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n.

1. **God**

a. A being conceived as the perfect, omnipotent, omniscient originator and ruler of the universe, the principal object of faith and worship in monotheistic religions.

b. The force, effect, or a manifestation or aspect of this being.
2. A being of supernatural powers or attributes, believed in and worshiped by a people, especially a male deity thought to control some part of nature or reality.
3. An image of a supernatural being; an idol.
4. One that is worshiped, idealized, or followed: *Money was their god.*

[Middle English, from Old English; see **gheu**(ə)- in **Indo-European roots**.]

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god (gɒd)

n

1. (Ecclesiastical Terms) a supernatural being, who is worshipped as the controller of some part of the universe or some aspect of life in the world or is the personification of some force.
2. (Ecclesiastical Terms) an image, idol, or symbolic representation of such a deity
3. any person or thing to which excessive attention is given: *money was his god.*
4. a man who has qualities regarded as making him superior to other men
5. (Theatre) (*in plural*) the gallery of a theatre

[Old English *god*; related to Old Norse *goth*, Old High German *got*, Old Irish *guth* voice]

God (gɒd)

n

1. (Theology) *theol* the sole Supreme Being, eternal, spiritual, and transcendent, who is the Creator and ruler of all and is infinite in all attributes; the object of worship in monotheistic religions
2. **play God** to behave in an imperious or superior manner

interj

an oath or exclamation used to indicate surprise, annoyance, etc (and in such expressions as **My God!** or **God Almighty!**)

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God (god)

n.

1. the creator and ruler of the universe; Supreme Being.
2. (*l.c.*)

a. one of several immortal powers, esp. one with male attributes, presiding over some portion of worldly affairs; deity.

b. the image of such a deity; idol.
3. (*l.c.*) any deified person or object.
4. *Christian Science.* the Supreme Being considered with reference to the sum of His attributes.

interj.

5. (used to express disappointment, disbelief, frustration, or the like.)

[before 900; Middle English, Old English; c. Old Frisian, Old Saxon *god*, Old High German *got*, Old Norse *goth*, *guth*, Gothic *guth*]

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Noun

1. **God** - the supernatural being conceived as the perfect and omnipotent and omniscient originator and ruler of the universe; the object of worship in monotheistic religions

Supreme Being

2. **god** - any supernatural being worshipped as controlling some part of the world or some aspect of life or who is the personification of a force

deity, divinity, immortal

pantheon - all the gods of a religion

spiritual being, supernatural being - an incorporeal being believed to have powers to affect the course of human events

daemon, demigod - a person who is part mortal and part god

sea god - a deity that personifies the sea and is usually believed to live in or to control the sea

sun god - a god that personifies the sun or is otherwise associated with the sun

Celtic deity - a deity worshipped by the Celts

Egyptian deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Egyptians

Semitic deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Semites

Hindu deity - a deity worshipped by the Hindus

Persian deity - a deity worshiped by the ancient Persians

Chinese deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Chinese

Japanese deity - a deity worshipped by the Japanese

goddess - a female deity

earth god, earth-god - a god of fertility and vegetation

demiurge - a subordinate deity, in some philosophies the creator of the universe

Graeco-Roman deity, Greco-Roman deity - a deity of classical mythology

Greek deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Greeks

Roman deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Romans

Norse deity - a deity worshipped by the ancient Norsemen

Teutonic deity - (German mythology) a deity worshipped by the ancient Teutons

Anglo-Saxon deity - (Anglo-Saxon mythology) a deity worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons

Phrygian deity - deity of the ancient Phrygians of west central Asia Minor

saint - a person who has died and has been declared a saint by canonization

god of war, war god - a god worshipped as giving victory in war

snake god, zombi, zombie - a god of voodoo cults of African origin worshipped especially in West Indies

