

GLOSSARY

'alim: man of knowledge, both ethical and scientific.

al-'adl: justice, impartiality, honesty, equitableness.

amanah, amana: trust.

assalamu 'alaikum: Peace be with you, a Muslim's greeting.

d'awa: to practice one's faith, serving as an example to others.

dhimmi: non-Muslim, who should be trusted and protected (this word is misused as hostages).

dhikr: remembrance of Allah during work, rest, or sleep; repetition of God's name.

din: faith, rule, law, Laws of Allah; the essence of the Prophet's message, the spiritual truth common to all religions and addressed to all humankind.

falah: to act, a proper act; a comprehensive concept of social welfare, which includes economic, social, material, and educational needs.

hadd: fixed penalty for acts forbidden in the Qur'an, limits laid down by God.

hadith: Tradition, records of actions and sayings of the Prophet.

hajj: pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca at least once in one's lifetime if one can afford it (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).

hidayah, hidayat: guidance; a comprehensive code of life encompassing all aspects.

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hijrah, hijra: Muhammad's migration from Mecca to Medina.

'ibadah, 'ibadat: piety, ordinances of divine worship, channels of communion: prayer, fasting, poor tax, charity in thought and belief in one, unique, and universal God of all.

ihsan: performance of good deeds, generosity. It also means worshipping Allah as if you are seeing Him or as if He is seeing you.

'imamat, imama: world community.

'iman: faith, affirmation of faith in Allah, in His angels, in His books, in His apostles, in the day of judgment, and in the divine decree to good and evil.

Injil: The Bible.

Al-Insan Al-Kamil: complete person, perfect person.

jama'at, jama'a: community, gathering, party, communal assembly.

jihad: literally means "striving." It denotes any form of activity, either personal or community-wide, by Muslims in an attempt to strive for the cause of Allah. There is "greater" or inner jihad and "lesser" or outer jihad.

jumu'ah: Friday, the Day of Assembly; also the title of Surah 62.

ka'bah, ka'ba: House of God

kafir, kafir, kufr, kwfr: one who does not have a religion, those who do not recognize or acknowledge God.

kalima: the spoken word, the realized Word of God

khalifah, khalifa: vicegerent, representative directly accountable to the master.

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kharaj: tax on non-Muslims in lieu of *zakat* and *ushr*, and for security.

khawarij: seceders.

khilafa, khilafah, khilafat: political institution of which the khalifa is the head.

Khudai Khidmatgar: servants of Khuda/Allah; nonviolent Pathan soldiers of Badshah Khan (Abdul Ghaffar Khan) in India's Northwest Frontier Province.

masjid: mosque, literally a place where a Muslim touches his forehead while prostrating.

muamalat: one's dealings with human society.

muezzin: the person who calls the hour of prayers.

mullah: a Muslim in a quasiclerical class trained in traditional law and doctrine.

mustadafa'yyun: the oppressed, depressed, or exploited.

mutaqi: man of *taqwa*, piety, integrity, or strength.

mutma'inna: confident.

nafs-al-'ammarah (or amara): carnal desires, the carnal self.

qisas: law of equality and mercy.

Ramadan: the ninth month of the lunar calendar, which is the month of fasting for Muslims (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).

rasul: prophet, messenger.

sadaqa, sadaqah: to do a good deed, give alms, charity.

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sadaqat ul-fitr: compulsory charity given on the occasion of ‘Id, the last day of the month of fasting, Ramadan.

salah, salat: prayers at specific times five times a day from sunrise to sunset, each preceded by proper ablution (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).

salam, salamat: noun from the verb *salima* “to be well, uninjured,” used in the meaning of “peace, health, salutations, greeting.”

sawn: fasting in the month of Ramadan every year by abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset while purifying both the tongue and the heart in the process (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).

shahada, shahadat: a vow that proclaims there is no God but God and Muhammad is his Messenger (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).

shari‘a, sh‘ariat, shariah, shar‘iya: the canon law of Islam (literally, the way to a watering place).

sirat-al-Mustaqim: the true path, the path chosen by God.

sunnah, sunna: the deeds, utterances, and unspoken approval of the Prophet.

taghut: arrogant one.

tarbiyah: a sister concept of *tazkiyah*, education and training.

taqwa: God consciousness, piety, fear of Allah, righteousness, good conduct; restraining or guarding one’s tongue, hand, and heart from evil.

tawhid: unity of Allah.

ta‘zir: discretionary punishment for lesser offenses.

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tazkiyah: character building; lifelong transformation of human personality in which all aspects of life play a part. *Tazkiyah* does not limit itself to the conscious learning process: it is rather the task of giving form to the act of righteous living itself. In every moment of life one should remember one's position in front of Allah and thereby convert facts into values, processes into purposes, actions into goals, and plans into realization. *Tazkiyah* is purification of the soul to such an extent that it controls and guides the *nafs-al-'ammarah*.

ummah, umma: a faith community whose identity is Islam and not color, race, language, common history, geography, or any other quality; its main constituents are faith and creed.

'ushr: agricultural dues/tax.

zakah, zakat: compulsory religious tax that every Muslim has to pay (one of the Five Pillars of Islam).