

Glossary –Islam By Topic

Belief in Allah	Adhan	The call to prayer in Arabic
Belief in Allah	Akhirah	Life after death, when the Day of Judgment takes place.
Belief in Allah	Al-Qadr	Predestination; belief that Allah has preordained certain things and put in place fixed universal laws.
Belief in Allah	Al-salamu 'alaykum	Muslim greeting which means 'peace be upon you'.
Belief in Allah	Allah	Arabic name for God
Belief in Allah	Barzakh	Stage between death and the time of judgement.
Belief in Allah	Beneficence	Kindness, generosity
Belief in Allah	Fitrah	The nature humans are born with
Belief in Allah	Forgiveness	To pardon a person for a wrong they have done
Belief in Allah	Hadith	Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad
Belief in Allah	Immanence	A belief that Allah acts in the world
Belief in Allah	Injil	Original Gospel of Salah
Belief in Allah	Ka'bah	Cube-shaped building in Makkah which Muslims believe was the first house of Allah on earth, rebuilt by Ibrahim and Isma'il
Belief in Allah	Kiraman katibin	Noble scribes, the angels who note every person's good and bad deeds.
Belief in Allah	Kitab-al-iman	The Book of Faith in the Sahih Muslim collection of the Hadith
Belief in Allah	Kutubullah	Books of Allah
Belief in Allah	Laylat al-Qadr	The Night of Power
Belief in Allah	Malaikah	The Arabic name for angels
Belief in Allah	Mi'ad	The Day of Judgement and the Resurrection
Belief in Allah	Miracles	Extraordinary events that may not be explainable
Belief in Allah	Omnipotence	Being all-powerful
Belief in Allah	Prophet	A messenger chosen by Allah to teach humanity what is right and wrong.
Belief in Allah	Protection	Keeping safe from harm
Belief in Allah	Qibla	The direction Muslims must face (towards Makkah) during Salah
Belief in Allah	Qu'ran	The holiest text in Islam
Belief in Allah	Resurrection	The belief that humans will be raised to life in the next life
Belief in Allah	Revelation	Communication from Allah, often through an angel
Belief in Allah	Risalah	The system of communication between Allah and people, often through prophets.
Belief in Allah	Sahifah	Scrolls of Ibrahim and Moses
Belief in Allah	Scripture	A holy book or text given by Allah through a prophet.
Belief in Allah	Shi'a	Muslims who believe that leadership belongs to the ahl al-bayt
Belief in Allah	Sunni	Muslims who believe Abu Bakr was the first of four 'rightly guided' leaders after Prophet Muhammad
Belief in Allah	Surah	Chapter
Belief in Allah	Tawhid	Belief in one God; in the oneness of Allah
Belief in Allah	Transcendence	A belief that Allah is above and beyond his creation
Belief in Allah	Zabur	Psalms of David

The Muslim Life	Adalat	Divine justice. Also known as adl
The Muslim Life	Ahl ai-bayt	People of the Prophet Muhammad's house (family)
The Muslim Life	Amr bil ma'roof	Encouraging good action.
The Muslim Life	Apostacy	Leaving a religion
The Muslim Life	Ashura	Shi'a commemoration of Imam Hussain's martyrdom
The Muslim Life	Blasphemy	Offending religions belief
The Muslim Life	Five Pillars	The most important duties of a Muslim known as Arkaan al-islam
The Muslim Life	Greater jihad	Striving spiritually to resist evil within oneself
The Muslim Life	Hajj	The pilgrimage made Muslims to Makkah
The Muslim Life	I'tikaf	A period of retreat in the mosque during last ten days of Ramadan for worship
The Muslim Life	Id-ul-Adha	Festival commemorating the devotion of Ibrahim and Isma'il
The Muslim Life	-ul-Fitr	Id- festival celebrated at the end of Ramadan
The Muslim Life	Id-ul-Ghadeer	Shi'a festival commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's choice of Ali as leader of Muslims.
The Muslim Life	Imam	Person who leads Salah
The Muslim Life	Jihad	Struggling or striving
The Muslim Life	Jummah prayer	Congregation held every Friday, usually in the mosque
The Muslim Life	Khalifah	A religious leader (caliph) representing Allah or a prophet
The Muslim Life	Khums	A system for Shi'a Muslims to pay an additional 20 percent of their savings towards community causes.
The Muslim Life	Lesser jihad	Striving physically to resist an evil in the world
The Muslim Life	Madinah Charter	A constitution or set of laws for the state Muhammad established in Madinah
The Muslim Life	Nahi anil munkar	Discouraging evil actions
The Muslim Life	Nisab	The amount of wealth above which a Muslim needs to pay Zakah
The Muslim Life	Pilgrimage	A journey to a place which is special for religious disputes
The Muslim Life	Rak'at	Set of movements and words in each Salah
The Muslim Life	Ramadan	A month of fasting, one of the Pillars of Islam
The Muslim Life	Sadaqah	Voluntary charity, not fixed at any rate
The Muslim Life	Salah	The Muslim prayer
The Muslim Life	Sawm	To keep away from something, also known as fasting
The Muslim Life	Shahadah	Declaration of belief which Muslims are required to say
The Muslim Life	Shirk	A sin that involves setting up equals to Allah, worshipping anyone or anything besides him.
The Muslim Life	Sin	An action against Allah's will
The Muslim Life	Tawaf	Anti-clockwise circuit of the Ka'ba completed seven times during Hajj.
The Muslim Life	Tawrat	Torah
The Muslim Life	Ten Obligatory Acts	The most important duties of a Shi'a Muslim
The Muslim Life	Usul ad-Din	Name given to the principles of faith in Shi'a Islam.
The Muslim Life	Wudu	Purification ritual to ensure one is clean before prayer
The Muslim Life	Zakah	Literally 'purification' (of wealth), one of the pillars of Islam.

