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Topic: Letter"E"

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enthusiasm

Pronunciation: in-'thĀ¼-zE-"a-z&m, en-, also -'thyĀ¼-

Function: noun

Etymology: Greek enthousiasmos, from enthousiazein to be inspired, irregular from entheos inspired, from en- + theos god

1 a : belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit b : religious fanaticism

2 a : strong excitement of feeling : ARDOR <did her work with energy and enthusiasm> b : something inspiring zeal or fervor <his enthusiasms include sailing and fishing>

synonym see PASSION

<http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=enthusiasm>