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I have tried to include all terms used in this text plus other common ones and have included the most common variant spellings.

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Abadat or Ibadat –Worshiping, praising Allah

Adel or Adil –just

Ahl–House, family

Asr– The afternoon, and the prayer of the afternoon.

Adan or Adhan – the call for prayer

Ayah or Ayat –sign, verse of quran

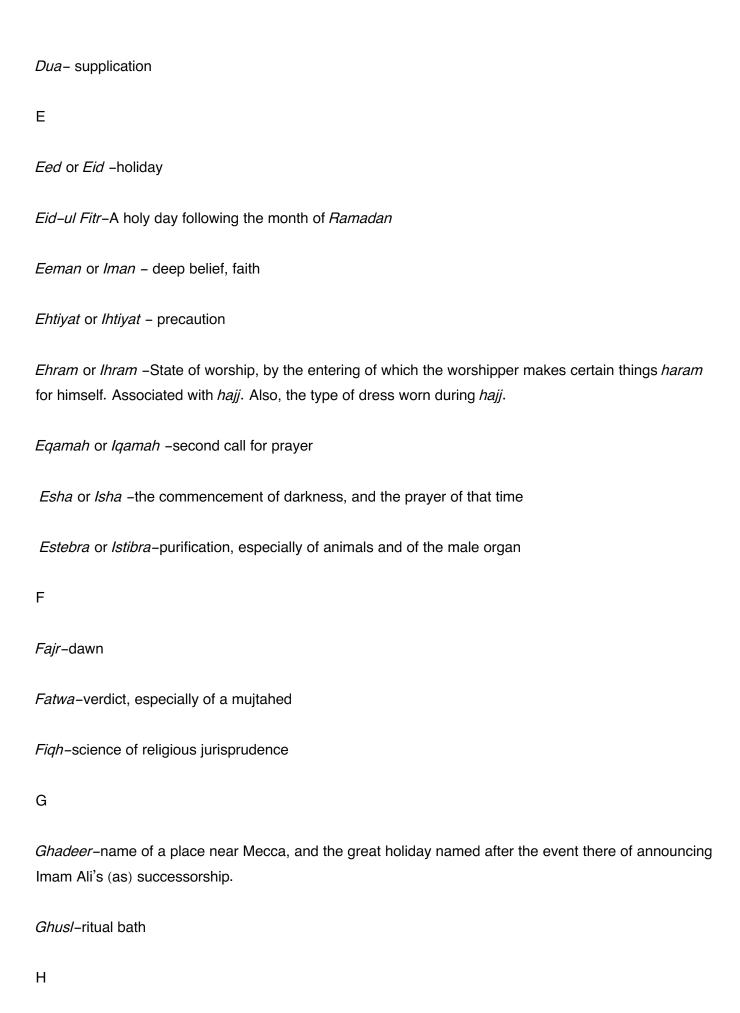
Ayaat–plural of ayah

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Batel or Batil -void, not accepted

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Deen- religion



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Hajj-form of worship performed in Mecca, required once in a lifetime for all Muslims able to perform it.
Halal-legal
Haram-illegal
Hejab or Hijab -the screening between non-related men and women, the Islamic modest dress
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Iddah - A woman's waiting period after the end of a marriage.
Iftar-the breaking of the Fast
Ijtehad or Ijtihad - struggle to fathom divine law
Imam-Divine vicegerent
Imam-jamaat -leader of congregational prayer
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Jafari, Ja'afari – Shia school of thought believing in the 12 Imams (as)
Jamaat -group, congregation, and prayer of,
Jehad or Jihad -struggle against self or against oppression
jinn-a type of creature having like man, free-will
Jomah or Jumu'ah - Friday, or the Friday congregational prayer
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Kaba or Ka'aba -the Holy House in Mecca, the qibla of Muslims
Kafan-shroud a corpse must be wrapped in
Khoms or Khums -a fifth, obligatory tax-like charity
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Maghreb or Maghrib -sunset, also the prayer shortly after sunset

Mahram-haram to marry, usually due to close blood relation

Mamoom-person praying in group-prayer

Masjid- Islamic Center or building for prayer and other gatherings

Mecca-holy city in Arabia where the Ka'aba is located

Mehrab-place in the mosque where the Imam jamaat stands to pray

Moadden or Muazzin -caller of the adhan

Muta, Mut'a, Mutah-temporary marriage

Mujtahed or *Mujtahid* –person capable of acting according to his own religious knowledge and not needing to refer to the verdict of another scholar

Makrooh-abominable act, one is rewarded for not performing it

Mustahab-thing done in desire of (divine) love, one is rewarded for performing it

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Nafelah or Nafilah -defined desirable prayers in addition to the required daily prayers

Najes or Najis -dirty and impure

Najasat -impurity

Niyyat -intention, as in the intention to perform an act

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Olama or Ulama- the learned scholars of Islam

Omrah or Umrah – a worship performed in Mecca like hajj not but mandatory

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Qada, Qaza, Qadha -performance of a duty that was not performed in its proper time, as in prayers performed late

Qasr-four-rakat prayers, which become two-rakat prayer for those ruled as travelers

Qibla-direction faced in prayer

Qiyam-standing, rise, as in the standing prayer position

Qonoot or Qunoot -part of the prayer with hands palms up

Qorbat or Qurbat -the niyyat of nearness to Allah

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Rakaat or Rakat - a unit or cycle of prayer

Ramadan, Ramadhan, Ramazan -the month of fasting

Roku, Ruku, Rukoo -a bow; part of the prayer

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Sajda-prostration; part of the prayer

Salaam, Salam -invocation and greeting, part of the prayer

Salawat-invocation of blessings, particularly on Muhammad (saw) and his family

Shahada - declaration, particularly the declaration of belief in Islam

Sharia, Shareea, Sharia'ah - the Divine Law

Shaytan, Shaitan -the enemy of man, Satan

Shia-follower of the twelve Imams, commonly the Ja'fari school of thought Sojood, Sujood –prostrating (Plural of Sajdah) Sunni- "orthodox" or majority type of Muslim Sayyed, Sayyid, Sayed - descendent of the Holy Prophet Т Taher or Tahir -clean, not impure Takbeer or Takbir - the saying of Allaahoo Akbar, (God is great) Tagleed or Taglid- the following of a mujtahed for Islamic jurisprudence Tashahhod or Tashahud- declaration recited in the second and last rakat of all prayers Tayammom or Tayammum - Ritual cleansing (with sand/mud etc.) which is a substitute for wudhu and/or ghusl *Tawheed*- Divine Unity (Oneness of God) W Wajeb or Wajib - obligatory Wudoo, Wudoo, Wudhu, Wuzu - ritual wash performed for prayer, etc. Ζ Zakat- an obligatory charity Ziyarat - pilgrimage to the holy shrines Zohr, Dhuhr- noon, the name of the first afternoon prayer

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