

**religious**1. [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] *n* (*pl* без измен.)

- 1) монах, монахиня
- 2) *собир.* монахи, монашество
- 3) (the religious) верующие

2. [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] *a*

- 1) религиозный, относящийся к религии  
early religious beliefs - религиозные представления в древности  
a religious ceremony - религиозный обряд
- 2) верующий, религиозный  
he is not religious - он не верит в бога
2. 1) добросовестный, строгий  
religious exactitude - скрупулёзная точность  
religious neatness - невероятная аккуратность
- 2) неукоснительный (*о выполнении или уплате долга и т. п.*); дотошный  
to take religious care of smth. - неукоснительно /дотошно/ заботиться о чём-л.
3. монашеский  
religious house - монастырь  
religious habit - монашеское платье  
religious order - монашеский орден
4. *поэт.* благоговейный

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**re-li-gious** *BrE* [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

1. **only before noun** connected with religion or with a particular religion
  - **religious beliefs/faith**
  - **religious education** (= education about religion)
  - **religious instruction** (= instruction in a particular religion)
  - religious groups
  - objects which have a religious significance
  - a religious house (= a ↑monastery or ↑convent)
2. (*of a person*) believing strongly in the existence of a god or gods

**Syn:** ↑devout

- His wife is very religious.

Derived Word ↑religiousnessWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **religiosus**, from **religio** ‘**reverence**, **obligation**’, perhaps based on Latin **religare** ‘**to bind**’.Thesaurus:**religious** [**religious religiousness**] *adj.* **only before noun**

- religious beliefs/faith

**sacred** • • **holy** • • **theological** •**Opp:** secularreligious/sacred **music/art**a sacred/holy **shrine/temple/relic/river/book/thing**Example Bank:

- He distanced himself from the strictly religious aspects of the music.
- Yoga is essentially religious and not just physical.
- a deeply religious person
- the specifically religious content of the programme
- religious beliefs/faith
- religious education
- religious groups/leaders
- religious instruction

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**re-li-gious** **S2 W2** /rɪˈlɪdʒəs/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective***[Word Family:** *noun:* ↑religion, ↑religiosity; *adverb:* ↑religiously; *adjective:* ↑religious ≠ ↑irreligious]

1. relating to religion in general or to a particular religion:

- I don't share her religious beliefs.
- a religious school
- the dates of major religious observances such as Easter or Christmas

2. believing strongly in your religion and obeying its rules carefully:

- a deeply religious person

**—religiosity** /rɪˌlɪdʒiˈɒsɪti, rɪˌlɪdʒiˈɒsɪti \$ -ˈlɑːsɪ/ *noun* [uncountable]

# THESAURUS

## ■relating to religion

- **religious** relating to religion: the country's religious leaders | the importance of religious freedom
- **spiritual** relating to matters of the human spirit, rather than the physical world: The Dalai Lama is the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet. | We tend to ignore people's spiritual needs, and focus too much on material things. | spiritual values
- **holy** [usually before noun] connected with God and religion, and therefore treated in a special way – used especially in the following phrases: the Holy Bible | the holy city of Mecca | a Hindu holy man | They believe they are fighting a holy war. | The priest puts some holy water on the child's head.
- **sacred** connected with God and religion, and therefore treated in a special way – used especially in the following phrases: This place is sacred to both Jews and Muslims. | In India, cows are considered sacred. | the Hindu sacred texts | sacred music | a sacred ritual
- **theological** relating to the study of religion or to religious beliefs: a theological debate | theological training
- **secular** not relating to religion or controlled by a religious authority: secular education | secular matters | In the UK we live in a much more secular society.

## ■believing in a religion

- **religious** believing strongly in a religion and obeying its rules: My father was a very religious man. | Are you religious?
- **devout** having a very strong belief in a religion: a devout Catholic
- **orthodox** believing in the traditional beliefs, laws, and practices of a religion: orthodox Jews

## ■not believing in God or religion

- **atheist** *noun, adjective* someone who does not believe that God exists: She says she is an atheist. | atheist propaganda
- **agnostic** *noun, adjective* someone who believes that people cannot know whether God exists or not: I think I'd describe myself as an agnostic. | a group of prominent agnostic scientists

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