

Glossary of Islamic Terms

A

<i>`adah</i>	custom
<i>`ahd</i>	covenant
<i>`alim (pl. `ulama`)</i>	religious scholar
<i>`aql</i>	reason
<i>`asabiyah</i>	Arab tribal solidarity
<i>`ashurah</i>	day of mourning in <i>Shi`i</i> tradition; in <i>Suni</i> tradition, the “tenth” day, after the Jewish Yom Kippur
<i>`asriyun</i>	modernists
<i>Ahl al-dhimma</i>	people of the covenant, protected status
<i>Ahl al-kitab</i>	people of the book: Jews and Christians
<i>Ahmadiya</i>	a Muslim sect, located in the far periphery of Islamic religion
<i>Al-Islam huwa al-hal</i>	Islam is the solution
<i>Al-`uruba</i>	the Arab <i>qawmi</i> ideology, as inter-Arab relations
<i>Alawites</i>	a sect located in northern Syria, the political elite there (not considered Muslims)
<i>Allahoo akbar</i>	Allah is the greatest
<i>Amir al-mu`minin</i>	commander of the faithful
<i>Ansar</i>	the followers of the prophet in Medina
<i>Arkan al-islam</i>	the five pillars of Islam

B

<i>Baiy`ahl mubaya`ah</i>	oath of allegiance to the ruler
<i>Bid`ah</i>	apostasy, heresy; innovation practice

D

<i>Da`wah</i>	religious propaganda, propagation of the Islamic faith
<i>Dar al-harb</i>	abode of war, the world outside Islam
<i>Dar al-Islam</i>	abode of Islam, Muslim land
<i>Dar al-sulh</i>	regions considered at temporally peace with Islam (by contract)
<i>Dawlah</i>	state
<i>Din</i>	faith, religion
<i>Duniah</i>	world

F

<i>Faqih (pl. fuqaha)</i>	legal expert, jurisprudent
<i>Fard`ayn</i>	obligatory duty
<i>Fard kifaya</i>	voluntary duty
<i>Fatwah (pl. Fatawat)</i>	authoritative religious ruling
<i>Fidayeen</i>	Infiltrators, fighters, guerrilla warrior
<i>Fiqh</i>	jurisprudence
<i>Fitna</i>	rebellion, especially during classical Islam, in connection with the power question

G

<i>Ghulat</i>	exaggerators
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H

<i>Hadith (pl. Ahadith)</i>	narration, traditions of the prophet
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<i>Hajj</i>	pilgrimage to Mecca
<i>Hakmiyah</i>	sovereignty
<i>Halal</i>	permitted, lawful activities
<i>Haq (pl. Huquq)</i>	right
<i>Haram</i>	unlawful activities, sacred territory, sanctuary
<i>Hijab</i>	veil, Muslim women covering in public
<i>Hijrah</i>	the prophet's migration on July 16, 622 C.E. from Mecca to Medina
<i>Hizbullab</i>	party of Allah
<i>Hukm</i>	authority, rule
<i>Hukumah</i>	government
<i>Hurriyah</i>	freedom
I	
<i>`ibadah</i>	worship
<i>`id</i>	festival
<i>`id al-adh`a</i>	the feast of sacrifice
<i>`id al-fitr</i>	the feast of breaking the <i>Ramadan</i> fast
<i>`ilm</i>	knowledge, science
<i>`ilmaniyah</i>	secularism
<i>`ird</i>	woman honor
<i>Ijma`</i>	consensus of Muslim community
<i>Ijtihad</i>	innovative thinking, interpretation of Islamic law
<i>Ikhwan -</i>	brotherhood
<i>Imam</i>	religious and prayer leader

