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faith  (fāth)

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n.

1.

a. Belief in God or in a set of religious doctrines.

b. A set of religious doctrines; a body of dogma: *adhered to the Muslim faith.*

c. often **Faith Christianity** Secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God's will viewed as a theological virtue.

2. Confident or unquestioning belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing. See Synonyms at [belief](#), [trust](#).

3. Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance: *keeping faith with one's supporters; refused to break faith with his friends.*

Idioms:

in faith

Indeed; truly.

on faith

With willing trust in another: *You'll have to accept my promise on faith.*

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *fed*, from Latin *fidēs*; see **bheidh-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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