

As the **scion** of a family of wealthy bankers, Rothschild never had to face the vicissitudes of life.

As the traveler followed the tortuous path up the Kentucky mountain, he was sickened by the **destitution** that he saw.

Billy the Vampire is the only extant **disciple** of Count Dracula.

Disciples of **materialism** may know the price of everything but the value of nothing.

Following a lengthy diatribe against mendacity, the priest imposed **penance** upon the sinner.

In a remarkable **metamorphosis**, her lugubrious mood changed to one of levity.

In order to **indoctrinate** the captive, his jailers repeatedly reviled capitalism while praising communism.

In order to **nurture** goodwill, the management will do anything to accommodate its guests' special needs.

In the hospital, the alcoholic had time to **ponder** over the need to be abstemious.

It was not until the wreckers began to dismantle the old edifice that they discovered its real **opulence**.

Larry's compositions proceed in a **desultory** manner despite the supplication of his English teacher.

Rosalie found solace in the conviction that one day mankind would reach Shangri-la, Utopia, **nirvana**.

Rumors of Rome's **decadence** were rife among the barbarian tribes.

The actress received **fulsome** compliments from her friends but trenchant criticism from the reviewers.

The cave of the **ascetic** lacked the opulence and lush decoration of his former mansion.

The **lush** stage setting drew applause from the theater buffs.

The megalomaniac believed that he alone had the answer to mankind's **salvation**.

Through **supplication**, the fraternity head hoped to end the strife among the members.

Uriah Heep's **obsequious** manner nettled all but the most gullible.

When we saw the hundreds of **bona fide** petitions, we realized that the number of people who supported the candidate was legion.