

**anathema**[əˈnæθɪmə] *n*

1. *церк.* анафема, отлучение от церкви
2. проклятие  
incoherent [violent] anathemas - бессвязные [страшные] проклятия  
to fulminate anathemas - сыпать проклятиями, осыпать бранью  
his misbehaviour brought upon him his father's anathema - он вёл себя недостойно, и отец проклял его
3. 1) человек, отлучённый от церкви, преданный анафеме  
2) отщепенец; человек, заклеянный позором, отлучённый от общества
4. предмет ненависти, осуждения *или* порицания  
these ideas are (an) anathema to me - эти мысли мне ненавистны  
here his name is anathema - его имя произносят здесь с ужасом и отвращением

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**anath·ema** [anathema anathemas] *BrE* [əˈnæθəmə] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [əˈnæθəmə] <sup>ⓘ</sup>**noun** uncountable, countable, usually singular (formal)

a thing or an idea which you hate because it is the opposite of what you believe

- Racial prejudice is (an) anathema to me.

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: from ecclesiastical Latin, excommunicated person, excommunication, from Greek **anathema** ‘**thing dedicated**’, (later) ‘**thing devoted to evil, accursed thing**’, from **anathēnai** ‘**to set up**’.

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**a** **nath** **e** **ma** /əˈnæθəmə, əˈnæθəmə *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun** [singular, uncountable] *formal*[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: Greek, ‘*thing given over to evil, curse*’, from *anathēnai* ‘*to set up, dedicate*’]

something that is completely the opposite of what you believe in

**anathema to**

- His political views were anathema to me.

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