Sixty words worth knowing

Plain-language definitions of terms used across Birhan Academy. Arabic script for each term is shown on the website glossary.

Term	Meaning
Adab	Proper conduct and manners, especially in worship and learning.
ayah	A verse of the Qur'an; literally a sign or marker.
Barakah	Blessing - an increase in good from Allah.
Burhan	Clear, decisive proof. Paired with light in Qur'an 4:174.
Dhikr	Remembrance of Allah through words, silence, and attention.
Du'a'	Supplication; a direct request to Allah.
Fiqh	Understanding of Islamic law and its practical rulings.
Ghusl	The full ritual bath required in specific states.
hadith	A report of the Prophet's (peace be upon him) words, actions, or approvals.
hifz	Memorisation of the Qur'an; literally preservation.
Ihsan	Excellence in worship - acting as though you see Allah.
iman	Faith, affirmed by the heart and expressed in action.
Isnad	The chain of narrators through which a hadith is transmitted.
Juz'	One of thirty divisions of the Qur'an.
Khushu'	Humility and attentiveness of the heart in worship.
Nisab	The minimum wealth threshold at which zakat is due.
Nur	Light; a central Qur'anic description of guidance.
Qiblah	The direction of prayer, toward the Ka'bah.
sadaqah	Voluntary charity given for the sake of Allah.
Sirah	The biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
Sunnah	The Prophet's (peace be upon him) established practice and example.
Tafsir	Explanation and interpretation of the Qur'an.
Tajwid	The rules of precise Qur'anic recitation.
Taqwa	God-consciousness; guarding the heart out of awareness of Allah.

Tawhid	The oneness of Allah in lordship, worship, and names.
Wudu'	The ritual ablution performed before prayer.
Zakah	The obligatory annual charity on qualifying wealth.

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