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n.
Reliance on faith alone rather than scientific reasoning or philosophy in questions of religion.

[Probably from French *fidéisme*, from Latin *fidēs*, faith; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fi de·ist *n.*
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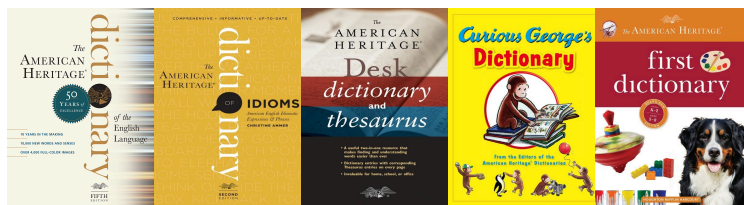
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