

GLOSSARY

Ab[‘]ad al-ajalayn the longest period of the (‘iddahs)

‘Adālah justice

‘Ādil a just person

Ahl al-ḥaqīqah the people of truth, reality

Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā‘ah

people who adhere to the tradition of the Prophet, Companions, and Successors

Asālib al-isti‘māl a literary style, stylistic peculiarity, rhetorical subtlety

Athar trace

Athar khuffa al-ba‘īr incision made in the foot of the camel in order to determine and trace the foot print

Awwala to return, to arrive at the final end, to interpret

Āyāt (plur. of *āyah*) verses of the Qur’an

Balāghah Arabic rehtoric

Bayān explanation

Bid‘ah innovation

Bismi Allāh In the name of Allah

Bushrā good tiding

Faqad kafar indeed, he has disbelieved

Fassar explanation

Fatāwā (*sing. fatwa*) legal verdicts, legal opinion

al-Fātihah lit. the opening, the first chapter of the Qur’an

Fulān min ahl al-ra’y so and so is of the people of opinion

Fuqahā’ (*sing. faqīh*) Muslim jurists, those who are learned in fiqh

Gharīb strange words

Ḥabr hādhihi al-ummah scholar of the Muslim community

Ḥadith the Prophet Muhammad’s sayings, actions and his tacit approval

Ḥasanah good

Hijrah immigration of the Prophet Muhammad and his Companions from Makkah to Madinah

al-Ḥurūf al-muqaṭa‘ah the abbreviated letter of the Qur’an

‘Iddah prohibited period for a widow or a divorcee to get married; four months and ten days for a widow and three cycles for a woman who experiences monthly periods and three months for a woman who does not have a monthly period

Iḥrām to profess intention, and wear the statutory clothing, for performing pilgrimage

Ijtihād lit. exertion, and technically is excessive effort a jurist makes to deduce the law

Ikhtāranī he chose me

Ikhtisār shortening, abbreviating

Isrā’iliyyāt hadith reports originating from Jewish and Christian sources

Istijā’ choosing, selection

Istinbāṭ inference

Istishhādāt citation of a verse to prove and support a claim or an opinion

I’tiqād belief

Ittaqū al-tafsīr refrain from Qur’anic exegesis

Iyāla arrangement, regency

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Jāhiliyyah lit. ignorance and technically, Arab traditional practice which Islam condemned when the Prophet Muhammad became a Messenger; also, unIslamic behavior

Kalālah a person dies without leaving behind neither descendants nor ascendants as heirs

al-Karīm lit. the Generous, the Honorable – one of Allah's names

al-Khasf baseness, ignominy, swallowing up by earth

Khilāfah a ruler of the Islamic State

Khurāfāt fairy tale, fable, nonsense

Kufr disbelief

al-Kursiy the chair, also God's Throne

al-Kutub al-Šittah the six books of Hadith considered to be the most authentic ones

La ʿamrī upon my life. This phrase does not mean you are swearing by your life. It is a cultural expression which Arabs use

al-Madhdhmūm blameworthy

Madhhab a school of fiqh or thought

al-Maḥmūd praiseworthy

al-Mamdūh praiseworthy

Maqṣūdūhā its meaning, objective

al-Marwah a Hill in Makkah considered as symbol of God

Mashhūd that which is witnessed, the Day of judgment

al-Masmūʿ that which is heard

al-Maʿthūr lit. 'the traced', the transmitted information traced back to the Prophet, his Companions and the second generation of Muslims

Mubtadiʿah innovators in Islam

Mufasssīrūn exegetes, commentators of the Qur'an

Muḥaddithūn scholars of Hadith

Mujassim anthropomorphist

Mujtahid a qualified scholar who exercises ijthad

Mulhid renegade, heretic, unbelieving

Munāsabāt proportional relations among

the verses of the Qur'an, proportions

Muqtaṣid one who takes the middle

course, a moderate

al-Mushāhadāt witnesses (of the truth)

Mutashābihāt verses which are open to

different interpretations, verses which

are not entirely clear

Naḥw Arabic grammar

al-Naql transmission

Niʿmah blessing

Qāla he said

Qawl saying, statement

Qirāʾah recitation

Qisāṣ just retaliation

Qiyās analogy

Quṣṣāṣ story tellers

al-Raḥīm The Beneficent – one of

Allah's names

al-Raḥmān The Merciful – one of

Allah's names

Raʾs al-mufasssīrīn head, leader of the

exegetes, outstanding exegete

al-Raʾy opinion

Ribā usury

Šaḥābah Companions of the Prophet

Muhammad

Šaḥābī a Companion

Salaf predecessors, *Šaḥabah* and *Tābiʿīn*

Šāhid a witness

Šarīʿah Islamic Law

Šifāt attributes,

Silsilat al-kadhib chain of lie, rejected

chain of narration

al-Sirāṭ al-mustaqīm the straight path

Šūfīs group of people who practice

Sufism (mysticism)

Sūrah a chapter of the Qur'an

Tābiʿīn a person who met one of the

Companions of the Prophet Muhammad

but did not meet the Prophet

Tabyīn illustration

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Tafsīr Qur'anic exegesis

al-Tafsīrah a physician's examination of urine to determine a patient's illness

al-Tafsīr al-mawḍū'ī thematic exegesis of the Qur'an

Ta'khīr a subject placed in delayed position grammatically

Tarjumān al-Qur'ān interpretator of Qur'an, a title given to Ibn 'Abbās

Tawhīd Believing in One God, unity of God

Ta'wīl interpretation

Uḥud a mountain in Madinah

Ulī al-amr those who are in charge of people, leaders of the community

ʿUrf usage

Uṣūl al-fiqh principles of fiqh

Zāhīr Manifest

Zakah obligatory charity

Zuhd asceticism