

‘abath	: in sport; paly; diversion
‘abd	: Servant while <i>‘ibāda</i> is worship or service to God
‘ilm	: Knowledge
Abu Ṭālib	: the prophet's uncle and biggest supporter in Mecca
ahwā’	: Whims
ahzāb	: plural of hizb, partisans, sectarians
ākhirā	: End
al-‘āqiba	: Consequence
al-ākhirā	: the end
Allāh	: The Arabic name for God
al-mala’	: Aristocrats
al-Rabb	: The Lord
al-Rahmān	: The Merciful
āmīr	: the Commander
amr	: Command
aqdār	: Fate
aslamna	: Surrendered
āyāt	: Qur’ānic verses or literally "signs"
bāṭil	: false and defeatable
bāṭilan	: Purposelessly
burhān	: a demonstrative proof and contains a factor of compelling rationality
da‘f	: pettiness; weakness
ḍalāl	: Misguidedness
dunyā	: the immediate objectives, the "here-and-now" of life
falāh	: Success
fiṭra	: primordial nature
furqān	: clearly demarcating line

ghurūr	: multi-layered self-deception
Hanif	: one who recognized the unity of religion rather than followed sects
hanif	: one who follows pure (straight, non-deviant) monotheism (such as Abraham)
haqq	: the truth
hashr	: Gathering
hidāya	: Guidance
Hijra	: migration (usually referring to the migration of Muslims from Mecca to Madina)
hisāb	: Accounting
houris	: the females of heaven
hūd	: the arab messenger sent to the tribe of ‘Ād
hudan lil-nās	: an invitation to man to come to the right path
Iblīs or Iblees	: The Devil or Satan
Ibrāheem	: Abraham
istighnā’	: complete self-sufficiency or independence
jahūl	: Foolhardy
jibrīl	: Gabriel
jihād	: does not mean holy war; literally, exerting effort or struggle , hence, it could mean spiritual or physical struggle
jinn	: God created them from smokeless fire (i.e. heat or energy) and had given them the power of choice (as humans). According to the Qur’ān, Iblees (or Satan) was one of the jinn; however, the jinn are not only associated with evil but could also be good (again, just like humans)
kāfir	: God deserter, infidel
kāhin	: Soothsayer
Khadīja	: the prophet's first wife
khalq	: Creation
khars	: Guess
khusrān	: loss; failure

kufr	: positive desertion by God; rejection of truth; to deny God
ma'mūr	: The commanded
majnūn	: crazy; a man possessed with some evil spirit
makr	: a term denoting a stratagem within the process of a struggle
malā'ika	: plural of malak meaning angels
malak	: Angel
maqḍūr	: Measurement or measured
mashūr	: victim of sorcery
mikhāl	: Michael
milla	: Religion
mu'min	: Faithful, believer
munāfiq	: Hypocrite
mursal	: the one sent
muslim	: obedient to God
nabī	: a giver of news not prophecies
nafs	: self or person
najwā	: cliquing; secret meetings
naskh	: abrogation or substitution
Nūh	: Noah
placidity	: the quality or state of being placid; calmness; serenity
qadar	: power or measuring out
qādir	: the powerful and the measurer
qarya	: a town, city or civilization
qatr	: narrowness of mind
Quraysh or Quraish	: the mercantile tribe of Mecca
rasūl	: Messenger
ratq	: one undifferentiated mass
rūh	: Spirit

rūh al-qudus	: Holy Spirit
safir	: Ambassador
sāhir	: Sorcerer
Ṣālih	: the arab messenger sent to the tribe of Thamūd
shā‘ir	: Poet
shaiṭān	: satan; devil
shirk	: participation in Godhead; worship of false gods
shiya’	: plural of shī’a, also meaning a party or a sect
Shu‘aib	: the prophet sent to the people of Midian (or Madyan) also called "the people of the thicket"
shu‘ūr	: consciousness or awareness beyond the ordinary; also means feeling
shūrā	: a consultative council or assembly
sihr	: a piece of sorcery; witchcraft
sulāla	: reproductive semen
sulṭān	: that which overwhelms without leaving any real alternative; king or ruler; authority
sura	: a chapter of the Qur’ān (e.g. al-Baqarah)
ṭāghūt	: evil or ungodly principle
tanzīl	: gradual and intermittent Revelation; sending down
taqwā	: fear of God; piety; in Qur’ānic terms it also means conscience (to be squarely anchored within the moral tensions)
tauba	: genuine repentance
tauḥīd	: Monotheism
wqy	: to guard or protect against something
zakāt	: Islamic tax or alms (one of the five pillars of Islam)
ẓalūm	: unfair and unjust
ẓann	: Doubt
ẓulm	: injustice; to put something out of its proper place

