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Awliya' Allah: Divine personalities such as Prophets, Imams and Saints who by the virtue of their purity of soul and sincere worship of Allah are bestowed by Him with miracles and feats that a normal human being cannot perform. Such miracles or feats are for the guidance of or for helping human beings.

Du'a: Seeking help from Allah either directly or through Awliya' Allah.

Fatiha: Reciting Surah Al-Fatiha (the first Surah of Qur'an), commonly over the grave or a dead person for seeking the mercy of Allah.

'Ibadah (Worship): Any act that is done sincerely for the sake of seeking nearness to Allah and for His pleasure.

Kufr (Disblief): Denial of the existence of Allah or creator of the universe.

Nadhr: Making a vow to carryout a good and logical act for relief from a disease or hardship by seeking nearness to Allah and / or through a divine personality.

Nida: Calling upon God or a divine personality.

Rububiyyat (Lordship): Taking care of all the affairs of creatures by Allah or by His authority through creatures such as parents. Thus, belief in lordship of parents and thanking them for their hardships doesn't make a person *mushrik* (polytheist) as they are only responsible for nurturing their children while they didn't create them.

Sajdah (Prostration): Bowing down either for the worship of God or for the sake of respect of a divine personality. Respect doesn't mean worship.

Shahada (Testimony): Verbal utterance of the belief in *Tawhid* (One God, Allah), denial of every other God and belief in messengetship of Prophet Muhammad (S). By the utterance of *Shahada*, harming and shedding blood of Muslim becomes forbidden (*haram*) on other Muslims.

Shifa: Seeking benediction through tabarruk of divine personalities for cure of illness or for relief from

disability or difficulty.

Shirk (Polytheism): Belief that there is more than one creator of Universe.

Sunnah: The way of life of Prophet (S), either in intentions, words or deeds.

Tabarruk: Remnants or traces of divine personalities such as Prophets, Imams and saints. *Tabarruk* of divine personalites have miraculous powers.

Takfir: Wrongfully accusing Muslim or a person who believes in Allah of being a *Kafir* (unbeliever or denier of God).

Tawassul: Seeking intercession through divine personalities for the forgiveness of sins or for seeking help in worldly matters.

Tawhid (Monotheism): Belief in one God (i.e. Allah).

Tazallul (Submisiveness): Showing utmost humbles or humility to God or a divine personality. It doesn't mean worship when practiced for a divine personality.

Ta'zim (Respect, honor): Respecting a divine personality. It does not mean worship.

Ubudiyyat (Submission): Carrying out all the acts for the sake of worship of Allah. Utmost submission means that a person becomes totally gives up his personal desires and performs all the acts sincerely as a bondsman of Allah.

Ziyarat: Visitation of the grave of a divine personality and / or reciting greetings (*salams*) and honoring them with words of praise and remembering their services for the sake of Allah and His religion on their birth or death anniversary.

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