

Need another word that means the same as “heresy”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “heresy” in this overview.

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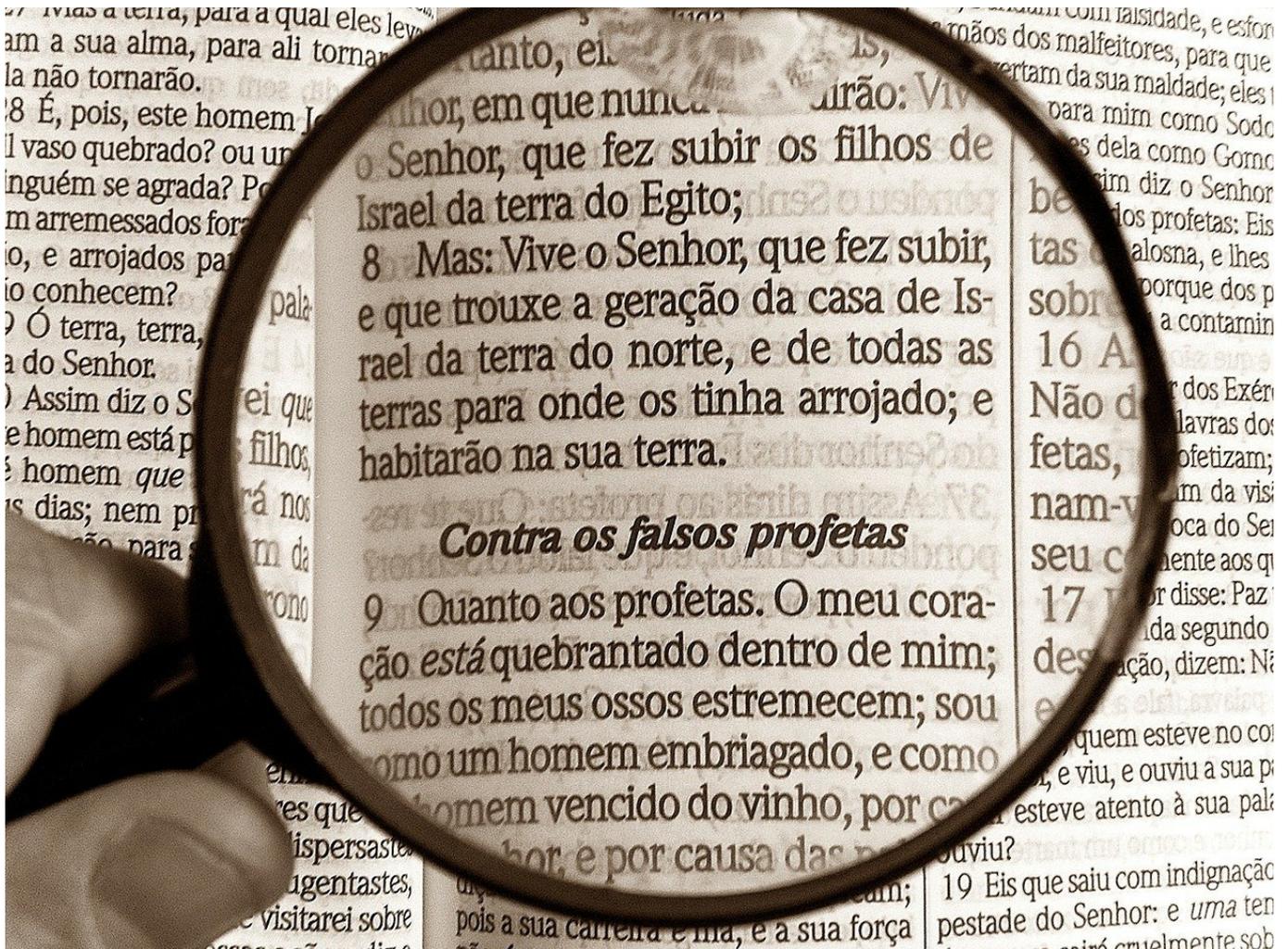
The synonyms of “Heresy” are: heterodoxy, unorthodoxy, dissension, dissent, dissidence, blasphemy, nonconformity, apostasy, freethinking, schism, faction

Heresy as a Noun

Definitions of "Heresy" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “heresy” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Opinion profoundly at odds with what is generally accepted.*
- *Belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine.*
- *A belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion.*
- *Any opinions or doctrines at variance with the official or orthodox position.*



Synonyms of "Heresy" as a noun (11 Words)

