treats of the application of remedies for diseases.
Thought-Transference	The communication of information, thoughts, or feelings from one mind to another without using known physical or sensory channels.
Threshhold	The entering or beginning point; outset.
Timorous	Full of fear or fears; timid.
Tragic	Characterized, or involving, death or calamity or the suffering implied in tragedy.
Tramp	To travel about on foot.
Transcend	To rise above or beyond the limits or powers of; to exceed.
Transcendent	Surpassing others; supreme; existing beyond the limits of the material universe.
Transcendental	Beyond the natural or rational; remote from practical affairs or human comprehension; ultimate reality.
Transform	Change in nature, disposition, heart, or the like; convert.
Transgress	To pass over or go beyond a limit; to sin.
Transiency	Passing quickly from existence; ephemeral; transitory; short-lived.
Transmute	To change from one nature, form, substance, or species, into another; convert.
Transport	Vehement emotion; ecstasy; rapture.
Trepidation	State of alarm or trembling fear.
Twice-Born	The character which must suffer and dissolve before it can find peace; the soul that is born first into the natural world, and second into the spiritual.
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Ultimatum	A final proposition or condition.
Uncouth	Unfamiliar or strange; hence mysterious.
Undifferentiated	Not distinguished by difference.
Unearth	To expose and bring to light.
Unplumbed	Never explored as to depth, intensity, etc.
Vagary	An eccentric manifestation, action, notion, etc.
Valetudinarian	A person who is unduly anxious about their health; a spiritual invalid.
Value	The quality or fact of being excellent, useful, or desirable; intrinsic worth.
Valved	A device in horns and trumpets that quickly varies the tube length in order to change the fundamental tone.
Vanity	Emptiness; or, excessive pride in one's appearance.
Vedanta	[A system of Hindu philosophy concerned with ultimate reality and the nature of being.]
Vedantism	A system on monistic or pantheistic philosophy, based on the Upanishads.

Vedantist	A follower or scholar of Vedanta, an ancient and orthodox school of Hindu philosophy; one dedicated to discovering the inner meaning of sacred Vedic texts.
Veracious	Truthful; honest.
Verify	To prove to be true; to confirm; substantiate.
Versed	Acquainted or familiar from experience, study, or practice.
Vestige	A trace, mark, or visible sign; a trace or footprint.
Vex	To trouble; to torment; to irritate.
Vexation	A cause of trouble or disquiet; affliction.
Vicarious	Acting on behalf of or as representing another.
Vice	State of being given up to evil conduct or habit; depravity; wickedness.
Vicissitudes	Changes of fortune and/or condition.
Vile	Morally base; disgusting.
Vindicate	To defend successfully against accusation.
Vista	A long view or prospect.
Vitiate	To render ineffective; to spoil; to destroy the validity of.
Vivify	To make alive; to animate.
Void	[To make empty or invalid.]
Volition	The act of willing or choosing.
Votary	One devoted, consecrated, or engaged by a vow or promise; hence, a devoted adherent, student, worshiper, etc.
Vouchers	Witnesses; guarantors; those who bear witness to the truth.
Vouchsafe	To condescend to grant; concede; bestow.
Wafted	To be moved, or to pass on or as on a buoyant medium; to float.
Werthurtheil	German for "value judgement".
Wesleyan	Follower of John Wesley; a Methodist.
Whiff	A puff, gust, or wave of odor.
Wont	Using or doing customarily.
Wretch	One sunk in vice or degradation.
Yoke	A wooden crosspiece for oxen; a symbol of burden.
Zeal	Eager desire; ardor; spiritual passion.
Zest	Enhanced taste; keen enjoyment.
Zur Diätetik der Seele	Popular work treating the border territory between philosophy and medicine. Published 1838.