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falāsifa, sg. *faḥṣāf*

Muslim philosophers who owe a lot to the legacy of Greece

fanā'

ceasing to exist individually on account of which the rational soul can be coloured with the colour of God

faqīh, pl. *fuqahā'*

expert of jurisprudence (*fiqh*)

fard, pl. *afrād*

a single individual; a saint who is not under the *quṭb*, the head of the invisible hierarchy of the saints; somebody who is able to establish particular connections with cosmic elements

fatwā

In cases where the old doctrines or obsolete usages clash with the new realities of society, the solution which is in line with practical necessities is found and adopted through the means of a *fatwā*, i.e. an answer of an expert to a legal or theological question

faḥṣā'id, sg. *faḥṣā'ida*

useful lessons, valuable information

fiqh

jurisprudence

firāsa

inductive divination, clairvoyance

fitan, sg. *Fitna*

trials of faith whereby the condition of a man is evinced in respect of evil and of good

fitra

primordial nature

furū'

minutiae of the Law