

## Index

- Abbasid caliphate (750–1258), 17, 22, 36–40, 45, 71, 73, 139, 162, 193, 195, 276, 278, 290, 332
- al-Ma'mun (r. 813–833), 37, 63, 129, 192
- al-Muqtadir (r. 908–932), 162
- al-Mutawakkil (r. 847–861), 39
- al-Qadir (r. 991–1031), 40, 162, 287
- Harun al-Rashid (r. 789–857), 58
- 'Abd al-Qadir al-Jazari (1808–1883), 23
- 'Abdi Beg of Shiraz, 165
- Abduh, Muhammad (1849–1905), 40, 50
- Abraham, 10, 20, 34, 35, 47, 51, 53, 120, 130, 187, 191, 203, 223, 228
- Abu Hasan al-Hujwiri (d. 1077), 20, 26
- Abu'l Fazl (1551–1602), 85, 87, 167
- Abu Nu'aym al-Isfahani (d. 1058), 187
- Abu-Zaid, Nasr Hamid (1943–2010), 40
- 'adab* (literature), 23, 24, 75
- Adam, 23, 34, 53, 74, 120, 153, 187, 219, 244, 332, 333
- adhan* (call to prayer), 105
- Adhar Kayvan (b. 1530), 85
- Aflaki (c. 1286–1360), 187, 188
- Ahmed, Shahab (1966–2015), 244
- A'isha bint Abi Bakr (614–678), 46, 49, 50
- 'ajab* (wonder), 195, 196, 199
- Akkach, Samer, 19, 123, 189, 196, 286, 291, 323
- Akkad, Moustapha (1930–2005), 52
- Aldegrever, Heinrich (1502–1555), 256
- Alberti, Leon Battista (1404–1472), 301–303
- Aleppo, 155
- Alexander the Great of Macedon (r. 336–323 BCE), 31, 37, 38, 79, 80, 83, 141, 144, 147, 165, 186, 187, 188, 208
- court of, 140
- mirror of, 146, 147, 332
- and Queen Candace, 185
- and Queen Nushabeh, 186
- and Queen Qaydahfeh, 185
- algebra, 283
- Alhambra Palace, 288, 298
- al-Amiri, Abu al-Hasan (d. 922), 283
- Amir Khosrau of Delhi (1253–1325), 70, 86
- Andalusia, 59, 61, 63, 73, 117, 185
- animals, 37, 47, 50, 59, 63, 65, 66, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 101, 149, 167, 169, 225, 239, 255, 256, 284
- Ankaravi Ismail Rusuhi Efendi (d.1631), Shaykh, 43, 215
- arabesque, 253, 269, 288, 298
- Aristotle, 38, 56, 58, 60, 79, 80, 87, 90, 128, 192, 194, 278, 292, 317
- Arkoun, Mohammad (1928–2010), 40, 56, 107, 110
- Armenia, 21, 205
- Artang*, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 152, 163, 172, 188, 208
- Artemis and Actaeon, 208
- Artukid dynasty (1101–1409), 92, 293
- Asad, Mohammed (1900–1992), 112
- al-Ash'ari, Abu al-Hasan (d. 936), 39, 105, 112, 127, 156, 287
- Athens, 18, 37, 82
- atomism, 127
- Attar, Farid al-Din (1145–1220), xviii, 22, 79, 90, 92, 94, 101, 246, 249
- al-Ayni (1360–1453), 50
- Baba Shah of Isfahan (d. 1587), 244
- Bacon, Roger (1214/15–1294?), 304, 319
- Baghdad, 17, 18, 36, 37, 53, 57, 58, 63, 99, 132, 156, 193, 223, 274, 280, 287
- Bahram Gur, 212, 213, 238
- al-Baidawi, Nasr al-Din (d. 1286), 197, 224, 229, 230
- Bamyan Buddhas
- Barbad, 72, 205
- Barry, Michael, 242, 250
- Barthes, Roland (1915–1980), 112, 113, 321
- barzakh* (isthmus, interface), 194, 196, 197, 203, 220, 237, 335
- Basra, 39, 63, 281, 287
- batini* and *zahiri* (hidden and apparent), 40
- Baumgarten, Alexander Gottlieb (1714–1762), 5, 111, 176

