A Glossary of Mystic Terms

Baqa - Abiding (in God) subsistence a sufi doctrine with that of Fanafillah (absorption in God)
Fana - Fana annihilation, passing away, of the attributes of Nafs, extinction, absorption of the personality of mystic in Allah. It is the final stage of the journey of the sufi.
Faqir - The term is used for those who are the members of religious orders. In the sense of being poor in spirit or in the need of mercy on Allah.
Fiqh - The religious law, the Shariah formulated by the juridico-canonical system of Islam.
Hadis - Tradition going back to Prophet (P.B.O.H). The technical term used by Muslims to indicate the authoritative collection of traditions.
Hujra - Closet.
Khanqah - Residence of Sufi.
Khilafat - Successor ship or Vicegerency.
Majlis- A congregation or gathering often for Sufi poetry recitation or Ghazal.
Mehfil-e-Milad - A gathering for religious recitation.
Manaqib- Virtues, work of merit (of Sufi).
Marifat - Gnosticism, especially the knowledge of the Sufi when in the stage of ecstasy.
Murid - A disciple, an aspirant, a novices of Pir of Sufi order.
Murshed - One who guides, a title for a spiritual preceptor in Sufi order.
Namaz- Religious prayer recited by Muslims five times.
Qutb - Axis, pivot, head of the hierarchy of Sufis, the highest stage of sanctity among Sufis, a higher position than that of Ghaus.
Shaikh - Leader or Guru of a Sufi order.
Silsila - Order or chains of lineages through which different Sufis could be traced.
Tajalli - Tajalii may be described as the Divine Illumination a mystic experiences during his spiritual ascent.
Tariqat- A way towards God through purification of soul for which some extra means are adopted by the Sufi.
Tasawwuf - Sufism, derived from Suf.
Tawba - Repentance, turning to God, conversion.
Tasawwuf - Special prayers given by the Shaikh to their disciples.
Wazifa- One who practices Zuhd, devotee, ascetic.
Zahid - Devotion, self and world denial, renunciation, abstinence.
Ziyarat - Visitation, (holy place shrine) the term is used in India for a visit to a tomb or shrine of any Sufi.