- apostasy** The abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief or principle.
*The execution of their leader for **apostasy** brought widespread criticism.*
- blasphemy** The action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk.
*He was detained on charges of **blasphemy**.*
- dissension** Disagreement that leads to discord.
*These issues caused bitter **dissension** in the party.*
- dissent** The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent.
*There was no **dissent** from this view.*

dissidence	Disagreement; especially disagreement with the government. <i>The dissidence of the intellectuals.</i>
<u>faction</u>	A dissenting clique. <i>The left wing faction of the party.</i>
freethinking	The doctrine that reason is the right basis for regulating conduct.
heterodoxy	Deviation from accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs. <i>His work was marked by elements of theological heterodoxy.</i>
nonconformity	Failure or refusal to conform to a prevailing rule or practice. <i>Youngsters are rejecting rebellion and nonconformity in favour of becoming model citizens.</i>
schism	The formal separation of a Church into two Churches or the secession of a group owing to doctrinal and other differences. <i>The persistence of this group could produce schism within society.</i>
unorthodoxy	The quality of being contrary to what is usual, traditional, or accepted. <i>The unorthodoxy of his style makes him stand out.</i>

Usage Examples of "Heresy" as a noun

- *The doctrine was denounced as a heresy by the Pope.*
- *Huss was burned for heresy.*
- *The heresy of being uncommitted to the right political dogma.*

Associations of "Heresy" (30 Words)

apostasy	The state of having rejected your religious beliefs or your political party or a cause (often in favor of opposing beliefs or causes). <i>The execution of their leader for apostasy brought widespread criticism.</i>
atheistic	Related to or characterized by or given to atheism. <i>Atheistic scientists.</i>
<u>blasphemy</u>	Blasphemous language (expressing disrespect for God or for something sacred). <i>He was detained on charges of blasphemy.</i>
deist	Of or relating to deism.
<u>deny</u>	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>There was no way that I was going to deny myself ice cream.</i>
<u>devout</u>	Sincerely earnest. <i>She was a devout Catholic.</i>

disavow	Deny any responsibility or support for. <i>Her husband disavowed her after 30 years of marriage and six children.</i>
disavowal	The denial of any responsibility or support for something; repudiation. <i>His disavowal of his previous writings.</i>
disclaim	Make a disclaimer about. <i>He disclaimed any responsibility.</i>
disinherit	Prevent deliberately (as by making a will) from inheriting. <i>The Duke is seeking to disinherit his eldest son.</i>
disown	Cast off. <i>Lovell's rich family had disowned him because of his marriage.</i>
divine	Resulting from divine providence. <i>The divine capacity for love.</i>
ecumenism	(Christianity) the doctrine of the ecumenical movement that promotes cooperation and better understanding among different religious denominations: aimed at universal Christian unity.
heathen	Relating to heathens. <i>My brother and I were raised as my grandma puts it as heathens.</i>
heterodoxy	Deviation from accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs. <i>His work was marked by elements of theological heterodoxy.</i>
impiety	Unrighteousness by virtue of lacking respect for a god. <i>He blamed the fall of the city on the impiety of the people.</i>
liturgy	A religious service conducted according to a liturgy. <i>The Church of England liturgy.</i>
orthodoxy	The quality of conforming to orthodox theories, doctrines, or practices. <i>She was brought up in orthodoxy.</i>
pagan	Relating to pagans or their beliefs. <i>A pagan god.</i>
pilgrimage	Go on a pilgrimage. <i>His passion was opera and he made annual pilgrimages to Bayreuth.</i>
proselytize	Advocate or promote (a belief or course of action). <i>Davis wanted to share his concept and proselytize his ideas.</i>
religion	A strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny. <i>The world's great religions.</i>
religious	A member of a religious order who is bound by vows of poverty and chastity and obedience. <i>Both men were deeply religious and moralistic.</i>

<u>renounce</u>	Reject or abandon (a cause, bad habit, or way of life). <i>These agreements were renounced after the fall of the Tsarist regime.</i>
repudiate	Refuse to fulfil or discharge (an agreement, obligation, or debt). <i>The minister repudiated allegations of human rights abuses.</i>
sacrilege	Violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred. <i>Putting ecclesiastical vestments to secular use was considered sacrilege.</i>
<u>sacrosanct</u>	Must be kept sacred. <i>The individual's right to work has been upheld as sacrosanct.</i>
saintly	Marked by utter benignity; resembling or befitting an angel or saint. <i>A crypt for some saintly relic.</i>
<u>sanctity</u>	The quality of being holy. <i>The sanctity of human life.</i>