- al-Bayhaqi, Abu Bakr (d. 1043), 187  
 Beham, Sebald (1500–1550), 257  
 Bell, Gertrude (1868–1926), 316  
 Bergson, Henri (1859–1941), 27, 295, 296, 305, 327  
 Berlekamp, Persis, 28, 193  
 Bihzad (c. 1450–1535), 3, 173, 220, 250, 256, 259, 265, 267  
 Bilqis, 89, 101, 119, 146, 155  
 al-Biq'a'i (1407–1480), 257  
 birds, 63, 65, 68, 72, 73, 84, 144, 162, 172, 180, 195, 206, 216, 218, 230, 236, 241, 270, 272, 334  
   Hoopoe, 90, 91, 95  
   Phoenix, 89, 91, 100, 248  
   Simurgh, 88–103, 146, 155, 334  
 al-Biruni (973–1040), 46, 142  
 Blair, Sheila and Jonathan Bloom, 17, 18, 19  
 Boethius, Amicus Manlius Severinus (d. c. 524 CE), 283  
 Borges, Jorge Luis (1899–1986), 114  
 Borzuya  
 Bosse, Abraham (1604–1676), 313, 320  
 Brethren of Purity, 63–69, 72, 77, 81, 82, 123–125, 145, 167, 233, 278, 279, 283–285, 292, 296, 320  
 Brunelleschi, Filippo (1377–1446), 302, 305, 317, 321, 325  
 Bryson, Norman, 25, 174, 175, 271  
 Buddhism, 7, 21, 22, 46, 91, 128, 137, 187  
 Buhturi, al-Walid (820–897), 140  
 al-Bukhari, Muhammad (810–870), 38, 49, 50, 53, 192, 284  
 Buraq, 191, 205  
 Buyid dynasty (934–1062), 40, 63, 283  
  
 Cairo, 40, 50, 58, 231, 278, 287  
 Caliphs, Rightly Guided, 36, 45  
   Abu Bakr (r. 632–634), 187  
   'Ali ibn Abi Talib (r. 656–661), 35, 40, 50  
   Umar ibn al-Khattab (r. 634–644), 117  
   Uthman ibn Affan (r. 644–656), 36, 162  
 Carlyle, Thomas, 41  
 Candemir, Dimitri (1673–1723), 277  
 Cave of the Seven Sleepers, 204  
*chila* (mortification), 217  
 China, 94, 102, 140, 142, 143, 145, 164, 166, 187, 188, 208, 210, 215, 215, 334  
 Christianity, 8, 10, 20, 25, 44, 80, 105, 129, 130, 248, 249, 314, 327  
   Bible, 225, 226, 227  
   Catholic, 21, 33, 35, 257, 259, 270, 321, 324  
   Crucifixion, 1, 2, 7, 46, 200  
   Lutheran Protestant, 224, 256, 257  
   Nicene Creed, 106  
   Orthodox, 7, 21, 33, 36  
   Syriac, 21, 38, 129, 199, 200  
 Cigoli, Ludovico (1559–1613), 262  
 composite sense (*sensus communis*), 124, 127, 174, 197. *See also* *hiss al-mushtarik*  
 Constantinople, 3, 208, 248, 256, 324  
 cosmology, 29, 57, 80, 114, 196, 239, 273, 289, 291  
 Cranach, Lucas the elder (1472–1553), 257  
 Ctesiphon, 139  
 cubism, 294–297  
  
 d Group, 297  
 Dabashi, Hamid, 103, 111  
 Damisch, Hubert (1928–2017), 303, 317, 318, 319, 320  
 David, 64, 71, 72, 84, 89, 131, 187  
 de Cisneros, Ximenes (1436–1517), Cardinal, 61  
 de Rossi, Properzia (1490–1530), 259  
 deconstruction, 19, 106  
 del Monte, Guidobaldo (1545–1607), 303  
 Deleuze, Gilles (1925–1995) and Félix Guattari (1930–1992), 331  
 Derrida, Jacques (1930–2004), 106, 108, 196  
 Desargues, Girard (1591–1661), 313, 314, 317  
 Descartes, René (1596–1650), 305, 313, 316, 318, 322, 325  
*dhikr* (remembrance), 42, 67, 70, 107, 291  
*différence*, 109  
 Dikmen, Halil (1906–1964), 296  
 al-Dinawari (828–896), 187  
 Diogenes of Sinop (412–323 BCE), 82, 86  
 Dioscorides, Pedanius (40–90), 47  
*divan/diwan* (collected poems), 74, 76, 200  
 Diyarbakir, 293  
 Dome of the Rock, 274  
 Donner, Fred, 130  
 dreams, xv, 24, 56, 147, 155, 175, 183, 198, 205, 220, 222, 224, 226, 227, 234, 242, 248, 249, 254, 296, 321, 324, 327, 328, 333  
 duration, 27, 107, 294, 323, 327  
 Dürer, Albrecht (1471–1528), 308, 313  
 Dust Muhammad (active 1510–1564), 3, 4, 25, 149, 188, 189, 250, 332  
  
