

## Special Topics

### 9 Independent Topics

#### 9.1 **Muslim Converts - Welcome to Islam!**

**Word :** N/A

**Meaning :** N/A

#### 9.2 **Basic Dos and Don'ts of Being a Muslim**

**Word :** Zabiha

**Meaning :** where an animal is ritually slaughtered in accordance with the rules of Islamic law and thus permissible to eat afterwards.

**Word :** Tawzeeh al-Masa'il

**Meaning :** legal treatise by a marja where answers to queries for Islamic law can be found.

**Word :** Ghusl

**Meaning :** Major ablution one must do, among other things, after sexual relations and when one's monthly period. One can do it in the shower or in a pool of water.

#### 9.3 **Halal Food and Zabiha**

**Word :** Zabiha

**Meaning :** Where an animal is ritually slaughtered in accordance with the rules of Islamic law and thus permissible to eat afterwards.

**Word :** Hand Slaughtered Zabiha

**Meaning :** Animal slaughtered around the neck by hand with a knife, as opposed to a robot/machine.

#### 9.4 **Family, Parents and Marriage in Islam**

**Word :** N/A

**Meaning :** N/A

#### 9.5

## Marriage in Islam

**Word :** Zina

**Meaning :** Fornication or illicit sex

**Word :** Nafaqa

**Meaning :** Maintenance that the husband provides his wife with

## 9.6 Islam and Sex

**Word :** Zina

**Meaning :** Sexual intercourse through fornication or adultery

**Word :** Liwat

**Meaning :** Homosexual acts, more specifically, the act of sodomy.

## 9.7 Modesty in Islam

**Word :** Niqab

**Meaning :** refers to a piece of clothing that covers the face.

**Word :** Burqa

**Meaning :** enveloping outer garment that also covers the entire body, including the face.

**Word :** Chador

**Meaning :** A large piece of cloth that covers the head, upper and lower body.

**Word :** Khimar

**Meaning :** Head covering, the Qur'anic term for hijab.

**Word :** Hijab

**Meaning :** Culturally speaking, it refers to the regular hijab where only the head is covered with a piece of cloth. The rest of the body is covered with regular loose fitting clothes.

## 9.8 Women's Menstruation in Islam

**Word :** Qada

**Meaning :** Making up for missed prayers or fasting

**Word :** Istihada

**Meaning :** Irregular bleeding, as in irregular bleeding during menopause

**Word :** Had

**Meaning :** Menstruation

## 9.9 Music, Alcohol, Drugs and Pork in Islam

**Word :** Aql

**Meaning :** intellect, mind

### 9.10 Islam and Science

**Word :** Scientific Method

**Meaning :** "a method or procedure that has characterized natural science since the 17th century, consisting in systematic observation, measurement, and experiment, and the formulation, testing, and modification of hypotheses"

**Word :** Epistemology

**Meaning :** Epistemology has to do with "knowledge" and "how you know things"

**Word :** Materialism

**Meaning :** Materialism, also sometimes called naturalism or physicalism, is a worldview that assumes that all that exists is ultimately material. Only matter is real, anything beyond that is untrue and not real.

**Word :** Scientism

**Meaning :** Scientism holds that the scientific method is the only way to understand existence, or at the very least, that the empirical sciences are the most "authoritative" worldview and have the most legitimate claim on truth and knowledge.

**Word :** Is faith incompatible with science?

**Meaning :** It is incompatible if one assumes that faith means to "believe in something without evidence," but that is not the Islamic definition of faith.

### 9.11 A Reading List of Islamic Knowledge

**Word :** N/A

**Meaning :** N/A

### 9.13 Ritual Prayers and Supplications in Islam

**Word :** N/A

**Meaning :** N/A

### 9.14 Death & Burial Rituals in Islam

**Word :** Salat al-Mayyit

**Meaning :** prayer for the dead

**Word :** Ghusl al-Mayyit

**Meaning :** ritual washing of the dead

**Word :** Kafan

**Meaning** : burial shroud

**Word** : Salat al-wahsha

**Meaning** : a two rakat prayer for the departed soul on the first night of the funeral between Maghrib and Isha prayers.

