

sanctity['sæŋktiti] *n*

1. святость, безгрешность

angelic sanctity - ангельская чистота

the sanctity of smb.'s life - чистота/безупречность/ чьей-л. жизни

2. священность; неприкословенность

the sanctity of an oath [of a treaty] - священность клятвы [договора]

the sanctity of the home - неприкословенность домашнего очага

to uphold the sanctity of the marriage ties - поддерживать священные узы брака

3. *pl* священные обязанности, священный долг

4. святыня

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sanc-ti-ty [sanctity sanctities] *BrE* ['sæŋktəti] *NAmE* ['sæŋktəti] noun

uncountable

1. ~ (of sth) the state of being very important and worth protecting

• the **sanctity of marriage**

• I believe in the sanctity of human life.

2. the state of being holy

• a life of sanctity, like that of St Francis

• the sanctity of the Church

• Abydos was a place of sanctity for the ancient Egyptians.

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'saintliness'): from Old French **saintite**, reinforced by Latin **sanctitas**, from **sanctus** 'holy'.**sanctity**

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sanc-ti-ty /'sæŋktəti, 'sæŋkt̩əti/ *BrE* *AmE* noun [uncountable][Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: **sainteté**, from Latin **sanctitas**, from **sanctus**; ⇒ ↑**saint**]1. the **sanctity of life/marriage etc** the quality that makes life, marriage etc so important that it must be respected and preserved:
the sanctity of the Constitution2. **formal** the holy or religious character of a person or place ⇒ **sacred**:
an aura of sanctity**sanctity**

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