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a·poth·e·o·sis  (ə-pŏth'ē-ō sīs, ăp'ə-thē ə-sīs)

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n. pl. **a·poth·e·o·ses** (-sēz')

1. Exaltation to divine rank or stature; deification.
2. Elevation to a preeminent or transcendent position; glorification: *"tried to attribute Warhol's current apotheosis to the subversive power of artistic vision" (Michiko Kakutani).*
3. An exalted or glorified example: *Their leader was the apotheosis of courage.*

[Late Latin *apotheōsis*, from Greek, from *apotheoun*, to deify : *apo-*, change; see [APO-](#) + *theos*, god; see **dhēs-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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