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'azl coitus interruptus

baligh one who has attained the age of puberty.

barzakh period between death and resurrection; purgatory; isthmus.

dhikr mention of certain formulae like "subhan Allah," "al-hamdu li-l-lah," etc.

diyah indemnity or compensation for injury or death.

eid religious festival.

figh Islamic positive law.

ghus! major ritual ablution (washing) of the entire body to achieve a state of ritual purity.

hadath condition requiring wudu' or ghusl.

hadd punishment prescribed in Textual sources (Qur'an and Sunnah) for certain violations.

hadd al-tarakhkhus point away from the boundary of a city whose inhabitants cannot be seen. Some jurists consider it to be a point from where the city's call to prayers (*adhan*) cannot be heard. However, Ayatullah Seestani objects to this latter definition. (MS, p. 297, Q918)

hajj pilgrimage to Mecca performed in the last month, Dhu-l-Hijjah, of the Islamic lunar calendar.

al-hakim al-shar'i religious authority, mujtahid.

hayd bleeding of a menstrual cycle.

hijab statutory Islamic dress code of modesty.

hilal crescent.

husna kindness. *ihram* state of ritual consecration to perform major pilgrimage (*hajj*) or minor one (*'umrah*). *istihadah* irregular bleeding other than the menstrual cycle. istihalah transformation, chemical change. istingadh rescue, salvage. **janabah** state after having sexual intercourse or ejaculation. *jumu'ah* Friday. *kaffarah* expiation, compensation, penalty. kafir unbeliever. khums 20% tax levied on certain items. *mahram* one who falls within the prohibited degree for marriage. majhul al-malik unknown owner, derelict property. majlis (pl. majalis) assembly to commemorate religious events. *makruh* discouraged, reprehensible. *marja'* high-ranking religious authority whose guidance is sought by the laity. mukallaf one who is competent to undertake religious obligations; religiously accountable. *mu'min* believer. nadhr solemn vow, pledge. najasah ritual impurity. najis ritually impure; not equivalent to unhygienic or unclean. *nifas* bleeding of a woman after childbirth. **non-baligh** one who has not attained the age of puberty.

obligatory precaution the follower (*muqallid*) has the discretion to revert to the ruling (*fatwa*) of the next

non-mahram opposite of mahram.

high-ranking mujtahid on that particular issue only.

qada lapsed or due prayers, fasts, etc.

qasr shortened prayers of a traveller.

qiblah direction to Ka'bah for prayers, burying the deceased, etc.

Ramadan ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and the month of fasting.

riba interest, usury.

al-risalah al-'amaliyyah

practical treatise prepared by the jurist for the laity.

salat ritual prayer; formal worship.

sa'y pacing back and forth seven times by a pilgrim between Safa and Marwah.

shar'i lawful, legitimate.

shari'ah universal Islamic values and norms; commonly referred to as the Islamic law.

Shawwal tenth month in the Islamic lunar calendar.

siyam fasts.

tahir ritually pure; not equivalent to hygienic or clean.

tamm complete prayers.

taglid emulating the opinions of a religious authority.

taqsir cutting a piece of hair or nail by the pilgrim.

tathir ritual purification.

tawaf circumambulation around the Kabah.

tayammum substitution for *wudu'* and/or *ghusl*.

ta'zir discretionary punishment estimated by *al-hakim al-shar'i* or a judge that is not prescribed in the Qur'an or the Sunnah; chastisement.

ulama religious scholars.

'urf convention, customary law.

 \emph{wudu}' minor ritual ablution of certain parts of the body.

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