

Term	Translation	Meaning/Sense
Allah	God	The one and only Creator of Heavens and Earth. The only One worthy of worship.
Prophets	Spokespersons for God	The primary way in which God speaks to humanity. They are to be respected.
Isa	Jesus	One the most honored prophets of God. He was known to heal the sick and raise the dead. He is also the only prophet called pure and sinless in the Qur'an.

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Al-Masih	The Messiah	A title for Jesus, but most Muslims have no idea what it means
Torah	The Law given to Moses	The Old Testament
Zabur	The Psalms given to David	The Psalms
Injil	The Gospel given to Jesus	The New Testament
Shirk	Considering others equal to God	The worst sin imaginable in Islamic theology
Will of Allah	Same	This is a major theme. Semitic peoples tend to focus on obedience rather than mental assent to a set of beliefs. This is seen throughout the Old Testament, the Gospels and in the Letter to the Hebrews.
Paradise	Heaven	Specifics differ depending upon the individual. However, everyone wants to go there!
Honor and Shame	Same	Refer to <i>Honor and Shame</i> by Roland Muller for a better understanding of the significance of these two concepts.
Jihad	Struggle	It typically has two meanings. The primary meaning is the struggle within oneself to obey God (The Greater Struggle). The second is holy war (The Lesser Struggle).

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Success and Failure	Same	Very significant in that public success brings honor and public failure brings shame. Failure is a great fear among Arabs in general. Because of this, confession of failure or sin is not common among Arabs.
Perfect Religion of Allah	Full submission to God	This is to be desired by all.
Nearness to Allah	Intimacy with God	While the Qur'an speaks of this often, many Muslims express a feeling of great distance from God.
The Straight Path	Same	Righteousness, piety, submission to God.
Sin	Same	There are different levels of sins in Islamic theology. From shirk all the way down to simple "mistakes." The prophets were considered to have only committed small "mistakes."