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n.

1. A powerful creative force or personality.
2. A public magistrate in some ancient Greek states.
3. **Demiurge** A deity in Gnosticism, Manichaeism, and other religions who creates the material world and is often viewed as the originator of evil.
4. **Demiurge** A Platonic deity who orders or fashions the material world out of chaos.

[Late Latin *dēmiurgus*, from Greek *dēmiourgos*, artisan : *dēmios*, public (from *dēmos*, people; see **dā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *ergos*, worker (from *ergon*, work; see **werg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

dem'i-ur geous (-ûr jəs), **dem'i-ur gic** (-jĭk), **dem'i-ur gi-cal** (-jĭ-kəl) *adj.*

dem'i-ur gi-cal-ly *adv.*

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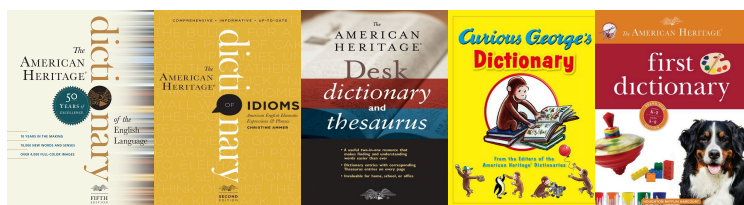
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