 Egypt, 9, 37, 160, 162, 163, 185, 195, 223, 225, 226, 228, 232, 235, 245, 316  
*ekphrasis*, 139  
*élan vital*, 294

- El-Bizri, Nader, 127, 294  
 Elkins, James, 169, 170, 180, 300, 306  
 Elsner, Jas, 15  
 Ephesus, 199  
 Ettinghausen, Richard (1906–1979), 13, 270
- Fadallah of Astarabad (1339–40), 243  
*fadila* (merit), 110  
 al-Farabi, Abu Nasr ibn Muhammad (Alpharabius, c.872–950), 55, 60–61, 65, 80, 81, 129, 192, 276, 283, 287, 332  
 Farhad, 210, 212, 220  
 al-Farisi, Abu 'Ali (d.987), 49  
 Fatimid caliphate (909–1171), 40, 160, 162, 278, 287  
     Yazuri (r. 1049–1058), 159  
*fatwa* (religious edict), 42, 103  
 Finoglia, Paolo (1590–1645), 262  
*fiqh* (jurisprudence), 40  
 Firdausi, Abu al-Qasim (940–1020), 47, 79, 89, 92, 95, 101, 142, 144, 147, 158, 185, 186  
 Foucault, Michel (1926–1984), 12, 78, 112, 114, 330
- Gabriel (archangel), 108, 190, 230  
 Galen (130–210), 38, 92, 127, 283  
 Galip, Shaykh (1757–1799), 221  
 Genesis, 225, 226, 227, 229, 230, 232  
 Gentileschi, Artemisia (1593–1653), 259  
 Gentileschi, Orazio (1563–1639), 259, 260, 262  
 geometry, 1, 2, 60, 167, 213, 267, 269, 270, 273, 300, 302, 334  
     golden section, 274, 278  
     isometric polyhedral, 299, 300, 313, 325, 330  
     perspectival, 325  
 Germanus of Constantinople (r. 715–730), Patriarch, 53  
*ghazal* (ode), 43, 244  
 al-Ghazali, Ahmad (1061–c.1123), 66–69, 72, 79–82, 123  
 al-Ghazali, Muhammad Abu Hamid (1058–1111), 41, 49, 66, 70, 90, 123, 127–140, 150, 155, 156, 158, 161, 165, 172, 173, 180, 182, 194, 197, 246, 274  
 Ghaznavid dynasty (977–1186), 174, 213  
     Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni (r. 998–1002), 46, 51  
 Ghiberti, Lorenzo (1348–1455), 305  
*ghina* (entertainment), 57  
*ghurba* (exile/longing), 198, 199, 204, 335  
 Ghurid dynasty (1170–1215), 275  
*giri* (knot), 269, 298, 301
- Goa, 83  
 Grabar, Oleg (1929–2011), 16, 18, 23, 269, 270, 272, 273, 290, 298  
 Graves, Margaret, 161, 269  
 Greece, 9, 73, 79, 140, 177  
 Greenwich, 262  
 Gruber, Christiane, 96  
 Guénon, René (1886–1951), 295  
 al-Gurgani, Fakhr (d. 1058), 102
- Hadith* (reported speech of the Prophet), 2, 35, 38, 40, 46, 49, 51, 57, 72, 73, 74, 86, 94, 105, 106, 123, 136, 142, 190, 192, 207, 284  
 Hafez of Shiraz (1315–1319), 75, 76  
*hafiz* (memorizer), 107, 285  
 Hajj (pilgrimage), 105  
 al-Hallaj, Mansur (858–922), 41, 98, 99, 100, 199, 200, 201, 203, 248, 265  
 Hegel, Gottfried Wilhelm Friedrich (1770–1831), 7–9, 21, 27, 314, 316, 320, 322, 327, 330  
 Heidegger, Martin (1889–1976), 8, 55, 318  
 Herat, 223, 224  
*hijab* (veil), 136  
 Hinduism, 21, 22, 46, 52, 63, 86, 89, 100, 220, 233  
*horror vacui*, 270  
*'hors-texte*, 109  
 al-Hujwiri, Abu Hasan (d. 1077), 22, 26, 59, 71, 72, 110  
 Hurufism, 243  
 Hussein, Taha (1889–1973), 40  
 Husserl, Edmund (1859–1938), 175, 204
- Iblis see (Satan)  
 ibn 'Abd al-Wahhab, Muhammad (1702–1792), 43  
 ibn 'Arabi, Muhyi al-Din (1165–1240), 19, 23, 42, 70, 73, 74, 110, 113, 118, 122, 151, 152, 156, 173, 181, 190, 194, 196, 197, 198, 203, 211, 239, 241, 254, 314, 323, 324  
 ibn al-Arif (d. 1141), 77  
 ibn Bakhtishu (d. 1058), 47  
 ibn al-Bawwab (d.1022), 160, 162, 276  
 ibn al-Dunya (823–894), 71  
 ibn Hanbal, Ahmad (780–855), 39, 42, 105  
 ibn al-Haytham, Hasan (Alhazen, 965–1040), xviii, 125–127, 130, 136, 161, 181, 182, 284, 287, 291–295, 304, 313, 323, 325  
 ibn al-Jawzi, 'Abd al-Rahman (1116–1201), 42  
 ibn Kathir, Isma'il (1300–1373), 53, 224  
 ibn Khaldun (1332–1406), 42, 131, 156–8, 182, 192, 193

