

Islam: Ten Main Words

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tawhid	internal struggle for self-improvement and spiritual growth
risalah	a place of worship and community centre for Muslims, where they gather for prayer, learning, and social interaction
halal	actions or things not allowed by Islamic law, often considered harmful or bad for individuals or society
haram	belief that God sent messengers, including prophets like Adam, Ibrahim, Isa, and Muhammad, to guide humanity towards truth and righteousness
jihad	the struggle to live as a Muslim, including both the personal effort to improve oneself (greater jihad) and, when necessary, the defence of the ummah (lesser jihad)
greater jihad	Islamic law, based mainly on the Qur'an and the teachings of Muhammad, guiding Muslims in all aspects of life
lesser jihad	physical or military struggle in defence of Islam, permissible only in some circumstances and with just cause
mosque	belief in the oneness and absolute uniqueness of God
shariah	actions or things permissible according to Islamic law, promoting well-being and avoiding harm
ummah	worldwide community of Muslims, united by their faith and shared values, regardless of their nationality or ethnicity