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What does devotion mean

Also found in: Thesaurus, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (dĭ-vō′shən)n.1. Ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person or principle.2. Religious ardor or zeal; piety.3. a. often devotions An act of religious observance or prayer, especially when private.b. A religious text presenting a prayer, frequently accompanied by an introductory scriptural passage and a homiletic gloss.4. The act of devoting or the state of being devoted: the devotion of resources to research.American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (dɪˈvəʊʃən) n1. (often foll by to) strong attachment (to) or affection (for a cause, person, etc) marked by dedicated loyalty2. (Ecclesiastical Terms) religious zeal; piety3. (Ecclesiastical Terms) (often plural) religious observance or prayersCollins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (dɪˈvoʊ ʃən) n. 1. earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc. 2. profound dedication, esp. to religion; consecration. 4. Often, devotions. religious observance or worship; a form of prayer or worship for special use. [1150–1200; (< Anglo-French) < Late Latin] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. Noun1.devotion - feelings of ardent love; "their devotion to each other was beautiful"love - a strong positive emotion of regard and affection; "his love for his work"; "children need a lot of love"2.devotion - commitment to some purpose; "the devotion of his time and wealth to science"allegiance, commitment, loyalty, dedication - the act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action; "his long commitment to public service"; "they felt no loyalty to a losing team"cultism - devotion to the doctrine or a cult or to the practices of a culthobbyism - a devotion to hobbiesfetich - excessive or irrational devotion to some activity; "made a fetish of cleanliness"party spirit - devotion to a political party3.devotion - religious zeal; the willingness to serve Godidolatry, veneration, cultismworship - the activity of worshippingBible-worship, bibliolatry - the worship of the Biblegrammatolatry, verbolatry, word-worship - the worship of wordssymbolatry, symbololatry, symbol-worship - the worship of symbolsanthropolatry, worship of man - the worship of human beingsgynaeolatry, gyneolatry, woman-worship - the worship of womenlordolatry - the worship of a lord because of his rank or titlemiracle-worship, thaumatolatry - the worship of miraclesplace-worship, topolatry - the worship of places4.devotion - (usually plural) religious observance or prayers (usually spoken silently); "he returned to his devotions"prayer, supplication - the act of communicating with a deity (especially as a petition or in adoration or contrition or thanksgiving); "the priest sank to his knees in prayer"bhakti - (Hinduism) loving devotion to a deity leading to salvation and nirvana; open to all persons independent of caste or sexnovena - a Roman Catholic devotion consisting of prayers on nine consecutive daysStations, Stations of the Cross - (Roman Catholic Church) a devotion consisting of fourteen prayers said before a series of fourteen pictures or carvings representing successive incidents during Jesus' passage from Pilate's house to his crucifixion at CalvaryBased on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. love, passion, affection, intensity, attachment, zeal, fondness, fervour, adoration, ardour, earnestness She was flattered by his devotion.2. dedication, commitment, loyalty, allegiance, fidelity, adherence, constancy, faithfulness devotion to the cause dedication neglect, disregard, indifference, carelessness, inattention, laxity, thoughtlessness, laxness3. worship, reverence, spirituality, holiness, piety, sanctity, adoration, godliness, religiousness, devoutness He was kneeling by his bed in an attitude of devotion. worship disrespect, irreverence, impietyCollins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002noun1. Deep and ardent affection:adoration, love, worship. The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. dedicacióndevociónentregalealtadást; dálætihelgun, fórn fyrir málstaðdevozionemeditazionepietàdedizioneoppofrende kjærlighetpliktroskapselvoppofrende kjærlighetbağlılıkdüşkünlükkendini adama [dɪˈvəʊʃən] N1. (to spouse, relative, football team, pop star) (also Rel) → devoción f (to por) (to friend) → lealtad f (to a) (to studies, duty, work, cause) → dedicación f (to a)2. devotions (Rel) → oraciones fplto be at one's devotions → estar rezandoCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. 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(sometimes with to) loving and loyal. a devoted friend; I am devoted to him. toegewyde, toegeneë مُخْلِص، أمين посветен devotado oddaný, věrný ergeben hengiven; trofast αφοσιωμένος, πιστός; leal, fiel truu وفادار; صادق omistautunut attachéمסור trúr, tryggur devoto, affezionato 献身的な atsidavęs uzticīgs; piekĕries patuh toegewijdhengiven, trofastoddany صادق devotado devotat preданный oddaný, verný zvest odan tillgiven, trogen ซื่อสัตย์ sadık, bağlı 忠實的 вірний; відданий وفادار ثابت tận tụy 忠诚的2. (with to) given up (to). He is devoted to his work. toegewy wees aan كرّس حياته отдавам се dedicado oddaný eifrig opslu αφοσιωμένοςdedicado pühendunud از خود گذشته omistautunut dévoué לנאמן- ศรัทธา predan poslu odaadó berbakti hafa einlægan áhuga, hafa helgað sig e-u dedicato, consacrato 専念して atsidavęs nodevies patah semangat gehecht aan engasjert, pasjonert, oppsluktoddany قربانو dedicado devotat целиком отдающийся oddaný predan posvećen hängiven ศรัทธาแรงกล้า kendini adan відданий نزر كر دينا hết lòng 专心于...