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Glossary

A

adh n: announcement or the call announcing the arrival of the time for the sal t.

Ahl al–Bayt: the offspring of the Messenger of Allah (s).

Ahl al-Jabar t: the owner of Power, the owners of power.

Ahl al-Allah: the people of Allah.

'aynul jam': the very union, the essence of union (collectively).

al-amr bil-ma'r f wan-nahy'anil-munkar: bidding unto honor and forbidding dishonor.

al-Baytul-Ma'm r: Allah's Populous House.

'Elim (pl. 'ulam's'): scholar, scientist, learned.

'am : a sufist term meaning "the truth of the truths;" heavy clouds, high.

amr: affair; order; sovereignty, rule, authority, power, ordinance decree.

('a): 'alayhis-sal@m = Peace be upon him;

'alayhas-sal®m = Peace be upon her;

'alayhimus-sal@m = Peace be upon them.

asrrr: (pl. of sirr): secret.

B

barzakh: isthmus; the interval between death and the Day of Resurrection.

barzakhian (adj. of barzakh): intermediate.

basmalah: uttering "bismill@hir-rahm@nir-rahim," i.e. In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

bitil: false, invalid, void, null, wrong.

bitin: the inside, the inward, interior, hidden meaning.

bismill h: In the Name of Allah.

butn: interior.

D

dr-i tahaqquq: the House of Realization.

dr al-ghurr: the house of conceit, i.e. this world.

dr as-surr: the house of pleasure, i.e. the Hereafter world.

*d***n** (pl. *ady***n**): religion, judgment.

du'a' (pl. ad'iyah): invocation, benediction, prayer.

F

faq¹h: (pl. fuqah¹): jurisprudent, expert of fiqh.

fitrat: disposition, nature.

G

ghayb (pl. ghuy b): the unseen, the invisible.

ghusl (pl. aghs l): ritual bathing; the major ritual ablution.

Н

hadath: a ritual impurity which requires either a wude or a ghusl before performing sale.

had th (pl. ah dth): the saying of the Prophet (s), the tradition of the Prophet (s); narrative relating deeds and utterances of the Prophet, the Ahl al-Bayt, the infallible Im ms and the Companions.

hajj: the pilgrimage of the Muslims to Makkah (Mecca) during certain months.

hal :: religiously lawful or allowed.

har m: religiously unlawful.



IbIs: Satan, the devil.

ihr the state of being in the pilgrimage period; the special dress worn during pilgrimage.

ihtij : argumentation.

ins: the human beings as against the jinn.

insh Allah wills, an Islamic expression meaning: if Allah wills, Allah willing.

isti dhah: saying a dhu billh, i.e. I take refuge in Allah.

istikh rah: consulting the Qur'an or the rosary beads to do, or not to do, something.

ikhl s: sincerity.

iq mah: preliminary wordings said before entering the sal t.

J

jabar t: of omnipotence; the possession of power.

jan bah: the state of being ritually impure owing to seminal ejaculation or to a sexual penetration, though without ejaculation—a state requiring a ritual *ghusl*.

jaw mi'al-kalim: comprehending many significations; the Qur'an; collective words.

jih d: struggle or exertion of effort for the sake of Islam.

K

ka'bah: a structure in the middle of the Holy Mosque in Makkah, to which the Muslims of the world direct their faces during the performance of *sal t*.

khil fah: succession, successorship, vicegerency.

khums: a fifth of one's net profit to be paid to a religious authority.

L

lat fah: grace; subtlety, delicacy.

lawh (pl. *alw* nh): a tablet, a slab, a Qur'anic term denoting "The Tablet" with Allah, the Exalted, in which everything is registered.

M

ma'sd: resurrection.

mahdar: presence, company.

mahw: (self-)effacement, (self-)extinction, annihilation.

majdh b-i s lik: the attracted one who is traveling to Allah.

malak 1: heavenly kingdom.

ma′s nfallible.

minbar: a pulpit of several ascending steps in a mosque from which the speaker delivers his speech.

mi′r i: ascension to Allah.

mu'adhdhin: one who speaks out the adhsn.

mufassir: one who writes exegesis on the Qur'an, an exegetist.

mukshafah: revelation, disclosure, apocalypse.

mulk: this transitory world.

mug@rin@t: affinities.

musall (pl. musall n): a Muslim when performing the sal t.

musta dhun bihi: one with whom refuge is sought.

musta dhun lahe: that for which refuge is sought; one for whom refuge is sought.

musta dhun minhu: that from which refuge is sought; one from whom refuge is sought.

musta' dh: one who seeks refuge; refuge-seeker.

muttaq (pl. muttaqq n): one who guards against Allah's wrath by obeying His commandments; Godfearing, pious.

