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n. pl. **e·piph·a·nies**

- 1. Epiphany** A Christian feast celebrating the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi, traditionally observed on January 6.
- 2.** A revelatory manifestation of a divine being.
- 3.** A sudden insight or intuitive understanding: "*He had a painful epiphany about the absurdity of the job and quit*" (Aleksandar Hemon).

[Middle English *epiphanie*, from Old French, from Late Latin *epiphania*, from Greek *epiphaneia*, manifestation, from *epiphainesthai*, to appear : *epi-*, forth; see [EPI](#) + *phainein*, *phan-*, to show; see **bhā**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ep'i·phan ic (ěp'ə-făn ĭk) *adj.*

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