

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Metaphysical Edition  
Week 20 (Monday, Feb. 5, 2007)

1. **Anagogic** – *N.* A mystical interpretation of a word, passage, or text, especially scriptural analysis that detects allusions to heaven or the afterlife
2. **Animism** – *N.* The belief that all natural objects and the universe itself have souls
3. **Apocalypse** – *N.* A cosmic cataclysm in which God destroys the ruling powers of evil
4. **Apostate** – *N.* A disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause, religion, political party or friend
5. **Apotheosis** – *N.* A model of excellence or perfection of a kind
6. **Atone** – *V.* To turn away from sin or to repent
7. **Auspice** – *N.* A favorable omen
8. **Deity** – *N.* A god or goddess
9. **Ethereal** – *Adj.* Of the celestial spheres; heavenly
10. **Expiate** – *V.* To make amends; atone
11. **Hallow** – *V.* To render holy by means of religious rites
12. **Heathen** – *N.* One who doesn't recognize the God of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam
13. **Heresy** – *N.* A belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion
14. **Kismet** – *N.* 'Fate' in Arabic, Urdu, and Hindi (*last two are the same language!*); the will of God
15. **Mammonism** – *N.* Devotion to the pursuit of wealth; worldliness
16. **Manitou** – *N.* A deity or spirit (*see 8*)
17. **Oracular** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or being an oracle
18. **Perdition** – *N.* Loss of the soul; eternal damnation; Hell
19. **Pious** – *Adj.* Religious
20. **Prescience** – *N.* Knowledge of actions or events before they occur; foresight
21. **Recreant** – *N.* Unfaithful or disloyal to a belief, duty, or cause; apostate (*see 4*)
22. **Sacrilege** – *N.* Blasphemous behavior; misuse of something sacred
23. **Sacrosanct** – *Adj.* Regarded as sacred and inviolable
24. **Secular** – *Adj.* Worldly rather than spiritually; not specific to any religion
25. **Serendipity** – *N.* Good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries
26. **Veneration** – *N.* A profound emotion inspired by a deity