**Word** : Barzakh

**Meaning** : purgatory

**Word** : Tahnit

**Meaning** : applying camphor on the seven areas of the body that touches the ground during prayers

**Word** : Munkir and Nakir

**Meaning** : the two angels that interrogate you in the grave

### 9.15 **The Battle of Armageddon: An Islamic View**

**Word** : Dajjal

**Meaning** : The Anti-Christ

**Word** : Sufyani

**Meaning** : Descendent of Abu Sufyan (Muawiyah's father), he will kill many followers of the Ahl al-Bayt (as) towards the end of times.

**Word** : Israfil

**Meaning** : Angel who will blow the horn and end life on earth. He will then blow it again and resurrect humankind again.

### 9.16 **The Muslim Calendar**

**Word** : Hijri

**Meaning** : The word hijri comes from the word Hijrah, which means migration. More specifically, it refers to the Prophet Muhammad's (s) migration from Mecca to Medina when he was fleeing his assassins.

**Word** : Muharram

**Meaning** : First month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Safar

**Meaning** : Safar the second month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Rabi al-Awwal

**Meaning** : Rabi al-Awwal means "the first spring" and is the third month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Rabi al-Thani

**Meaning** : Rabi al-Thani means “the second spring” and is the fourth month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Jumada al-Awwal

**Meaning** : Jumada al-Awwal is the fifth month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Jumada al-Thani

**Meaning** : Jumada al-Thani is the sixth month.

**Word** : Rajab

**Meaning** : Rajab is the 7th month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Sha'ban

**Meaning** : The month of Sha'ban is the 8th month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Ramadan

**Meaning** : The month of Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Shawwal

**Meaning** : The month of Shawwal is the 10th month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Dhu al-Qa'dah or al-Qi'dah

**Meaning** : This is the 11th month of the Islamic calendar.

**Word** : Dhu al-Hijjah

**Meaning** : Dhu al-Hijjah is the last month of the Islamic calendar.

### 9.17 Muslims and non-Muslims in the Shariah

**Word** : izyah

**Meaning** : Poll tax for non-Muslims living under Islamic government

**Word** : Dhimmi

**Meaning** : Protected non-Muslim living under Islamic government

**Word** : Shari'ah

**Meaning** : God's revealed law

### 9.18 A Timeline of Major Events in Islamic History

**Word** : N/A

**Meaning** : N/A

### 9.19 Introducing the Qur'an: Why it is the way it is

**Word** : Surah

**Meaning** : Chapter of the Qur'an

**Word** : Ayah (pl. Ayaat)

**Meaning** : Verse of the Qur'an

**Word :** Juz

**Meaning :** Section of the Qur'an, there are 30 Juz in the Qur'an.

**Word :** Uthmanic Codex

**Meaning :** Imam Ali's (as) compilation of the Qur'an which the Caliph Uthman spread to the Islamic world.

## 9.20 The School of Imam Jafar al-Sadiq

**Word :** N/A

**Meaning :** N/A

## 9.21 Major Fields in Islamic Studies

**Word :** Ilm al-kalam

**Meaning :** theology

**Word :** Falsafah

**Meaning :** philosophy

**Word :** Fiqh

**Meaning :** Islamic law

**Word :** Mantiq

**Meaning :** logic

**Word :** Akhlaq

**Meaning :** Spiritual ethics

**Word :** Irfan

**Meaning :** Islamic mysticism

**Word :** Usul al-Fiqh

**Meaning :** the study and critical analysis of the origins, sources, and principles upon which fiqh or Islamic law is based on.

## 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.

## 9.24 **Islam, Racism and Anti-Semitism**

**Word :** Misogyny

**Meaning :** prejudice or dislike of women