- ibn Manzur, Muhammad (1233–1312), 195  
 ibn Muqaffa (d.c. 760), 87, 160, 168, 246  
 ibn al-Muqla (866–940), 160, 162, 244  
 ibn Qutayba (828–89), 69  
 ibn Rushd (Averroes, 1126–1198), 56, 60, 122  
 ibn Sina (980–1037), 25, 43, 56, 66, 73, 90, 94,  
 122, 125, 127, 130, 139, 174, 182, 189,  
 190–193, 197, 276, 283, 313  
 ibn Taymiyya, Taqi al-Din Ahmad  
 (1263–1328), 42–44, 50, 71  
*i'jaz* (inimitability), 108, 110  
*ijtihad* (reasoning), 38, 48  
*ilham* (inspiration), 132  
 illuminationism, 85, 92, 93, 196  
 images  
   aniconism, 52  
   idolatry, 33, 44, 45, 51, 60, 122, 172, 188, 203,  
   207, 210, 221, 223, 225, 230, 233, 241, 250  
   prohibition of, 10, 40, 45, 46, 50, 56, 79, 95,  
   102, 103  
 imagination, 122, 125, 126, 127, 148, 152, 157,  
 164, 167, 169, 175, 178, 192, 197, 221, 237,  
 243, 283, 285, 287, 293, 328, 330  
 inshallah (god willing), 200  
 intertextuality, 71, 79, 102, 165, 214, 220, 224,  
 250, 255, 256  
 intoxication, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 81, 82, 212,  
 214, 252, 289  
   wine, 61, 71–77, 81, 82, 205, 208, 211,  
   232, 248  
 İpşiroğlu, Mazhar Şevket (1908–1985), 271  
*ishq* (love), 42, 90, 124  
 Islam  
   Festival of (London, 1976), 291  
   Islamophobia, 29  
   prayer, 3, 36, 51, 53, 55, 64, 86, 91, 105, 110,  
   145, 191, 199, 240, 289  
   Shi'i, 22, 35, 36, 40, 44, 46, 60, 162, 191, 196  
   Sunni, 35, 40, 43, 45, 105, 112, 162, 190, 287  
 İsmail Hakkı (Baltacıoğlu, 1886–1978), 296  
*isnad* (chain of transmission), 38, 229  
 Istanbul, 1, 17, 296  
 Ivins, William, 304  
  
