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dealing with salvation esp. as effected by
 vi-o-log-i-cal \və-ˈlɒj-i-kəl/ adj
 a(1)
 c. 14th-16th c. : a cycle of 1460 Sothic years
 his the star Sirius] an ancient Egyptian year

: a group of closely related Bantu languages
 and northern So. Africa 2 : any one of the
 esp. the language of Lesotho

terSp, fr. Nahuatl *tzotoll*] : a plant (genus
 family of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico

1 : resembling a south : DRUNKEN; also : DULL
 adv — *sot-fish-ness* *n*
 -chē, adv or adj [It sottovoce, lit., under the
 reath : in an undertone; also : in a private
 ly — used as a direction in music
 sū] [F, fr. OF *sol*, fr. LL *solidus* *solidus*]
 me piece

n [F *souari* tree producing souari nuts, fr.
 large edible oil-yielding seed of a So.
 arycarac of the family Caryocaraceae, esp. C.

2. fr. Charles de Rohan, Prince de Soubise
 white or brown sauce containing onions or

[F, fr. Prov *soubreta*, fem. of *soubret* coy-
 nt, exceed, fr. L *superior* — more at
 quetish maid or frivolous young woman in
 who plays such a part 2 : a soprano who
 n comic opera

sū-, sū- var of SOBRIQUET
 shōn] [Chin (Pek) *huān* chung, lit.,
 ved black tea esp. from China

[F, fr. *souffler*, pp. of *souffler* to blow, puff
 ub- + *flare* to blow — more at *blow*]
 made with a sauce, egg yolks and stiffly
 1 seasonings

flad, -flad, adj : puffed by or in cooking
 E. *swoghen*, fr. OE *swāgan*; akin to Goth
 swagēn to sound] : to make a moaning or
 n

: fr. OE *sūwal*; akin to OHG *sēula* soul]
 x, animating principle, or actuating cause
 a : the spiritual principle embodied in
 d and spiritual beings, or the universe b
 GOD lb 3 : a person's total self 4 a
 art b : a moving spirit : LEADER 5 a
 nal nature b : the quality that arouses
 c : spiritual or moral force : FERVOR 6
 -ATION, PERSONIFICATION <the is the ~ of
 g positive feeling (as of intense sensitivity
 ived esp. by American Negro perform-
 SOUL MUSIC d : SOUL FOOD e : SOUL

to, or characteristic of American Negroes
 gned for or controlled by Negroes <>

Negro — used esp. by other Negroes
 g a soul : possessing soul and feeling —
 <whole-souled repentance>
 terlings, ham hocks, and collard greens)
 them American Negroes
 1 of or expressing feeling or emotion —
 1 - soul-fulness *n*

iving no soul or no greatness or warmth
 less-ly adv — *soul-less-ness* *n*
 ersons esp. of opposite sex temperamen-
 esp : LOVER, MISTRESS
 : originated in American Negro gospel
 rhythm and blues, and is characterized
 earthiness

chip] *n* : examination of one's con-
 motives and values

fr. OE *gesund*; akin to OHG *gisunt*
 injury or disease : exhibiting normal
 r, defect, or decay <~ timber> 2
 E 3 a : free from error, fallacy, or
 ming> b : exhibiting or based on
 perience <~ scholarship> c : legally
 ally valid and having true premises a
 ew : ORTHODOX 4 a : THOROUGH
 ~ sleep> c : HARD, SEVERE <a ~
 good judgment or sense *syn* 1 see
 ee VALID *ant* unsound, fallacious —

— *sound-ness* \saʊnd(d)-nəs/ *n*
 ent : THOROUGHLY <~ asleep>
 3. son, fr. L *sonus*; akin to OE *swinn*
 3, Skt *svanāt* it sounds] 1 a : the
 sense of hearing b : a particular
 c : mechanical radiant energy that is
 pressure waves in a material medium
 use of hearing 2 a : a speech sound
 alue in terms of speech sounds <~cher
 ture have the same ~> 3 *archaic*
 ingless noise b obs : MEANING c
 IMPORT 5 : hearing distance : EAR-
 material 7 : a particular musical
 dividual, a group, or an area <the

aning element : a sensation or effect
 f the auditory receptors

*sound *vi* 1 a : to make a sound b : RESOUND c : to give a
 summons by sound <the bugle ~s to battle> 2 : to make or
 convey an impression : SEEM <his story ~s incredible> ~ *w* 1
 : to cause to sound <~ a trumpet> 2 : to put into words
 : VOICE 3 a : to make known : PROCLAIM b : to order, signal or
 indicate by a sound <~ the alarm> 4 : to examine by causing to
 emit sounds <~ the lungs> — *sound-able* \saʊnd-ə-bəl/ *adj*