3. **god** - a man of such superior qualities that he seems like a deity to other people; "he was a god among men"

higher-up, superior, superordinate - one of greater rank or station or quality

4. **god** - a material effigy that is worshipped; "thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image"; "money was his god"

graven image, idol

effigy, simulacrum, image - a representation of a person (especially in the form of sculpture); "the coin bears an effigy of Lincoln"; "the emperor's tomb had his image carved in stone"

golden calf - (Old Testament) an idol made by Aaron for the Israelites to worship; destroyed by Moses; it is now used to refer to anything worshipped undeservedly

joss - a Chinese god worshipped in the form of an idol

Juggernaut - a crude idol of Krishna



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god

noun deity, immortal, divinity, divine being, supreme being *Zeus, king of the gods* **see the Fates, the Graces, the Muses**

Quotations

"As flies to wanton boys are we to the gods;"

"They kill us for their sport" [William Shakespeare *King Lear*]

"Heaven always bears some proportion to earth. The god of the cannibal will be a cannibal, of the crusader a crusader, and of the merchants a merchant" [Ralph Waldo Emerson *The Conduct of Life*]

"If the triangles were to make a god, he would have three sides" [Montesquieu *Lettres Persanes*]

Gods and Goddesses

Aztec Acolmiztli, Acolnahuacatl, Amimitl, Atl, Atlaua, Camaxtli, Centeotl, Centzonuitznaua, Chalchiuhtlatonal, Chalchiuhtlicue, Chalchiutotolin, Chalmecacihuilt, Chantico, Chicomecoatl, Chicomexochtli, Chiconahui, Cihuacoatl, Coatlicue, Cochimetl, Coyolxauhqui, Ehecatl, Huehuetotl, Huitzilopochtli, Huixtocihuatl, Ilamatecuhtli, Inr

Egyptian Anubis, Hathor, Horus, Isis, Maat, Osiris, Ptah, Ra *or* Amen-Ra, Re, Serapis, Set, Thoth

Greek Aeoluswinds Aphroditelove and beauty Apollolight, youth, and music Areswar Artemishunting and the moon Asclepiushealing Athene *or* Pallas Athenewisdom Bacchuswine Boreasnorth wind Cronosfertility of the earth Demeteragriculture Dionysuswine Eosdawn Eroslove Fatesdestiny Gaea *or* Gaiathe earth Gracescharm ar

Hindu Agni, Brahma, Devi, Durga, Ganesa, Hanuman, Indra, Kali, Kama, Krishna, Lakshmi, Maya, Rama, Siva *or* Shiva, Ushas, Varuna, Vishnu

Incan Gods and Goddesses Apo, Apocatequil, Apu Illapu, Apu Punchau, Catequil, Cavillaca, Chasca, Chasca Coyllur, Cocomama, Coniraya, Copacati, Ekkeko, Huaca, Illapa, Inti, Ka-Ata-Killa Kon, Mama Alpa, Mama Cocha, Mama Oello, Mama Pacha, Mama Quilla, Manco Capac, Pachacamac, Pariacaca, Paricia, Punchau, Supay, Urcaguary, Vichama, Viracocha, Zaramama

Mayan Ac Yanto, Acan, Acat, Ah Bolom Tzacab, Ah Cancum, Ah Chun Caan, Ah Chuy Kak, Ah Ciliz, Ah Cun Can, Ah Cuxtal, Ah Hulneb, Ah Kin, Ah Mun, Ah Muzencab, Ah Peku, Ah Puch, Ah Tabai, Ah Uincir Dz’acab, Ah Uuc Ticab, Ahau-Kin, Ahmakiq, Ahulane, Ajbit, Akhushtal, Alaghom Naom, Alom, Backlum Chaam, Balam, Bitol, Buluc Chabtan, Cabaguil, Cakulha, Camaxtli, Camazotz, Caprakan, Cauac, Chac, Chac Uayab Xoc, Chamer, Chibirias, Cit Bolon Tum, Cizin, Colel Cab, Colop U Uichkin, Coyopa, Cum Hau, Ekchuah, Ghanan, Gucumatz, Hacha'kyum, I-u-Uayeyab, Kan-xib-yui, Kianto, K’in, Kinich Ahau, Kukulcan, Mulac, Naum, Nohochacyum, Tlacolotl, Tohil, Tzakol, Votan, Xaman Ek, Yaluk, Yum Caax, Zotz