abjure	: to renounce under oath; forswear; to recant solemnly; repudiate; to give up (an action or practice, for example); abstain from
abrogate	: to abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority
adamant	: impervious to pleas, appeals, or reason; stubbornly unyielding; inflexible
adduce	: to cite as an example or means of proof in an argument
admonition	: mild, kind, yet earnest reproof; cautionary advice or warning
allegory	: the representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form; symbolic representation
alluvium	: sediment deposited by flowing water
anathema	: one that is cursed or damned; one that is greatly reviled, loathed, or shunned
antecedent	: one that precedes another
antedate	: to be of an earlier date than; precede in time
apostate	: one who has abandoned one's religious faith, a political party, one's principles, or a cause
archetype	: an original model or type after which other similar things are patterned; a prototype
Ash'arite	: a school of theology which reduced man to impotence in the interests of saving the omnipotence of God, but whose influence upon Muslims was more formal than real
asunder	: into separate parts or pieces
autocratic	: of or pertaining to autocracy or to an autocrat; absolute; holding independent and arbitrary powers
aver	: to affirm positively; declare
bane	: Fatal injury or ruin
beguile	: to deceive by guile; delude
behoove	: to be necessary or proper for
blandishment	: the act of blandishing; a word or act expressive of affection or kindness, and tending to win the heart; soft words and artful caresses; cajolery; allurement
bolster	: to support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion

calamity	: an event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; a disaster
capricious	: Characterized by or subject to whim; impulsive and unpredictable
cataclysm	: a violent upheaval that causes great destruction or brings about a fundamental change; a violent and sudden change in the earth's crust
chagrin	: a keen feeling of mental unease, as of annoyance or embarrassment, caused by failure, disappointment, or a disconcerting event
circumambulate	: to walk around (something), especially as part of a ritual
circumscribe	: to draw a line around; encircle; to limit narrowly; restrict; to determine the limits of; define
cleft	: divided; split; a past tense and a past participle of cleave
cliquing	: to form a small exclusive group of friends or associates
coalescence	: the act or state of growing together, as similar parts; the act of uniting by natural affinity or attraction; the state of being united; union; concretion
coercive	: characterized by or inclined to coercion (the act of compelling by force of authority or using force to cause something)
commensurate	: of the same size, extent, or duration as another; corresponding in size or degree; proportionate
concoct	: to prepare by mixing ingredients, as in cooking; to devise, using skill and intelligence; contrive
congealed	: to solidify by or as if by freezing
contingent	: liable to occur but not with certainty; possible; dependent on conditions or occurrences not yet established; conditional
corollary	: a proposition that follows with little or no proof required from one already proven
corroborate	: to strengthen or support with other evidence; make more certain; confirm
cosmogony	: the astrophysical study of the origin and evolution of the universe
cum	: together with; plus. often used in combination
decrepit	: weakened, worn out, impaired, or broken down by old age, illness, or hard use
demagoguery	: impassioned appeals to the prejudices and emotions of the populace

