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n.

1. *Often Offensive* An unbeliever with respect to a particular religion, especially Christianity or Islam.
2. One who has no religious beliefs.
3. One who doubts or rejects a particular doctrine, system, or principle.

[Middle English *infidele*, from Old French, from Latin *īnfidēlis*, disloyal : *in-*, not; see [IN](#)¹ + *fidēlis*, faithful (from *fidēs*, faith; see [bheidh-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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