

An Unofficial Glossary of Advent-isms

<i>Adventist</i>	Believer in Adventism, the doctrine of the nearness of the Second Advent and the end of the world/age
<i>Badventist</i>	Adventist exhibiting a poor example
<i>Cadventist</i>	Adventist with ungentlemanly instincts
<i>Cladventist</i>	Adventist clothed with a full suit of Gospel armor and covered with Christ's righteousness
<i>Dadventist</i>	Fatherly Adventist
<i>Fadventist</i>	Adventist drawn to every latest craze
<i>Gadventist</i>	Adventist on the go but to little purpose
<i>Gladventist</i>	Happy, grateful, pleased, willing Adventist
<i>Gradventist</i>	Adventist holding an academic degree or diploma
<i>Ladventist</i>	Male youth Adventist
<i>Madventist</i>	Angry Adventist
<i>NADventist</i>	Adventist working for the North American Division
<i>Padventist</i>	Adventist disinclined to leave personal living quarters
<i>Radventist</i>	Wonderful, marvelous Adventist
<i>Sadventist</i>	Unhappy, downcast Adventist
<i>Tadventist</i>	Boy Adventist
<i>Wadventist</i>	Adventist in possession of a considerable amount of money (Okay, so the pronunciation is irregular on this one!)

How many of these terms or definitions apply to you? Are there others you would add to the glossary? Many a spiritual lesson might be taken from a thoughtful consideration of this brief list. Though some entries are purely whimsical, others ought to give pause, for several of these terms—unfortunately too true—are oxymorons within orthodox Adventism (and orthodox Christianity, for that matter). May God help us live and witness the *right* sort of Adventism, as the sands of time run out on human history.

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