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barzakh

Isthmus: connecting link, e.g. between two spheres of existence; interval of time (between death and Resurrection), opp. *rukḥṣa*

baqāʾ

subsistence: after having been annihilated in God (*fanāʾ*), the mystic lives through Him and in Him

bast

expansion; this may refer to earthly processes of causality as well as to a spiritual state of the **ṣūfī** who experiences gladness through the widening of the heart

bayʿa

vow of allegiance of a **ṣūfī** novice to the initiating master by claspng his right hand

burhān

apodictic proof; rational argumentation; manifestation (of truth)