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ḥadd, pl. *ḥudūd*

God's 'restrictive statutes' concerning offences of which God Himself had 'defined' the punishments in the Qur'an

ḥadīth

adj.; having had a beginning, transient; the opposite of *qadīm*

ḥadīth, pl. *aḥadīth*

oral tradition which can be traced to Mohammed or one of his Companions. Thus by means of anecdotes we are informed of what the Prophet held as an opinion, or did, or of his tacit approval of something said or done in his presence

ḥadīth qudsī

divine saying not occurring in the Qur'ān

ḥadra, pl. *ḥadarāt*

state in which God presents Himself to the heart of a mystic; stage of Being in which God descends and reveals Himself

ḥajar al-baht

'gem of stupefaction'. A center in the heart of man which functions as a telescope for the reception of light waves transmitted by divine radiations. Consequently, glaring rays of light spread from this 'gem', and stupefy the mind and other faculties of the mystic

ḥajj

pilgrimage to Mecca

ḥakīm

wise man characterized by an extraordinary sublimation of the mind

ḥāl

a condition to which a worshipper is transferred by purifying his *nafs*; *ṣūfī* states; ways of being; momentary traits. pl. *aḥwāl*.

ḥanīfiyya

monotheism *avant la lettre*. Before the time that monotheism had become a well-defined doctrine and an established institution, it was *ḥanīfiyya*, i.e. the religion in accordance with the natural disposition created in men by God. So it was the faith of people like Abraham, Joseph, and the parents of Moses

ḥaqīqa muḥammadiyya

'the Reality of Mohammed'. In this pre-creation light God deposited all potentialities that will work out till the Day of Resurrection

ḥay'a

configuration; habitude, predisposition

ḥayūlā

primary matter. A technical term derived from the Greek ὕλη. It is the receptacle of form.

ḥaẓīra al-quds

Holy Enclosure. A luminous circle formed by the shining figures of the supreme angels and souls of perfect men convened to take decisions in view of devices considered to be beneficial for the inhabitants of the earth. Thus it functions as the will-power of the universe

ḥikma

wisdom, prudence. It may consist of practical knowledge or of intuition concerning the divine Essence and Names

himma, pi. *himam*

spiritual concentration; craving

ḥiss mushtarik

sensus communis which co-ordinates the percepts of the individual 'external' senses

ḥurūf muqatta'āt

'disconnected letters'. These mysterious letters may have served the purpose of adapting Qur'anic suras for inclusion in the written scripture Muhammad was preparing