

## Appendix 21

### Glossary of Islamic Words

AH	Anno Hegirae (Latin) – the year of Hijra.
<i>Al-Dajjal</i>	Antichrist.
<i>al-kafirun</i>	unbelievers.
<i>al-mu'minun</i>	believers.
<i>adhan</i>	Muslim call to prayer.
<i>ahadith</i>	The Hadith, or sayings of Mohammed.
<i>alim</i>	presiding 'scholar' at the <i>madrassa</i> , who ensures the Qur'anic traditions and ritual.
Allah	Arabic word for Almighty God, but also it includes all Muslim teaching and content.
<i>Allahu akbar</i>	'God is great.'
<i>aqal</i>	rationality.
<i>Ashura</i>	Commemoration of Massacre of Karbala, on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of Muharram.
<i>awal</i>	Gnostic-psychological state (Sufi Islam).
<i>awrat</i>	'things to be ashamed of'; those parts of the body that could elicit sexual stimulation if seen (which in the case of women are all their bodies except face and hands), exposure of which would be shameful.
<i>aya</i>	verse of the Qur'an.
<i>baraka</i>	blessings, giftings.
<i>bismillah</i>	alternative name for shahada, the first word of the Muslim creed.
<i>burqa</i>	black veil that covers head; also called <i>niqab</i> .
<i>Cehennam</i>	Gehenna, i.e., Hell.
<i>chador</i>	black veil that covers head to toe, sometimes just head covering.
<i>dakka</i>	the platform in the mosque on which the <i>meuzzin</i> imitates the prayer stance of the imam leading prayers (in a large mosque).
<i>Dar al Harb</i>	Domain of War, a territory ruled by unbelievers (infidels).
<i>Dar al Islam</i>	House of Islam, a state under Muslim rule
<i>dhimmi</i>	Muslim regime under which Christians are tolerated, taxed, and enjoy a protected status.
<i>Dhu al-Hijjah</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> Month in Muslim lunar calendar. The month of pilgrimage ( <i>hajj</i> ).
<i>din</i>	the religious observances of Islam.
<i>du'a</i>	personal prayer.
Eid	celebration. Name given to a special festival.
<i>Eid ul Azha</i>	the major festival of Islam, beginning on the tenth day of the last month of the calendar (Dhu al-Hijjah), lasting for four days, characterized by the sacrificing of a cow, camel, goat or sheep, in memory of the ransom of 'Ishmael' with a ram.
<i>Eid ul Fitr</i>	feast of breaking the fast, celebrated at the end of the fasting month Ramadan.
<i>fatwa</i>	Islamic legal opinion, usually proposed by a group of leaders/lawyers ( <i>ulama</i> ).

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<i>fiqh</i>	Islamic jurisprudence.
<i>gusl</i>	complete body wash.
<i>hadith</i>	the tradition of Mohammed, recorded by his Companions; sayings of the prophet Mohammed.
<i>hajj</i>	the pilgrimage of the holy places in Mecca.
<i>hajji</i>	person who has completed the hajj.
<i>Hajr al Aswad</i>	The Black Stone set in the Ka'aba at Mecca.
<i>hakim</i>	theology of the Druze.
<i>halal</i>	meat that has been slaughtered by Muslim ritual.
<i>haram</i>	prohibited area.
<i>hazam</i>	the belt that holds the cover of the Ka'aba in place.
<i>hijab</i>	Muslim women's dress, head covering; dress code; used interchangeably with <i>pardah</i> .
<i>Hijra</i>	the 'flight' from Mecca on September 24 AD 622; becoming known as the year that Mohammed and his followers 'emigrated' from Mecca to Medina; the year AH 1 of the Muslim Calendar.
<i>hourī</i>	fair maidens (virgins) in Paradise.
<i>ibadah</i>	worship, devotion.
<i>Iblis</i>	alternative name for Satan ( <i>Shaitan</i> ).
<i>ihram</i>	the seamless white sheets worn by those doing the hajj.
<i>ijtihad</i>	exercising a judgement ( <i>fatwa</i> ).
<i>ijma</i>	consensus of the Muslim community.
<i>ilah</i>	deity, god.
<i>imam</i>	the leader in a mosque (Sunni Islam); the Caliph (Shi'a Islam).
<i>iman</i>	faith.
<i>injil</i>	gospel, good news.
<i>islam</i>	submission.
<i>jahada</i>	to struggle.
Jahanam	Hell
<i>jama'at</i>	a Muslim society, 'congregation.'
<i>Janna</i>	Paradise.
<i>jihad</i>	holy war, fight against infidels and infidel countries.
<i>jinn</i>	invisible beings in an almost parallel world.
<i>jizya</i>	the tax Christians must pay to Islam for their defence under Islamic rule.
<i>jum'a</i>	Friday; the communal prayer at the mosque, midday on Fridays.
<i>kalima</i>	statement of faith.
<i>kafir</i>	infidel.

