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n.

1. The coming or arrival of something or someone that is important or worthy of note: *the advent of the computer.*
2. **Advent Christianity**
 - a. The liturgical period preceding Christmas, beginning in Western churches on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and in Eastern churches in mid-November, and observed by many Christians as a season of prayer, fasting, and penitence.
 - b. The coming of Jesus at the Incarnation.
 - c. See [Second Coming](#).

[Middle English, the Advent season, from Old French, from Latin *adventus*, arrival, from past participle of *advenīre*, to come to : *ad-*, *ad-* + *venīre*, to come; see **g^{Wā}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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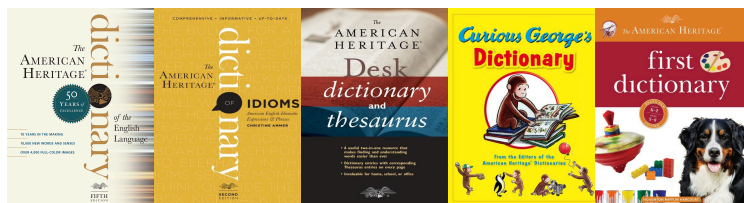
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