*jahiliyya* (age of ignorance), 34, 35, 73, 97  
 al-Jahiz (776–868), 129, 193, 332  
 Jainism, 331  
 Jami, 'Abd al-Rahman (1410–1492), 22,  
 223–224, 233–246, 249–252, 255, 256, 265  
 al-Jazari (1136–1206), 293  
 Jerusalem, 45, 105, 106, 144, 162, 187, 190, 199,  
 200, 205  
*jihad* (struggle), 105  
  
*jinn* (spirits), 119, 195, 289  
 John Chrysostom (349–407), 256  
 John of Damascus (650–754), 53  
 Jones, Owen (1809–1874), 9, 269  
 Joseph, 197, 216, 222–233, 238, 242, 245, 248–266  
 Judaism, 10, 80, 130, 223  
   Midrash, 52, 120, 193, 225, 227  
 Judeo-Christian, 9, 14, 20  
 Junayd (d. 910), 265  
 al-Jurjani (d. 1078), 56, 98, 110, 111, 195, 288  
 al-Juzjani (d. 1060), 46  
  
 Kaaba, v, 34, 45, 54, 93, 119, 129,  
 200, 203, 210  
*al-kalam* (word, logos, philosophy), 129  
*Kalila and Dimna*, 37, 38, 87, 90, 93, 168  
 Kant, Immanuel (1724–1804), 6, 10, 111,  
 177–179, 180, 182, 237, 298, 316, 319, 320  
*kashf* (unveiling, revelation), 22, 132, 136  
 al-Katib, al-Hasan, 65, 287  
 Kepler, Johannes (1571–1630), 305  
 al-Khwarizmi (780–850), 283  
 al-Kindi, Abu-Yusuf (801–866), 57, 58, 60, 64,  
 276, 281, 283, 287  
 al-Kisa'i, Abu al-Hasan (twelfth century), 224,  
 225, 228, 229, 240  
 Koch, Ebba, 84, 85  
 Kufa, 281  
*kufri* (repudiation, unbelief), 43  
 Kühnel, Ernst (1882–1964), 270  
  
*lafz* (word), 69  
 Lang, Karen, 179  
 Lashkar-i Bazar, 275  
 Layla and Majnun, 84, 90  
 Léger, Fernand (1881–1955), 296  
 Leibniz, Gottfried (1646–1716), 314  
 Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519), 66, 304  
 Levinas, Emmanuel (1905–1995), 103  
 Leyla Saz (1850–1936), 75  
 Lhote, André (1885–1962), 296  
 Locke, John (1632–1704), 322  
*logos* (word), 156  
 Loos, Adolph (1870–1933), 270  
 Luther, Martin (1483–1546), 256, 257  
  
 Madhu Khazanad, 84, 308  
*majlis* (symposium), 61, 73, 75, 333  
*ma'na* (meaning), 69  
 Manetti, Giannozzo (1396–1459), 302, 303  
 Mani, 141, 142, 147, 149, 158, 162, 164–166,  
 169, 173, 189, 205, 208, 220  
 Manicheanism, 142, 144, 147, 182

