

Glossary

Aqeeda	Creed
Auliya:	(s. waliyy) God's friends
Aya	(pl. ayaat) Literally, sign. Also, and more commonly, a verse of the Qur'an.
Ijtihaad:	A method of arriving at juristic rulings through employing deductive reasoning in cases in which no text from the Qur'an or the Sunna applies.
Ilaah	Diety. See Rabb below. Ilaah refers to any being or entity that is worshipped whether or not the worship is valid.
Iman: Faith/Belief.	
Jannah	Literally, The Garden. The abode of those whom God favours on the Day of Judgment. Paradise.
Kafir	(pl. kafireen or kafirun) One who knows the Truth but rejects it or denies it.
Mushrik:	(pl. mushrikeen or mushrikun) Those who associate partners with God
Muttaqi:	(pl. muttaqeen or muttaqun) Pious, God conscious. Taqwa is a word that encompasses several meanings but which traditionally has been rendered as «piety». The Arabic word conveys the meaning of «protecting oneself». «Protecting oneself from Punishment of God» implies consciousness of the dictates of God, adherence to his laws ... etc. Hence, piety as a word conveying the global meaning. It is important to note that individual verses may stress one particular meaning or another.

Rabb: Lord, Guardian – Lord. Rabb refers to the attribute of God as the Creator and Guardian of his creation.

Rouh : Spirit

Shahada: Pronunciation of the confession of faith. «I bear witness that there is no god but God and that Muhammad is His messenger»

Shariah: Islamic Law

Zakat: An obligation upon Muslim to pay a specified amount from one's wealth in order to support the poor and purify one's wealth.