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NOTE ON TRANSILITERATION

According to many current publications about Islam, a new 'Islamic English' is emerging. English, as a language, has historically evolved with the addition of many new terms from other languages. With the increased population of Muslims in the diaspora publishing and others writing about Islam, many Arabic words have become common in the English language. Terms like "Peace be Upon Him" become (PBUH) and other words like Shahada or Halal, are much more common and understood rather than "pronouncing the attestation of faith that signals conversion", or "Religiously approved food product by way of slaughter or manufacture".

Thus, if Islam as a religion is growing outside it's borders, and English is becoming the main connecting language between Muslims world wide, why should terms have the foreign emphasis of italicisation? For the purposes of this thesis, Arabic terms will be spelled out according to Titus Burkhardt's "World of Islam Festival" but with out italicisation or macrons.

NOTE ON FIGURES

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