- al-Maqdisi of Balkh, 274  
 al-Maqrizi. Taqi al-Din (1364–1442), 30, 159,  
 160, 161, 162, 163  
 al-Marwazi (c. 1056–1120), 142, 143  
 Marx, Karl (1818–1883), 12, 321  
 Mary, 45, 136  
 Massignon, Louis (1883–1962), 199, 203  
 Mazu Daoyi (709–788), 137  
 Mecca, 34, 45, 46, 53, 73, 114, 198, 200, 241,  
 248, 250  
 Medina, 34, 44, 46, 54  
 Medinat az-Zahra, 275  
 Mehmet Agha (1540–1617), 119, 161, 289  
 Melville, Stephen, 328  
 Metzinger, Jean (1883–1956), 294  
*mihna* (inquisition), 39  
 mihrab (prayer niche), 27, 54, 191, 240, 243,  
 252, 266  
 mimesis, 55, 57, 60, 102, 104, 130, 138, 155,  
 159, 170, 174, 176, 183, 264, 270, 320  
 inward, 64, 110, 123, 129, 138, 140, 179, 191,  
 206, 287, 299  
 outward, 56, 79, 136, 173, 269  
 Mir Kalan Khan (c. 1730–1735), 63  
*mi'raj* (ascension), 47, 101, 114, 190  
 Mirkhwand (1433–1498), 193  
 mirror, 55, 56, 75, 79, 97, 98, 108, 125, 127, 128,  
 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 154, 163, 164, 167,  
 174, 188, 194, 197, 235, 238, 240, 283, 295,  
 302, 303, 317, 321, 332, 333, 335  
 Mondrian, Piet (1872–1944), 270, 273, 295, 305  
 Mongol Empire, 43, 45, 47, 49, 101, 103  
 Moses, 52, 152, 153, 166, 187, 190  
 Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides, 1138–1204),  
 90, 231  
 Mosul Museum  
 Mschatta, 275  
 Mughal Empire (1526–1540, 1555–1857), 3,  
 16, 23, 47, 51, 63, 83, 85, 86, 88, 92, 149,  
 162, 167, 173, 200, 308  
 Akbar (r. 1556–1605), 51  
 Jahan (1628–58), Shah, 84  
 Jahangir (1569–1627), Shah, 84, 86, 88  
*muhakhama* and *mutashabiha* (clear and  
 ambiguous), 109, 112  
 Muhammad (571–632), Prophet  
 Muhammad 'Isa, 48, 189, 190  
 Muhammad ibn Khvandshah ibn Mahmud,  
 187  
 Mulla Sadra (1571–1640), 196  
 music, 2, 24, 26, 29, 42, 56, 78, 90, 99, 103, 106,  
 131, 138, 161, 162, 173, 192, 205, 252, 254,  
 276, 278, 283, 298, 308, 328, 334  
 musical instruments  
 flute (ney), 61, 68, 69, 72, 81, 100, 296, 332  
 organ, 75, 80, 87, 91, 101, 149  
 oud, 59, 65, 72  
 Mustafa 'Ali (1540–1600), 159, 162, 163, 165,  
 167  
 Mu'tazila, 39, 46, 127, 237, 281, 283, 287  
 al-Nablusi (1641–1713), 198  
 al-Nadim (d. c. 998), 192  
*nafs* (self/ breath/ soul), 114, 195  
 al-Nafzawi, 238  
*naqsh* (reflection, ornamentation, image), 94  
 Nasrullah Munshi  
 al-Nawawi (1234–1278), 49, 50,  
 103  
 Necipoğlu, Gülru, xvi, 18, 28, 269, 278, 290,  
 293, 298, 299  
 Nelson, Robert, 330  
 Nicholas of Cusa (1401–1464), 324  
*nishan* (target/engagement), 124,  
 207  
 Nizami Aruzi (d. c. 1161), 174  
 Nizami of Ganj (1141–1207), 22, 30, 79, 88,  
 131, 140, 144, 152, 155, 158, 163, 164, 172,  
 186, 188, 189, 204, 210, 212, 223, 233, 234,  
 238, 252, 290  
 Nizari Quhistani (1247–1321), 201  
 Noah, 187, 241  
 North Africa, 22  
 Nuremberg Chronicle (1493), 256  
 occasionalism, 39, 287  
 ornament, 9, 17, 26, 106, 119, 269, 270,  
 288  
 Orpheus, 84, 88, 133  
 orthodoxy, 19, 22, 44, 162, 241, 255, 290  
 Ottoman Empire (1299–1922), 3, 22, 23, 35, 47,  
 58, 75, 119, 161, 162, 173, 198, 220, 233,  
 254, 273, 277, 288, 290  
 Ahmet I (r. 1603–1607), Sultan, 289  
 Pancaroğlu, Oya, 188  
 Panofsky, Erwin (1892–1968), 77, 191, 305,  
 317, 320, 321, 328  
 Pecham, John (1240–92), 304  
 Pèlerin, Jean (Viator, c. 1445–1524), 304, 306,  
 308, 316  
 perceptual culture, 26, 296, 327, 330, 334  
*pharmakon*, 81, 118, 290  
 Plato (428–348 BCE), 24, 58, 79–81, 83, 88, 94,  
 95, 98, 101, 118, 132, 133, 136, 149, 151,  
 158, 159, 167, 170, 176, 214, 265, 274, 284

