

# satanism noun, often capitalized

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## Definition of *satanism*

- 1 : innate wickedness
- 2 : obsession with or affinity for evil  
*specifically* : worship of Satan marked by the travesty of Christian rites

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