*sound *n* [ME, fr. OE *sund* swimming, sea & ON *sund* swimming,
 strait; akin to OE *swimman* to swim] 1 a : a long broad inlet of
 the ocean generally parallel to the coast b : a long passage of
 water connecting two larger bodies (as a sea with the ocean) or
 separating a mainland and an island 2 : the air bladder of a fish

*sound *vb* [ME *sounden*, fr. MF *sonder*, fr. *sonde* sounding line,
 prob. of Gmc origin; akin to OE *sundline* sounding line, *sund* sea]
w 1 : to measure the depth of : FATHOM 2 : to try to find out
 the views or intentions of : PROBE 3 : to explore or examine (a
 body cavity) with a sound ~ *w* 1 a : to ascertain the depth of water
 esp. with a sounding line b : to look into or investigate the
 possibility <sent commissioners ~ to ~ for peace> — Thomas
 Jefferson> 2 : to dive down suddenly — used of a fish or whale

*sound *n* [F *sonde*, fr. MF, lit., sounding line] : an elongated
 instrument for exploring or sounding body cavities

sound barrier *n* : SONIC BARRIER

sound-board \saʊnd(d)-bɔrd/

-bɔrd/ *n* 1 : a thin resonant board
 (as the belly of a violin) so placed in an
 instrument as to reinforce its tones by
 sympathetic vibration — see VIOLIN il-
 lustration 2 : SOUNDING BOARD la

sound bow *n* : the thick part of a bell
 against which the clapper strikes — see
 BELL illustration

sound box *n* 1 : a device in a phono-
 graph using vibrating needle and thin
 diaphragm to convert phonograph rec-
 ord groove undulations into sound 2

: a hollow chamber in a musical instrument for increasing its
 sonority

sound camera *n* : a motion-picture camera equipped to record
 sound simultaneously with the picture on a single film

sound effects *n pl* : effects that are imitative of sounds called for
 in the script of a play, radio or television program, or motion
 picture and are produced by various means

sound-er \saʊnd-dər/ *n* : one that sounds; *specif* : a device for
 making soundings

*sound-ing \saʊnd-ɪŋ/ *n* 1 a : measurement by sounding b
 : the depth so ascertained c *pl* : a place or part of a body of water
 where a hand sounding line will reach bottom 2 : measurement of
 atmospheric conditions at various heights 3 : a probe, test, or
 sampling of opinion or intention

*sounding *adj* 1 : RESONANT, SONOROUS 2 a : POMPOUS b : IM-
 ROSING — *sounding-ly* \-dɪŋ-lɪ/ *adv*

sounding board *n* 1 a : a structure behind or over a pulpit,
 rostrum, or platform to give distinctness and sonority to sound b
 : a device or agency that helps propagate opinions or utterances
 2 : SOUNDBOARD 1 *

sounding line *n* : a line or wire weighted at one end for sounding
 sounding rocket *n* : a rocket used to obtain information concern-
 ing atmospheric conditions at various altitudes

*sound-less \saʊnd(-lɪs)/ *adj* [sound] : incapable of being
 sounded : UNFATHOMABLE

*soundless *adj* [sound] : making no sound : SILENT — *sound-
 less-ly* *adv*

sound motion picture *n* : a motion picture accompanied by
 synchronized recorded sound

sound off *vi* 1 : to play three chords before and after marching
 up and down a line of troops during a ceremonial parade or formal
 guard mount 2 : to count cadence while marching 3 a : to
 speak up in a loud voice b : to voice one's opinions freely and
 vigorously

sound pollution *n* : NOISE POLLUTION

sound pressure *n* : the difference between the actual pressure at
 any point in the field of a sound wave at any instant and the average
 pressure at that point

