

## IBN BATTUTA • TERMS

### texts

<b>Quran</b>	the word of God as revealed to the prophet <b>Muhammad</b>
<b>hadith</b>	the sayings of the prophet himself

### five pillars

<i>shahada</i>	or <b>confession</b> of belief in God and his prophet Muhammad
<i>salat</i>	or <b>ritual prayer</b> , five times daily (dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset and evening)
<i>zakat</i>	or <b>charity</b> , a tithe to support those in need
<i>sawm</i>	or <b>fast</b> , abstention from food, water, and pleasures during daylight hours of Ramadan
<i>hajj</i>	or <b>pilgrimage</b> to Mecca, at least once, if physically and economically feasible

### key terms

<b>amir</b>	commander(-in-chief), military/political official (e.g. governor)
<b>caliph</b>	steward, leader of the faithful (Sunni)
<b>dervish</b>	Sufi mystics, with ecstatic dancing rituals
<b>dhikr</b>	Sufi rhythmic repetition of Allah and other attributed names
<b>dinar</b>	weight/coin denomination (from Lat. <i>denarius</i> )
<b>dirham</b>	weight/coin denomination (from Gk. <i>drachma</i> )
<b>imam</b>	1. leader of the faithful (Shia); 2. prayer leader (at Friday mosque);
<b>khan</b>	1. ruler (Mongol); 2. hostel, <i>caravanserai</i> , or <i>funduq</i>
<b>khatun</b>	royal wife (Mongol)
<b>madrassa</b>	college mosque
<b>maristan</b>	hospital
<b>murabit</b>	or <i>marabout</i> , (tomb of a) saint
<b>qadi</b>	judge; application of Islamic law ( <i>fiqh</i> , <i>ius positum</i> )
<b>sharif</b>	1. nobleman (Arab), 2. descendant of the prophet (ruler of Hejaz)
<b>shaykh</b>	cheftan (Arab)
<b>sultan</b>	ruler (Turk)
<b>tariqa</b>	Sufi spiritual path/learning
<b>ummah</b>	community of Islam
<b>dhimma</b>	outside of Islam, protected communities of the Book (e.g. Christianity, Judaism)

### madhhab (schools of jurisprudence)

<b>Hanafi</b>	South and Central Asia
<b>Hanbali</b>	North and Central Arabia
<b>Maliki</b>	North and West Africa
<b>Shafi'i</b>	East Africa and Southeast Asia

### sects

<b>Sunni</b>	historical <i>caliphs</i> as legitimate
<b>Shia</b>	after fifth <i>imam/caliph</i> , only descendants of Ali and Fatima as legitimate
> <b>Twelver</b>	largest subset, legitimacy of the 12 <sup>th</sup> "hidden" <i>imam</i>
> <b>Alawi</b>	or Nusayri, offshoot of "Twelver" deemed heretical (allow for triad, drink)
> <b>Ishma'ili</b>	accept Isma'il ibn Jafar as legitimate <i>imam</i>
>> <b>Druze</b>	offshoot of Ishma'ili, considered by some as non-Islamic
<b>Sufi</b>	or Taṣawwuf, Islamic mysticism

<b>Amazigh</b>	<b>Libyan</b> (ethnic) > <b>Numidian</b> (nomadic) > <b>Berber</b> (barbarian)
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