

Assailed Make a concerted or violent attack on. (p22)

"bankruptcy as going human concerns" Leading to the extinction of the human species or leading to the death of the individual (p21)

Codified Arrange (laws or rules) into a systematic code. (p17)

Compulsion An irresistible urge to behave in a certain way. (p22)

Contemporary of the present time; modern. (p14)

Dilemma A difficult situation or problem. (p22)

Erratic Not even or regular in pattern or movement; (p18)

Expel to drive or force out or away; discharge or eject. (Foreward, p15)

Fervor Intense and passionate feeling. (p22)

Idioms a language, dialect, or style of speaking peculiar to a people. (p14)

"John Barleycorn" a personification of alcohol (p24)

"Last Gaspers" those with low bottom / severe consequences from drinking (p22)

Malady A disease or ailment. (p23)

Obsession Preoccupy or fill the mind continually and to a troubling extent. (p22)

Precarious dangerously likely to fall or collapse. (p21)

Prodigious Remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree. (p17)

Providence The protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power. (p21)

Rapacious Aggressively greedy or grasping. (p21)

Rigorously In an extremely thorough and careful way. (p24)

Smitten Strike with a firm blow. (p22)

Spree A sustained period of drinking (p23)

Stark Severe or bare in appearance or outline (p21)

Taproot a large, central, and dominant root from which other roots sprout laterally. (p22)

Tenets any opinion, principle, doctrine, dogma, etc., especially one held as true by members of a profession, group, or movement. (p16)

Tolerant Showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behaviour that one does not necessarily agree with. (p24)

"Two score" 40 in number (p17)

Tyrant A cruel and oppressive ruler. (p22)

Unpalatable Not pleasant to taste. (p22)

Unstinted Given without restraint (p17)

Welter Move in a turbulent fashion. (p18)

Wield Have and be able to use (power or influence) (p22)

--Definitions from Oxford Dictionary