N

n filah (pl. naw fil): supererogatory sal ts. nutfah (pl. nutaf): sperm of human beings. niyyah (pl. niyy t): intention.

Q

qadr: measure; predestination.

qib sb (pl. of qubbah): domes.

qiblah: the direction to which the Muslims are to face when performing the sal t, i.e. the ka'bah in

Makkah.

qiy n: the standing position in the *sal* t.

qun t: supplication recited in the *sal* t after the second *rak'ah*, in the standing position, with the palms of the hands raised upwards.

R

rabb: the Lord, the Sustainer; One of Allah's Names.

rafraf: the name of one of the Messenger's heavenly mounts.

rak'ah (pl. raka'\vert t): a complete section of the sal\vert t.

rij: biographical books about the narrators of the *had*: ths, who sort them according to their authority,

truthfulness and dependability; sources of information.

rukn (pl. arkn): one of the pillars of the salnt.

ruk (pl. ruk t): the position of bowing in the sal t; genuflection.

S

(s): Sallall de hu alayhi wa de lih = May Allah send His blessings upon him (the Prophet) and his offspring.

sadaqah: charity, alms.

sahw: sobriety.

sajdah: prostration in prayer, prostration in worship.

sal neace, salutation, greetings.

sal¹t (pl. salaw¹t): the Muslim's ritual prayer.

s jid (pl. s jid n): a prostrate worshipper; one who prostrates himself.

s ilik: a Gnostic term denoting the traveler to Allah.

s lik-i majdh b: a s lik attracted by Divine Grace.

sawm (or siy new means): fasting.

shah dah (pl. shah dt): testimony.

shar': divine law.

shar 'ah (pl. shar 'i'): divine law.

shuh d: intuition, divine vision.

*suj***¹**d: prostration.

sul!k: a Gnostic term for the journey to Allah.

sunnah (pl. sunan): tradition; the Prophet's tradition.

s rah: a chapter of the Qur'an.

T

ta's/s: a divine attribute meaning the Most High.

tafs r (pl. taf s r and tafs r the Qur'an.

tahm d (pl. tahmid t): saying al-hamdu lill h = All praise is for Allah; Praise belongs to Allah.

t gh t (pl. taw ghit): an ancient idol, anything worshipped other than Allah; a tyrant, a despot.

tajw d: a style of reciting the Qur'an with intonation; rules of correct recitation of the Qur'an.

takb r (pl. takb r telepin takb r telepin takb r takb r telepin takb r takb r

talq n: giving instructions; religious instruction recited to the dead as a funeral rite.

tanz h: purifying Allah from all blemishes and defects.

taqd r: measuring; Allah's decree.

 $ta'g \cdot b$ (pl. $ta'g \cdot b \cdot t$): after-the-sal t invocation.

taqws: avoiding Allah's wrath by precaution and obeying His commandments; fearing Allah, piety.

tart: a style of reciting the Qur'an without intonation.

tasbth (pl. tasbtht): glorifying Allah by saying: subhtnallth = Glory be to Allah.

tashahhud: the act of testifying the unity of Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah (as part of the $sal \mathbb{E} t$).

tasl[®]m: the greetings with which the sal[®]t is closed.

tasmiyah: naming; saying: In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

tawh d: believing in Allah's Oneness; monotheism.



ummah: people, nation.

ummul-qur: the Mother of the towns.

'ur¹j: ascension.



wa/ (or wa/ yy) (pl. awliy ': friend, patron, protector; holy man, saint.

 $wal ext{ } ext{ }$

was (or was yy)(pl. awsiy 's'): trustee, custodian; successor, vicegerent.

was-sal[©]m: and that is the end to the matter; and now good bye; with peace.

wil yah: guardianship.

wud⊡': ritual ablution (made before performing the sal⊡t).



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