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*kāfir*

infidel

*kalām*

speech; speculative theology; apologetics for the sake of banishing doubts of Muslim intellectuals

*kalām nafsī*

mental speech which is an eternal quality, inhering in God's Essence. The revealed Qur'an is an expression (*ibāra*) of it.

*kāmil*

perfect man who is superior to other men because of the appearance of the universal soul in his self making the latter an instrument of its will

*karāmāt*

charismatic deeds

*kashf*

unveiling of the world of mystery; inward revelation

*khafī*

'arcane one': concealed *latīfa* which is found between the eye-brows

*khalīfa*

successor of the prophets in general, and of Mohammed in particular; deputy of a spiritual leader, or a head of an order

*khalq*

creating, i.e. having a free disposal over matter so that many forms materialize. It is in fact an

inferior activity which is not properly applicable to the divine Essence

*khāṣṣ*

distinguished, illustrious

*khawāṣṣ*, sg. *khāṣṣa*

exclusive properties; salutary virtues

*khayāl*

imagination. It is a retentive and totally passive faculty.

*khil'a*

robe of honour. The bestowal of a garment of honour is a standard mark of investiture

*khirqā*

patched garment, symbol of a novice's vows of obedience. The investiture with it forms part of the introduction into the order

*kufr*

infidelity