

Mammon or Manna Mattityahu 6:21-34, Luka 16:9:13 What is Your Personal Mammon?

Mammon derives from [Late Latin](#) 'mammon', from Greek 'μαμμωνάς', Syriac 'mámóna' (riches),^[1] Aramaic 'mamon' (riches, money),^{[2][3]} a loan word from [Mishnaic Hebrew](#) 'ממון (mmôn) meaning money,^{[4][5][6]} wealth^[7] or possessions;^[8] although it may also have meant 'that in which one trusts'.^[2] (Scholars are divided about the etymology.^[2])

Mammon - Mammon is a Syriac word, a name given to an idol worshipped as the god of riches. It has the same meaning as Plutus among the Greeks. It is not known that the Jews ever formally worshipped this idol, but they used the word to denote wealth. The meaning is, ye cannot serve the true God, and at the same time be supremely engaged in obtaining the riches of this world. One must interfere with the other. S

- "Mamona" (sometimes "Mamuna") is a synonym for Mammon in Slavic countries. Currently, the word "mamona" is used figuratively and derogatorily in the [Polish language](#) as a synonym to [money](#). This, however, has biblical origins; see above. The word "mammona" is quite often used in the [Finnish](#) and [Estonian languages](#) as a synonym to [money](#).
- In [Spanish culture](#), where Mammon is not so well known, the image used to criticize the love of wealth is the [golden calf](#),^[13] idolized by the Israelites against the will of God.
- In [German](#) the word "Mammon" is a colloquial term for "money".
- In [Arabic](#) the word "amaana" means a financial or material trust held for someone else. Its triliteral root is /aleph - mim - nun/ and so it is likely a cognate with Syriac "mámóna". Sumerian, however, is not a Semitic language though it was supplanted by Akkadian, which is Semitic. In the Quran, a character named Haman, is mentioned together with the name Pharaoh on six occasions in two surahs, 28:6; 28:8; 28:38; 29:39; 40:34; and 40:36. Muslim tradition identifies this Haman as a person of incredible wealth.

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