的devotee (devə'ti:) noun a keen follower; an enthusiast. a devotee of football. aanhanger, liefhebber نادِرٌ تَفْسَه، مُتَحَمِّس предан fã ctitel, vyznavač, fanda der Anhänger fan; tilhænger λάτρης; devoto innukas austaja دوستدار؛ هواخواه ihailija partisan/-ane חובב נלהב ผู้ชื่นชอบ sljedbenik rajongója vminek pengikut setia einlægur aðdáandi appassionato 献身者 가 pa garbintojas, entuziastas cienītājs; mīļotājs; entuziasts penganut fanaativrig tilhenger, entusiast entuzjasta هوا خوا fA pasionat, fan привержене nadšenec privrženec ljubitelj hängiven anhängare, fantast ผู้ชื่นชอบ taraftar; meraklı, düşkün 愛好者 захоплена (чимсь) людина; ентузіаст پر جوش پیرو tín đồ 热爱者de'votion noun1. great love. her undying devotion for her children. toegeneentheid, gehegtheid تَفْديس привърженост devoção bezmezná láska die Hingabe hengivenhed αφοσίωση, λατρείαcariño, afecto, amor kiindumus وفاداری؛ دلبستگی kiintymys dévouementמסירות ความทุ่มเทให้กับ odanost rajongás kasih sayang ást; dálæti devozione 献身的な愛 atsidavimas piekĕršanās; ziedošanās kesetiaan toewijding hengivenhet, oppofrende kjærlighet oddanie: عبادت، لموتخ، شه سرپتوب (یه جمع کی dedicação devotament привязанность bezhraničná láska vdanost privrženost tillgivenhet, kärlek ความเอาใจใส่ bağlılık, düşkünlük 熱心 відданість وابستگی ভাল্বাসা sự tận tâm 热心2. the act of devoting or of being devoted. devotion to duty. toewyding اخلاص преданост devoção oddanost der Eifer troskab αφοσίωσηdevoción, dedicación pühendumine فداکاری؛ dévouementהתמסרות ความทุ่มเทให้กับ predavanje odaadás pengabdian helgun, fórn fyrir málstað devozione 專念 atsidavimas, pasišventimas nodošanās ketaatan toewijding hengivenhet; pliktroskappoświęcenie, oddanie وقف dedicação devotament преданность oddanosť vdanost predanost hängivenhet ความเอาใจใส่ kendini adama 獻身 віддане служіння وابستگی کا عمل sự tận tụy 献身 Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. 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She, who now remembered so little of the trouble and terror of a later time, remembered those words, and laid her poor head innocently and trustingly on the bosom of the man who had spoken them..that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.Devotion borrows Music's tone, And Music took Devotion's wing; And, like the bird that hails the sun, They soar to heaven, and soaring sing."Yes, my lord, and from pure devotion to the cause, for Monsieur de Bracieux is rich."To my thinking, a woman's religion ought not to lessen her devotion to her earthly lord."You persist in deceiving yourself, monsieur, and never will accept of me the only thing I am willing to give you -- devotion."He loved her jealously, with an inextinguishable ardour and an insatiable desire - he loved her with a masterful devotion and an infinite trustfulness.Most fortunate," he said to his wife, dismissing Vronsky altogether, "that I should just have half an hour to meet you, so that I can prove my devotion," he went on in the same jesting tone.Also a basket hung over the back of a chair, in which he vainly tried to hoist his too confiding sister, who, with feminine devotion, allowed her little head to be bumped till rescued, when the young inventor indignantly remarked, "Why, Marmar, dat's my lellywaiter, and me's trying to pull her up."But if he only lives twenty-one days, he will find out that only those rare natures that are made up of pluck, endurance, devotion to duty for duty's sake, and invincible determination may hope to venture upon so tremendous an enterprise as the keeping of a journal and not sustain a shameful defeat.TO MY MOTHER TO WHOM I OWE A LIFETIME OF A MOTHER'S MOST SELF-SACRIFICING DEVOTIONThere was in it, no doubt, filial devotion, domestic attachment; there was also the fascination of one spirit by another spirit. 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Grateful to acknowledge whence his goodDescends, thither with heart, and voice, and eyesDirected in devotion, to adoreAnd worship God supreme, who made him chiefOf all his works. John Milton, Paradise Lost, b. vii. l. 514. From the full choir, when loud Hosanna’s rise,And swell the pomp of dreadful sacrifice;Amid’ that scene, if some relenting eyeGlance on the stone where our cold reliques lie,Devotion ’s self shall steal a thought from heav’n. Alexander Pope. Devotion may be considered either as an exercise of publick or private prayers at set times and occasions, or as a temper of the mind, a state and disposition of the heart, which is rightly affected with such exercises. Law on Christ’s Perfection.6. An act of reverence, respect, or ceremony. Whither away so fast?—— No farther than the Tower; and, as I guess,Upon the like devotion as yourselves,To gratulate the gentle princes there. William Shakespeare, Richard III.7. 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