Peace and Conflict	Conflict	A serious disagreement that may lead to disunity and war
Peace and Conflict	Harb al-Maqadis	Usually translated as 'holy war', where the conditions for lesser jihad are fulfilled
Peace and Conflict	Holy War	A war fought in support of a religious cause
Peace and Conflict	Human Rights	Rights which all human beings are entitled to
Peace and Conflict	Just War theory	A set of conditions that need to be met in order for war to be justified, also known as jus ad bellum ('right to war')
Peace and Conflict	Pacifism	The belief that disputes should be settled peacefully, and war and violence are always wrong.
Peace and Conflict	Pacifist	Someone who does not believe in war
Peace and Conflict	Passive Resistance	Non-violent opposition to authority, including civil disobedience or non-co-operation with the government
Peace and Conflict	Peace	Being in harmony with oneself and others, the opposite of war
Peace and Conflict	Peacemaking	The process of making peace by preventing or settling disputes
Peace and Conflict	Qadi	A judge in Muslim law
Peace and Conflict	Qisas	The law of retaliation
Peace and Conflict	Sanctity of life	Belief that life is holy because it is God-given
Peace and Conflict	Shari'ah	Islamic legal system based on Muslim scholars' understanding of the Qur'an, Sunnah and the Haith
Peace and Conflict	Situation ethics	The idea that people should base their moral decisions on what is the most loving thing to do
Peace and Conflict	Terrorism	The unlawful use of violence including against innocent civilians, to achieve a Political or religious goal.
Peace and Conflict	Torture	Inflicting severe pain on someone
Peace and Conflict	United Nations(UN)	An international organisation of independent states formed in 1945 to promote international cooperation and security.
Peace and Conflict	Utilitarianism	The idea that whatever promotes the greatest good or happiness for the greatest number of individuals is what is morally right.
Peace and Conflict	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Nuclear, biological or chemical weapons that cause widespread devastation and loss of life.

Crime and Punishment	Blood money	Money paid to relatives of a murder victim.
Crime and Punishment	Capital punishment	Legal or authorised killing of a person for committing a crime. Also known as the death penalty.
Crime and Punishment	Deterrence	Something to put people off wrongdoing
Crime and Punishment	Fair trial	A public hearing by an independent tribunal established by law that takes place within a reasonable time.
Crime and Punishment	Humanity	All human beings
Crime and Punishment	Justice	Doing what is right and fair based on the law
Crime and Punishment	Reconciliation	Restoring harmony after relationships have broken down
Crime and Punishment	Reformation	Changing for the better
Crime and Punishment	Restorative justice	An action that focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through conciliating victims and the community at large.
Crime and Punishment	Retribution	Punishment for a wrong or criminal act
Crime and Punishment	Treason	Being disloyal to one's country by plotting to overthrow the government or ruler
Crime and Punishment		Trial by Jury – a trial where the jury's decision directs the actions of the judge