*sound-proof \saʊnd(d)-pru:f/ *adj* : impervious to sound

*soundproof *vt* : to insulate so as to obstruct the passage of sound

sound track *n* : the area on a motion-picture film that carries the
 sound record

sound truck *n* : a truck equipped with a loudspeaker

sound wave *n* 1 : sound lb 2 *pl* : longitudinal pressure waves
 in any material medium regardless of whether they constitute
 audible sound <earthquake waves and ultrasonic waves are
 sometimes called sound waves>

*soup \su:p/ *n* [F *soupe* soup, soup, of Gmc origin; akin to ON *soppa*
 soup, OE *sopp* sop] 1 : a liquid food esp. with a meat, fish, or
 vegetable stock as a base and often containing pieces of solid food
 2 : something having or suggesting the consistency of soup (as a
 heavy fog or nitroglycerine) 3 : an unfortunate predicament

*soup *vi* [E slang soup (dope injected into a racehorse to improve
 its performance)] : to increase the power or efficiency of <~ up an
 engine>

soup-con \su:p-ˈsɔn, -ˈsɔp-sɔn/ *n* [F, lit., suspicion, fr. (assumed) VL
suspension, *suspensio*, fr. L *suspensus*, pp. of *suspice* to suspect —
 more at SUSPECT] : a little bit : TRACE

soup du jour \su:p-də-ˈzʒu(r)/ *n* [part trans. of F *soupe du jour*
 soup of the day] : a soup that is offered by a restaurant on a
 particular day

soup kitchen *n* : an establishment dispensing minimum dietary
 essentials (as soup and bread) to the needy

soup-spoon \su:p-spu:n/ *n* : a spoon with a large or rounded bowl
 for eating soup

soupy \su:p-i/ *adj* *soupy-er*; -est 1 : having the consistency of
 soup 2 : densely foggy or cloudy



1, soundboard 1 (of a piano)

*sour \sɔ:(ə)r/ *adj* [ME, fr. OE *sūr*; akin to OHG *sūr* sour, Lith
suras salty] 1 : causing or characterized by the one of the four
 basic taste sensations that is produced chiefly by acids <~ pickles>
 — compare BITTER, SALT, SWEET 2 a (1) : having the acid taste or
 smell of or as if of fermentation : TURNED <~ milk> (2) : of or
 relating to fermentation b : smelling or tasting of decay : RANCID
 ROTTEN <~ breath> c (1) : BAD, WRONG <a project gone ~>
 (2) : HOSTILE, DISCHANTED <went ~ on Marxism> 3 a : UN-
 PLEASANT, DISTASTEFUL b : CROSS, SULLEN c : not up to the
 usual, expected, or standard quality or pitch 4 : acid in reaction
 — used esp. of soil 5 : containing malodorous sulfur compounds
 — used esp. of petroleum products — *sour-ish* \sɔ:(ə)r-ɪʃ/ *adj*

— *sour-ly* *adv* — *sour-ness* *n*

syn SOUR, ACID, ACIDULOUS, Tart shared meaning element : having
 a taste devoid of sweetness

*sour *n* 1 a : something sour b : the primary taste sensation
 produced by acid stimuli 2 : a cocktail made with a liquor (as
 whiskey), lemon or lime juice, sugar, and sometimes soda water

*sour *w* : to become sour ~ *w* : to make sour

sour ball *n* : a spherical piece of hard candy having a tart flavor

source \sɔ:(ə)r(s), -sɔ:(ə)r/ *n* [ME *sours*, fr. MF *sors*, *source*, fr. OF,
 fr. pp. of *sourdre* to rise, spring forth, fr. L *surgere* — more at
 SURGE] 1 a : the point of origin of a stream of water : FOUNTAIN-
 HEAD b *archaic* : SPRING, FOUNT 2 a : a generative
 force : CAUSE b (1) : a point of origin : BEGINNING (2) : one
 that initiates : AUTHOR; also : PROTOTYPE, MODEL (3) : one that
 supplies information 3 : a firsthand document or primary refer-
 ence work *syn* see ORIGIN — *source-less* \-ləs/ *adj*