<i>Ka'aba</i>	the cube that contains the Black Stone in the mosque in Mecca (Makkah), Saudi Arabia.
<i>kalimah</i>	declaration of faith, word.
<i>khalifa</i>	caliph, or Muslim leader. Literally: some-one who replaces someone who died. Hence the caliph, the recognised leader, replacing Mohammed when he died.
<i>khilafa</i>	The government of a Muslim State
<i>khatib</i>	the orator at the mosque, who gives the Friday sermon.
<i>khutba</i>	Friday sermon at the mosque.
<i>kiswa</i>	the black cover over the Ka'aba.
<i>kursi</i>	the lectern in the mosque on which the Qur'an is placed from which it is publicly read.
<i>madrasa</i>	the Muslim school connected to the mosque, giving religious instruction.
<i>Mahdi</i>	'the divinely guided one.' The anticipated Muslim Messiah, some say 'the son of Mary', others deny this. His coming will unite all Muslims, and heralds the Day of Judgement.
<i>maqamat</i>	stages of piety (Sufi Islam).
<i>masjid</i>	mosque.
<i>mawali</i>	non-Arab converts to Islam.
<i>mihrab</i>	the niche in the mosque wall that indicates the direction of the <i>qibla</i> .
<i>minaret</i>	the tower at the mosque from which the muezzin recites the <i>adhan</i> .
<i>minbar</i>	the mosque pulpit.
<i>miraj</i>	Mohammed's ascension into Heaven.
<i>moulvi</i>	a Muslim lawyer/'priest' (word used in Asia).
<i>muezzin</i>	the one who calls to prayer.
<i>Muharram</i>	First month of Muslim year.
<i>munafiqeen</i>	hypocrites.
<i>murid</i>	students of <i>pirs</i> .
<i>mufti</i>	a Muslim lawyer.
<i>muslim</i>	adjective of the noun <i>islam</i> .
<i>musallah</i>	an uncovered place reserved for worship. A prayer rug.
<i>muttah</i>	fixed-term marriage (Shi'a Islam).
<i>muwahhidun</i>	monotheists.
<i>nabi</i>	anyone who is inspired by Allah, a prophet.
<i>nafs</i>	passion.
<i>namaz</i>	prayer, worship (same as <i>salat</i> ).
<i>nazir</i>	administrator at the mosque.
<i>nur</i>	light, especially of divine inspiration; divine light.
<i>pir</i>	Sufi leader; a learned, spiritual guide (sheikh).

<i>purdah</i>	veil, curtain. Indicating the separation of women within a household.
<i>qadi</i>	judge of Muslim law ( <i>shari'ah</i> ).
<i>qibla</i>	the direction for prayer, the direction of Mecca.
<i>qira'at</i>	'readings', portions/statements of the Qur'an handed down.
<i>qiyas</i>	an analogy in Muslim law.
Qur'an	the Muslim holy book, attributed to having been received by vision to Mohammed.
<i>qurra'</i>	'readers', those through whom the Qur'anic passages were transmitted.
Ramadan	ninth month of the Muslim lunar calendar, the month of fasting.
<i>rabb</i>	Lord, Master, Sustainer.
<i>rak'ah</i>	prayer cycle.
<i>rasul</i>	distinguished prophet, entrusted with a special message.
<i>rawi, pl. ruwah</i>	'transmitters', in connection with formulating the Qur'an.
<i>ruh</i>	spirit
<i>rukhn al yamani</i>	the southern corner of the Ka'aba.
<i>sa'i</i>	ceremony running between the hills of Safaa and Marwa (2 <sup>nd</sup> day of <i>hajj</i> ).
<i>sahih</i>	means sound, with respect to an authentic <i>hadith</i> .
<i>salat</i>	ritual prayer.
<i>sawm</i>	fasting.
<i>shahada</i>	the Muslim confession of faith
Shaitan	Satan ( <i>iblis</i> ).
<i>shari'ah</i>	Islamic law system inspired by the Qur'an and the <i>sunnah</i> .
<i>sheikh</i>	a spiritual leader, also known as a <i>pir</i> .
Shia (Shi'a)	the followers of the Caliphate of Ali, in opposition to the Sunni choice of caliph, Abu Bakr.
<i>sunnah</i>	like the <i>ahadith</i> , they are the tradition of Mohammed, specifically depicting events in the life of Mohammed, as offering examples for ethics and way of life.
Sunni	the followers of the <i>sunnah</i> , <i>hadith</i> (usually considered to be the 'orthodox' Muslims).
Sufi	a more mystical group of Muslims who come from either Sunni or Shi'a backgrounds.
<i>sura</i>	chapter of the Qur'an.
<i>syrat</i>	the thread to be walked on the very brink of hell.
<i>talaq</i>	divorce.
<i>tariqa</i>	path, order, group.
<i>tauhid</i>	essential oneness.
<i>Taurat</i>	<i>Torah</i> , the Pentateuch.
<i>tasawwuf</i>	the belief (science) of Sufi Islam.
<i>taziya</i>	Shi'a passion plays.

<i>Ulu al 'Azam</i>	Possessors of Power.
<i>ulema</i>	a recognised group of Muslim leaders of the <i>ummah</i> community of Muslims, identifies the totality of Muslims.
<i>ummah</i>	Muslim community.
<i>umrah</i>	doing circuits around the <i>Ka'aba</i> (often referred to as the little <i>hajj</i> when performed independently of the <i>hajj</i> ).
<i>waqf</i>	a mosque endowment.
<i>wahdat al-wujud</i>	the unity of being (Sufi Islam).
<i>wudu</i>	ritual washing before prayer, for spiritual purity.
<i>yaum al-din</i>	Day of Judgement.
<i>Zabur</i>	Book of Psalms.
<i>zakat</i>	almsgiving.

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