

## Special Topics

### 9 Independent Topics

#### 9.22 **The Caliphate in Sunni and Shia Islam**

**Word:** Caliph

**Meaning:** Successor of the Prophet (s)

**Word:** Caliphate

**Meaning:** Successorship, as in the office of successorship of the Prophet Muhammad (s)

**Word:** Khalifah

**Meaning:** Caliph

**Word:** Nass

**Meaning:** Designation of a Caliph or Imam by God through the intermediary of the Prophet Muhammad (s) or a living Imam.