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Glossary

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Adhan: Call to prayer.

Ahlul Bayt: Designated family members of the Prophet Muhammad.

Ahl al-sunnah wal-jama®ah: Sunni tradition.

al-Kabagir: Cardinal sin.

Alawiyiin: The descendants of Imam 'Ali.

Amanah: Trust.

Amr: Command.

'Asr: Muslim afternoon prayer.

Awliya': (Plural of wali): leader, guardian, friend, master, slave, etc.

Azl: Outside ejaculation.

В

Bay'ah: Paying allegiance.

D

Dhalimeen (also spelled: dhalimun and dhalamu): Cruel, violent, proud, hypocrites, or wrongdoers.

Dhuhr: Muslim Noon Prayer.

Dhul Hijjah: The twelfth month of the Islamic calendar.

Dhulm: Oppression.
Du'a: Supplication.
E
Eid: Muslim holiday.
F
Faltah: Mistake.
Fajr: Muslim Dawn prayer.
Fatawa: A religious decision.
Fiqh: Islamic jurisprudence.
Fitna: Dispute, also trial or test.
G
Ghusl: Ritual bathing.
н
Hadith: Actions, words, and consents of the Prophet in matters pertaining to the meaning and practices of Islam which have been transmitted through a line of narrators.
Hijaz: Arabian Peninsula.
Hijrah: Immigration of the Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Madina.
Hujjah: Proof.
Hukm: Decision.
I
Ibn (ibn): Son of
Ihram: Ritual consecration.
Imamiyyah (Imami or Imamah): Succession to the Prophet.
Imams: Leaders after the Prophet (i.e. the 12 Imams).

Iman: Faith.

ljtihad: Jurisprudence.

Iqaama: The call that signals the beginning of the prayer.

Isha: Muslim Night prayer.

J

Jama'ah: A group.

Jihad: Struggle. There are two types of struggles in Islam – the Greater Struggle (*jihad al–akbar*) which is the fighting against ill–desires of the self and the Lesser Struggle (*jihad al–asghar*) defending Islam in the warfront.

Junub: Being in a state of ritually impurity.

Κ

Kaffarah: Penalty money.

Kafir: Disbeliever.

Khilafa: Successorship or leadership.

Khumra: A solid piece of dirt or a piece of straw.

Khums: A form of charity described as: one-fifth of the surplus of one's income after taking away all legitimate expenses for a the person and his dependants.

М

Madhahib (madhhab): Schools of Islamic thought.

Maghafir: The gum of mimosa.

Mawla: Leader.

Miskeen: Destitute.

Mu'adhdhin: A person who makes the call to prayer.

Mu'akhat: Brotherhood.

Mubahilah: Malediction.

Muhkam: Fundamental or basic. Mujtahid: A juristic scholar. Mushaf: A book or volume. Mushrik: One who associates something or someone with Allah. Mustahhab: Recommended. Mut'ah: Temporary marriage. Mutashabah: Allegorical. Mut'ah al-Hajj: Means that Muslims are free from the restrictions of ihram during the time between 'umrah and the hajj. Muwaddah: Affection. Ν Nawafil: Recommended Muslim prayers. Nifaq: Hypocrisy. Q Qanim: Firmly established. R Ruku: Bowing down. S Sabr: Patience. Sadaqa: General charity. Sahaba: Companions of the Prophet.

Sahih: Authentic.

Salaf: Predecessors.

Sha'ban: The 8th month of the Muslim calendar.

Salat: Prayer.
Salat al-Layl: The recommended, night Muslim prayer.
Sayyid: Master. Also means and elder or a descendent of the Prophet Muhammad.
Shaytan:Satan.
Shirk: Polytheism.
Shura: Consultation.
Sirat: Path.
т
Tabisin: The following generation after the Prophet.
Taharah: Purity.
Takbir (takbirs or takbirats): Saying "Allah Akbar" which means 'Allah is Greater than everything else
Tarawih Prayer: Special prayers offered during the nights of Ramadan.
Tashhahud: Testimony.
Thaqalayn: A hadith of the Two Weighty Things [the Noble Qur'an and the Ahlul Bayt].
U
Ummah: Muslim nation.
Usul: Foundations.
w
Wali: Guardian.
Warith: Inheritor.
Wazir: Minister.
Wilat: Rulers.
Wudhu: Ablution.

Yaqeen: Certainty.	
z	
Zakat: Alms-giving.	

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