deride	: to speak of or treat with contemptuous mirth; ridicule
desultory	: moving or jumping from one thing to another; disconnected; occurring haphazardly; random
dicta	: plural of dictum, an authoritative, often formal pronouncement
disdain	: to regard or treat with haughty contempt; despise; to consider or reject as beneath oneself
disenfranchised	: deprived of the rights of citizenship especially the right to vote
dissension	: difference of opinion; disagreement
dross	: waste or impure matter; scum; worthless, commonplace, or trivial matter
eccentricity	: deviation from the normal, expected, or established
ecumenism	: a movement promoting worldwide unity among religions through greater cooperation and improved understanding
élan	: enthusiastic vigor and liveliness; distinctive style or flair
enmeshment	: To entangle, involve, or catch in or as if in a mesh
enunciate	: to pronounce; articulate; to state or set forth precisely or systematically
erring	: to make an error or a mistake; to violate accepted moral standards; sin; to stray
eschatology	: the branch of theology that is concerned with the end of the world or of humankind
exasperation	: frustrated annoyance
exhort	: to urge by strong, often stirring argument, admonition, advice, or appeal
farce	: ridiculous or empty show; as, a mere farce
flounder	: to fling the limbs and body, as in making efforts to move; to struggle
forlornness	: appearing sad or lonely because deserted or abandoned; forsaken or deprived; nearly hopeless; desperate; despondent
fortuitously	: happening by accident
fraught	: filled with a specified element or elements; charged
gradation	: a series of gradual, successive stages; a systematic progression; a degree or stage in such a progression; the act of gradating or arranging in grades

harbinger	: one that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a forerunner
haughty	: scornfully and condescendingly proud
hearken	: To listen attentively; give heed
hirelings	: one who works solely for compensation, especially a person willing to perform for a fee tasks considered menial or offensive
hither	: to or toward this place
hitherto	: up to this time; as yet; until now
hoodwink	: to take in by deceptive means; deceive
hoopoe	: any of several Old World birds of the family Upupidae, especially <i>Upupa epops</i> , having distinctively patterned plumage, a fanlike crest, and a slender, downward-curving bill
humdrum	: Lacking variety or excitement; dull
imperviousness	: incapable of being penetrated; incapable of being affected
inanity	: something empty of meaning or sense
incessant	: continuing without interruption; continual
indelible	: impossible to remove, erase, or wash away; permanent
indigent	: experiencing want or need; impoverished; poor
inexorable	: not capable of being persuaded by entreaty; relentless
infanticide	: the act of killing an infant
intercession	: entreaty in favor of another, especially a prayer or petition to God in behalf of another
introverted	: shy or reserved
jeer	: to speak or shout derisively; mock; to abuse vocally; taunt
jittery	: having or feeling nervous unease
jugular vein	: any of several large veins of the neck that drain blood from the head
lacunae	: plural of lacuna, an empty space or a missing part; a gap
lapidation	: the act of stoning
lauded	: Praised
lo	: used to attract attention or to show surprise

locust	: Grasshopper
locutions	: a particular word, phrase, or expression, especially one that is used by a particular person or group; style of speaking; phraseology
lore	: accumulated facts, traditions, or beliefs about a particular subject; knowledge acquired through education or experience
lote	: a large tree (<i>Celtis australis</i>), found in the south of Europe, it has a hard wood, and bears a cherrylike fruit
lurch	: In a difficult or embarrassing position
luxuriant	: characterized by rich or profuse growth; producing or yielding in abundance
mete	: to distribute by or as if by measure; allot
morass	: an area of low-lying, soggy ground; something that hinders, engulfs, or overwhelms
morrow	: The following day
mote	: a very small particle; a speck
naught	: Nothing
niggardly	: grudging and petty in giving or spending; meanly small; scanty or meager
nigh	: being near in time, place, or relationship
Nihilism	: Rejection of all distinctions in moral or religious value and a willingness to repudiate all previous theories of morality or religious belief
obdurate	: hardened in wrongdoing or wickedness; hardened against feeling; hardhearted
obverse	: facing or turned toward the observer; serving as a counterpart or complement
paltry	: lacking in importance or worth; trivial; wretched or contemptible
pantheism	: a doctrine identifying the Deity with the universe and its phenomena; belief in and worship of all gods
paragon	: A model of excellence or perfection of a kind; a peerless example
parched	: to make extremely dry, especially by exposure to heat
parchment	: the skin of a sheep or goat prepared as a material on which to write or paint
parochialism	: narrowly restricted in scope or outlook; provincial

