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blas·pheme  (blăs-fēm , blăs fēm')

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v. blas·phemed, blas·phem·ing, blas·phemes

v.tr.

1. To speak of (God or a sacred entity) in an irreverent, impious manner.

2. To revile; execrate.

v.intr.

To speak blasphemy.

[Middle English *blasfemen*, from Old French *blasfemer*, from Late Latin *blasphēmāre*, from Greek *blasphēmein*, from *blasphēmos*, evil-speaking, blasphemous; see **bhā-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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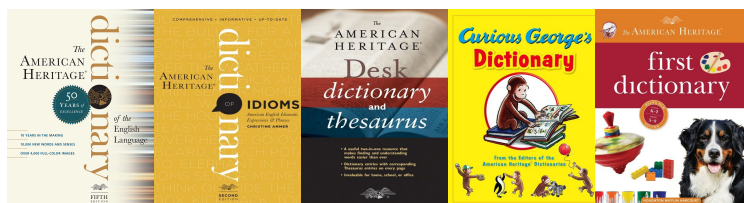
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