source book *n* : a fundamental document or record (as of history,
 literature, art, or religion) upon which subsequent writings,
 compositions, opinions, beliefs, or practices are based; also : a
 collection of such documents

source language *n* : a language which is to be translated into
 another language — compare TARGET LANGUAGE

sour cherry *n* : a round-headed Eurasian tree (*Prunus cerasus*)
 widely grown for its bright red to almost black soft-fleshed acid
 fruits; also : its fruit

sour cream *n* : a commercial cream product produced by the use
 of lactobacilli

sour-dough \sɔ:(ə)r-dəʊ, -dɔ:(ə)/ *n* 1 : a leaven consisting
 of dough in which fermentation is active 2 [fr. the use of
 sourdough for making bread in prospectors' camps] : a veteran
 inhabitant and esp. an old-time prospector of Alaska or northwestern
 Canada

sour grapes *n pl* [fr. the fable ascribed to Aesop of the fox who
 after finding himself unable to reach some grapes he had desired
 disparaged them as sour] : disparagement of something that has
 proven unattainable

sour gum *n* : BLACK GUM

sour mash *n* : grain mash for brewing or distilling whose initial
 acidity has been adjusted to optimum condition for yeast fermenta-
 tion by mash from a previous run

sour orange *n* : a citrus tree (*Citrus aurantium*) that is used esp.
 as an understock in grafting citrus; also : its bitter fruit

sour-puss \sɔ:(ə)r-pʊs/ *n* [pus] : GROUCH, KILJOY

sour salt *n* : CITRIC ACID

sour-sop \sɔ:(ə)r-sɔ:p/ *n* 1 : a small tropical American tree
 (*Annona muricata*) of the custard-apple family that has spicy
 odoriferous leaves 2 : the large edible fruit of the soursoy that has
 fleshy spines and a slightly acid fibrous pulp

sour-wood \-wʊd/ *n* : a small tree (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) of the
 heath family with white flowers and sour-tasting leaves

sou-sa-phon \su:-zə-ˈfɒn, -sə-/ *n*

[John Philip Sousa] : a large circular
 tuba that has a flared adjustable bell,
 that is designed to rest on the player's
 left shoulder, and that is used primar-
 ily in marching bands

*souse \saʊs/ *vb* *soused*; *sousing*
 [ME *sousen*, fr. MF *souze*, *souse* pick-
 ling solution, of Gmc origin; akin to
 OHG *sulza* brine, OE *sealt* salt] *vi* 1

: PICKLE 2 a : to plunge in liquid
 b : to make drunk : INEBRIATE 3
 : to become immersed or drenched

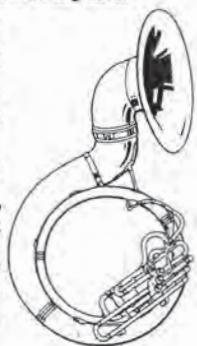
*souse *n* 1 : something pickled; *esp*
 : seasoned and chopped pork trim-
 mings, fish, or shellfish 2 : an act of
 sousing : WETTING 3 a : an habitual
 drunkard b : a drinking spree

*souse *vb* : to swoop down upon

sou-tache \su:-ˈtʃə/ *n* [F, fr. Hung *sutás*] : a narrow braid with
 herringbone pattern used as trimming

sou-tane \su:-ˈtʃən, -ˈtʃən/ *n* [F, fr. It *sottana*, lit., undergarment, fr.
 fem. of *sottano* being underneath, fr. ML *subianus*, fr. L *subtus*
 underneath; akin to L *sub* under — more at UP] : CASCOCK

souter \su:-tər/ *n* [ME, fr. OE *sūtere*, fr. L *sutor*, fr. *sutur*, pp. of
suere to sew — more at SEW] chiefly Scot : SHOEMAKER



sousaphone

a abut a kitten or further a back a bake a cot, cart
 a out ch chin e less e easy g gift i trip i life
 j joke n sing o flow o flaw o coin th thin th this
 u loot u foot y yet yu few yu furious zh vision