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## Glossary of Islamic Terms\*

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<i>abu</i> (or <i>abi</i> )	أبو، أبي	father (of)
<i>ahl as-Sunnah wal-jamâ'ah</i>	أهل السُّنَّة والجماعة	'people of the Sunnah and the community'
<i>Allâhu akbar</i>	الله أكبر	Allah is the Greatest
angel	ملاك	A being made of light who is totally obedient to Allah and has no free will. Allah has assigned some angels specific tasks, like those who record our good and bad deeds, the Angel of Death, the guardians of hell, etc.
<i>Anşâr</i>	أنصار	'helpers': the Muslim citizens of Madinah who gave refuge to the Prophet (ﷺ) and the other Muslim emigrants from Makkah
' <i>aqeedah</i> (pl. ' <i>aqâ'id</i> )	عَقِيدَة	belief system that is based upon a firm conviction in all the fundamentals of faith and of the oneness of Allah; firm creed that one's heart is fixed upon without any wavering or doubt, and

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\* The Arabic words are transliterated according to the conventions of the Transliteration Chart found in this book. If a word has become part of the English language (that is, is found in a dictionary of Standard English), that spelling is used in this book and appears first in this glossary, with the transliterated form in brackets after it.