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Hi·na·ya·na  (hē'nə-yä nə)

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n.

Offensive Theravada Buddhism.

[Sanskrit *Hīnayānam*, lesser vehicle (as contrasted with *Mahāyānam*, greater vehicle; see [MAHAYANA](#)) : *hīna*-, inferior; see **ghē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *yānam*, vehicle, way; see **ei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

Hi'na·ya nist *n.*

Hi'na·ya·nis tic (-yā-nīs tīk) *adj.*

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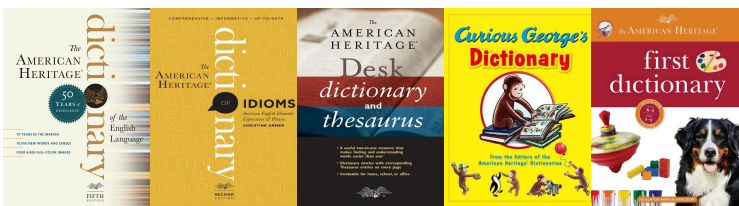
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