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Abetted Encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime (p33)

Abstractions Something which exists only as an idea (p29)

Agnostic A person who believes that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of God. (p28)

Atheist A person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of god(s). (p28)

Beatitudes [Principles] The blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:3–11) (p30)

Begats [Personalities] Genealogy; Family tree, biologically; (p30)

Belaboring Argue or discuss (a subject) in excessive detail (p30)

Belligerent Hostile and aggressive. (p25)

Besetting Troubling persistently (p30)

Bewildered Confused and indecisive; puzzled (p28)

Bigotry Intolerance towards those who hold different opinions from oneself (p30)

Calamity An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress (p31)

Devout Having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment (p32)

Dilemma A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable. (p25)

Fallacy A mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound arguments (p31)

Grace A divinely given blessing (p32)

Humility The quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance. (p30)

Hypocrisy The practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. (p30)

Imploring Beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something (p32)

Infiltrate Gradually permeate or become a part of. (p27)

Innumerable Too many to be counted (p27)

John Barleycorn A personification of alcohol (p29)

Juncture A particular point in events or time. (p26)



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Morality Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior. (p30)

“Over the barrel” This is an American phrase and first appeared in the mid-20th century. It is supposed that it alludes to the actual situation of being draped over a barrel, either to empty the lungs of someone who has been close to drowning, or to give a flogging. Either way, the position of helplessness and in being under someone else's control is what is being referred to. (p25)

Piecemeal partial measures taken over a period of time (p26)

Plight A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation (p28)

Plumb Exactly (p30)

Precocious having developed certain abilities or inclinations at an earlier age than is usual or expected. (p29)

Primordial Existing at or from the beginning of time (p25)

Prodigious Remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree (p27)

Rallying Point something that makes people join together (p33)

Recriminate Make counter accusations (p31)

Renounce Formally declare one's abandonment of (p25)

“Spearhead of evolution” The currently most advanced form of a being in the process of evolutionary change (p25)

Spoils Goods stolen or taken forcibly from a person or place. (p29)

Superficial Not thorough, deep, or complete (p32)

Transcend Be or go beyond the range or limits of (p31)

Valiantly With courage or determination (p32)

Venerated Regard with great respect; (p26)

Wallowed indulge in an unrestrained way in (p32)

“Won so handsomely in a walk” Success based on little or no effort (p30)

--Definitions from Oxford Dictionary

