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Definition of *illuminati*

- capitalized**: any of various groups claiming special religious enlightenment
- : persons who are or who claim to be unusually enlightened
- : **ELITE** sense 1d
// members of the academic *illuminati*



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