Norse Aegir, Aesir, Balder, Bragi, Frey *or* Freyr, Freya *or* Freyja, Frigg *or* Frigga, Hel *or* Hela, Heimdall, Heimdal, *or* Heimdallr, Idun *or* Ithunn, Loki, Njord *or* Njorth, Norns, Odin *or* Othin, Thor, Tyr *or* Tyrre, Vanir

Roman Aesculapiusmedicine Apollolight, youth, and music Auroradawn Bacchuswine Bellonawar Bona Deafertility Ceresagriculture Cupidlove Cybelenature Dianahunting and the moon Faunusforests Florafflowers Janusdoors and beginnings Junoqueen of the gods Jupiter *or* Joveking of the gods Lareshousehold Lunamoon Marsv

God *noun*

Related words

adjective divine

fear theophobia

Quotations

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" *Bible: Psalms*

"God is seen God"

"In the star, in the stone, in the flesh, in the soul and the clod" [Robert Browning *Men and Women*]

"You cannot plumb the depths of the human heart, nor find out what a man is thinking; how do you expect to search out God, who made all these things, and find out his mind or comprehend his thoughts?" *Apocrypha: Judith*

"If God did not exist, man would have to invent him" [Voltaire *Épître CIV à l'auteur du livre des trois imposteurs*]

"God moves in a mysterious way"

"His wonders to perform" [William Cowper *Light Shining Out of Darkness*]

"The voice of the people is the voice of God" [Alcuin *Epistles*]

"God is but a word invented to explain the world" [Lamartine *Nouvelle harmonies poétiques et religieuses*]

"Thou shalt have one God only; who"

"Would be at the expense of two?" [Arthur Hugh Clough *The Latest Decalogue*]

"God is subtle, but he is not malicious" [Albert Einstein]

"God, to me, it seems,"

"is a verb"

"not a noun,"

"proper or improper" [R. Buckminster Fuller *No More Secondhand God*]

"Theist and Atheist: The fight between them is as to whether God shall be called God or shall have some other name" [Samuel Butler *Note-books*]

"It is an insult to God to believe in God" [Galen Strawson]

"God and the doctor we alike adore"

"But only when in danger, not before;"

"The danger o'er, both are alike requited,"

"God is forgotten, and the Doctor slighted" [John Owen *Epigrams*]

"Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me" [Alice Walker *The Color Purple*]

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Translations

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Spanish / Español

dios

god [god] *N*

1. → dios *m*
God → **Dios** *m*
(my) God!; *good God!* → ¡Dios mio!, ¡santo Dios!
God forbid → ¡Dios me libre!
he thinks he's God's gift to women → se cree que lo creó Dios para ser la felicidad de las mujeres
God help them if that's what they think → que Dios les ayude si piensan así
I hope to god she'll be happy → Dios quiera que sea feliz
God (only) knows → sólo Dios sabe, sabe Dios
what in God's name is he doing? → ¿qué demonios está haciendo?

please God! → ¡quiera Dios!
for God's sake! → ¡por Dios!
thank God! → ¡gracias a Dios!
God willing → si Dios quiere, Dios mediante
God helps those who help themselves → a quien madruga Dios le ayuda
see also forbid 2
2. the gods (*Theat*) → el gallinero, el paraíso

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God (god) *noun*
1. (*with capital*) the creator and ruler of the world (in the Christian, Jewish *etc* religions). **Dios**
2. (*feminine* **'goddess**) a supernatural being who is worshipped. *the gods of Greece and Rome.* **dios; diosa**
'godly *adjective*
religious. *a godly man/life.* **piadoso**
'godliness *noun*
piedad
'godchild, 'goddaughter, 'godson *nouns*
a child who has a godparent or godparents. **ahijado; ahijada**
'godfather, 'godmother, 'godparent *nouns*
a person who, at a child's baptism, promises to take an active interest in its welfare. **padrino; madrina**
'godsend *noun*
a very welcome piece of unexpected good luck. *Your cheque was an absolute godsend.* **regalo llovido del cielo, bendición**

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