PBUH	: Acronym meaning Peace Be Upon Him
penitent	: feeling or expressing remorse for one's misdeeds or sins
pensive	: deeply, often wistfully or dreamily thoughtful; suggestive or expressive of melancholy thoughtfulness
perdition	: loss of the soul; eternal damnation; Hell
perennial	: lasting or active through the year or through many years
pernicious	: causing great harm; deadly; destructive
philology	: Literary study or classical scholarship
pittance	: meager monetary allowance, wage, or remuneration; very small amount
placidity	: the quality or state of being placid; calmness; serenity
pneumatology	: the doctrine or study of spiritual beings and phenomena, especially the belief in spirits intervening between humans and God
portent	: an indication of something important or calamitous about to occur; an omen; prophetic or threatening significance
posit	: to assume the existence of; postulate. Presume
primordial	: Primary or fundamental
proffer	: to offer for acceptance; tender; offer
promulgation	: the act of promulgating; publication; open declaration
propound	: to put forward for consideration; set forth; propose
proselytize	: to induce someone to convert to one's own religious faith
punitive	: Inflicting or aiming to inflict punishment; punishing
putative	: generally regarded as such; supposed
queer	: deviating from the expected or normal; strange; odd or unconventional, as in behavior; eccentric; of a questionable nature or character; suspicious
quid pro quo	: Latin for An equal exchange or substitution
ramparts	: a fortification consisting of an embankment, often with a parapet built on top; a means of protection or defense; a bulwark
ratio legis	: law of reason
reprimand	: to reprove severely, especially in a formal or official way; admonish

repudiate	: to reject the validity or authority; to reject emphatically as unfounded, untrue, or unjust; to refuse to recognize
respite	: a usually short interval of rest or relief; temporary suspension of a death sentence
retribution	: judgment in history
revelry	: boisterous merrymaking; unrestrained merrymaking
Sabeans or Sabaeans	: adherents of the Sabian religion; worshipers of the heavenly bodies
salient	: projecting or jutting beyond a line or surface; protruding; strikingly conspicuous; prominent; noticeable
saplings	: a young tree
satiated	: filled to satisfaction
scheming	: to make plans, especially secret or devious ones
senility	: old age; the mental and physical deterioration associated with aging
sinews	: a tendon; vigorous strength; muscular power; the source or mainstay of vitality and strength
slander	: oral communication of false statements injurious to a person's reputation
smugness	: Exhibiting or feeling great or offensive satisfaction with oneself or with one's situation; self-righteously complacent
solace	: comfort in sorrow, misfortune, or distress; consolation
soothsayer	: one who claims to be able to foretell events or predict the future; a seer
sow	: to scatter (seed) over the ground for growing; to impregnate (a growing medium) with seed
specious	: having the ring of truth or plausibility but actually fallacious; deceptively attractive
staccato	: expressed in a brief, pointed manner
stint	: a limitation or restriction
straiten	: to put or bring into difficulties or distress; to restrict in latitude or scope
stratagem	: a military maneuver designed to deceive or surprise an enemy; a clever, often underhanded scheme for achieving an objective

subvert	: to destroy completely; ruin; to undermine the character, morals, or allegiance of; corrupt; to overthrow completely
succor	: Assistance in time of distress; relief
tautology	: needless repetition of the same sense in different words; redundancy; an instance of such repetition
telos	: the end of a goal-oriented process
tendentious	: marked by a strong implicit point of view; partisan
thicket	: a dense growth of shrubs or underbrush; a copse; something suggestive of a dense growth of plants, as in impenetrability or thickness
tinsel	: something sparkling or showy but basically valueless
travail	: work, especially when arduous or involving painful effort; toil; tribulation or agony; anguish
ultimacy	: the state or degree of being ultimate; the final or most extreme in degree or size or time or distance
unbridled	: free from restriction or restraint
volition	: the act or an instance of making a conscious choice or decision
vouchsafe	: to condescend to grant or bestow (a privilege, for example); deign
vulgate	: a widely accepted text or version of a work
vying	: to strive for superiority; to contend; to use emulous effort, as in a race, contest, or competition
waylay	: To lie in wait for and attack from ambush
yore	: time long past