<i>Iian</i>	faith
<i>Islah</i>	reform
J	
<i>Jahiliyah</i>	the times of pre-Islamic Arabia, sinful society
<i>Jama`ah</i>	association or society
<i>Jihad</i>	holy war (in <i>Qur`an</i> : strive, effort for the sake of Allah)
<i>Jihad al-akbar</i>	striving for the path of Allah when the whole world is Muslim
<i>Jihad al-saghir</i>	the holy war against the enemies of Islam
<i>Jizyah</i>	an exemption tax
<i>Juhhal</i>	?????????
K	
<i>Kafir (pl. Kuffar)</i>	disbeliever, infidel
<i>Khali`</i>	one who departed from his tribe
<i>Khawarij</i>	Islamic radical sect
<i>Khutbah (pl. Khutab)</i>	sermon, preaching
M	
<i>Madhhab (pl. madhabib)</i>	school of legal thought or jurisprudence
<i>Madrasah</i>	school, school of thought, religious college
<i>Majlis al-shura</i>	consultative assembly
<i>Mawla (pl. Mawali)</i>	non-Arab Muslim convert in early Islamic history
<i>Mu`min (pl. Mu`minun)</i>	believer or faithful

<i>Mufti</i>	Muslim religious scholar
<i>Mujahid</i>	soldier of God
<i>Mullah</i>	local religious leader
<i>Murtad</i>	he who rejects Islam, an apostate
<i>Muruwah</i>	tribal manhood
<i>Mushrik (pl. Mushrikun)</i>	polytheist, idolater
N	
<i>Nahdah</i>	resistance
<i>Niyah</i>	intention
<i>Nizam islami</i>	Islamic system
Q	
<i>Qadi</i>	Islamic judge
<i>Qawm</i>	nation, race
<i>Qias</i>	reasoning by analogy
<i>Qiblah</i>	direction of pray
<i>Qur`an</i>	the holy book of Islam
<i>Quraysh</i>	the prophet's tribe
R	
<i>Rak`ah</i>	bowing during prayer
<i>Ray</i>	opinion, personal speculation
<i>Ridda</i>	civil war, the first war fought between Muslims
S	
<i>Sabr</i>	endurance and steadfastness
<i>Sadaqah</i>	charitable donation

<i>Sahabah</i>	companions of the prophet
<i>Salafiyah</i>	movement of Islamic revival
<i>Salat</i>	prayer
<i>Shahada</i>	the confession of faith: there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah
<i>Shahid (pl. Shuhada)</i>	martyr, witness to faith
<i>Shari`ah</i>	the path, the Islamic law according to the <i>Qur`an</i> and <i>hadith</i>
<i>Shaykh</i>	tribal leader, religious teacher
<i>Shi`ah</i>	party, faction, the adherents of `ali
<i>Shura</i>	consultation
<i>Sufi</i>	follower of Islamic mysticism
<i>Sufism</i>	Islamic mysticism and asceticism
<i>Sunnah</i>	the practices of the prophet
<i>Sura</i>	chapter in <i>Qur`an</i>
T	
<i>Ta`awun</i>	solidarity, cooperation
<i>Ta`ifiyah</i>	sectarianism
<i>Tajdid</i>	renewal of Islam
<i>Tali`ah</i>	vanguard
<i>Tanzimat</i>	the reform policy in the Ottoman empire, during the 18 th and 19 th centuries
<i>Taqiyah</i>	dissimulation about one's religious identity
<i>Taqlid</i>	imitation

<i>Tariqah</i>	religious order
<i>Tashmis</i>	deportation, banishment
<i>Tawhid</i>	unity of Allah
U	
<i>Ummah</i>	the Islamic community
<i>Uqqal</i>	those who are acquainted with the religious secrets; opposite of <i>juhhal</i>
<i>Urf</i>	local custom
<i>Usuliyah</i>	roots, fundamentalism
W	
<i>Wahabiyah</i>	the Islamic movement in Saudi-Arabia in the 19 th century
<i>Waqf</i>	endowment of property for religious purposes
<i>Watan</i>	homeland, fatherland
Z	
<i>Zakat</i>	voluntary charity