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n.

1. The branch of theology that is concerned with the end of the world or of humankind.
2. A belief or a doctrine concerning the ultimate or final things, such as death, the destiny of humanity, the Second Coming, or the Last Judgment.

[Greek *eskhatos*, last; see **eghs** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **-LOGY**.]

es·chat'o·log i·cal (ĩ-skāt'l-ōj ĩ-kəl, ěs'kə-tə-lōj -) *adj.*

es·chat'o·log i·cal·ly *adv.*

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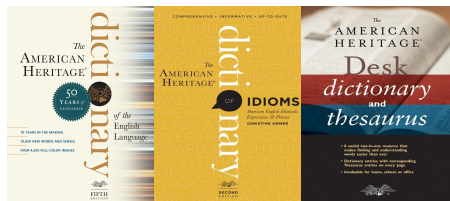
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