- Platonism, 295  
 Pliny the Elder (23–79 CE), 171, 172, 175, 176  
 Plotinus (204–270), 38, 60, 65, 66, 81, 97, 125, 126, 128, 133, 138, 139, 152, 155, 245  
*poiesis* and *theoria* (creation and contemplation), 126  
 polytheism, 50, 53  
   pre-Islamic goddesses, 241  
 Porter, Yves, 17, 221  
 preservation, 6, 193, 319, 328, 332  
 Proclus (412–425), 85, 265, 284  
 prophets, 35, 37, 43, 45, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 114, 115, 131, 136, 142, 147, 153, 155, 158, 172, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 194, 215, 221, 223, 224, 227, 230, 241, 243, 244, 248, 255, 265, 289  
 Pythagoras, 42, 58, 80, 85, 274, 283, 289  
  
 Qadi Ahmad (1552–1616), 149, 159, 164, 170, 172, 180, 290  
 al-Qasim al-Hariri of Basra (1054–1122), 47  
 al-Qaysari (d. 1350), 196  
 Qazvini (d. 1283), 102, 195, 221, 331  
*qibla* (direction of worship), 54, 86, 278  
 Quran, 20, 21, 24, 34, 35, 36, 38, 43, 45, 48, 50, 53, 56, 61, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 84, 89, 91, 92, 98, 100, 106, 115, 123, 130, 133, 136, 143, 144, 146, 153, 157, 162, 189, 190–192, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 215, 223, 226, 227, 231, 239, 241, 243, 256, 264, 276, 284, 286, 289, 291  
   as divine tablet (*al-lawh*), 108, 156  
 al-Qushairi of Nishapur (d.1074), 69  
 Qutb al-Din Qissakhvan, 269  
 Qutb, Seyyid (1906–1966), 110  
  
 Rabia of Basra (718–801), 41  
 Raimondi, Marcatonio (1480–1534), 259  
 Rancière, Jacques, 178, 179  
 Raphael, 8, 259  
 Rashid al-Din Hamadani (1247–1318), 47  
 reason, 10, 12, 38, 39, 40, 46, 48, 65, 71, 80, 82, 117, 132, 139, 151, 153, 157, 180, 188, 193, 196, 211, 214, 215, 218, 292, 298, 299, 300, 313, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325  
 Reni, Guido (1575–1642), 260  
 rhetoric, 8, 24, 56, 92, 93, 110, 129, 135, 159, 161, 163, 181, 182, 246, 288  
   ambiguity, 135, 194, 234, 272, 298  
   demonstrative and symbolic language, 17, 24, 102, 132, 176, 183, 246, 291, 301, 317, 320, 329, 330, 333  
 Ricoeur, Paul (1913–2005), 323  
  
 Riegl, Alois (1858–1905), 9, 272, 292, 316  
 Riza Abbasi (1570–1635), 63  
 Roman Empire, Eastern (Byzantine), (330–1453), 20, 22, 129, 130, 140, 248  
   Justinian I (r.527–565), Emperor, 37  
 Rumi, Jalal al-Din Muhammad (1207–1273), xviii, 22, 41, 43, 69, 75, 131, 149–151, 154, 156, 158, 172, 187, 188, 204, 210–211, 214, 220, 221, 246, 255, 293, 333  
 Rudaki (858–941), 38, 87  
*ru'ya* (dream), 197  
  
 Sabiq, Sayyid, 50  
 Sa'di of Shiraz (1210–1292), 149, 190, 201, 224, 225, 233, 241, 250, 256, 265  
 Sadiqi Beg Afshar (1533–1610), 221, 253  
 Safavid dynasty (1501–1736), 3, 23, 47, 246  
   Bahram Mirza (1517–1549), 3  
   Shah Abbas I (r.1587–1629), 221  
   Tahmasp (r. 1524–1576), 3, 246  
 Safi al-Din Urmawi (d. 1294), 277  
 Said, Edward (1935–2003), 44  
*salaf* (companions), 34, 43, 44, 50, 110  
*sama* (audition), 42, 67, 70, 76, 80, 106, 290  
 Samarkand, 174, 223  
 Samarra, 275  
 Sanai of Ghazna (1080–1131/1141)  
 Sasanian Empire, 21, 36, 37, 100, 128, 140, 205, 274  
   Khosrau (Anoushirwan, r. 531–579), 37, 139, 222, 233  
 Satan (Iblis), 48, 122, 241, 256  
 Sayf al-Dawla (r. 945–967, Emirate of Aleppo), 61  
 Schedel, Hartmann (1440–1514), 173  
 secularism, 5, 9, 16, 21, 25, 40, 44, 48, 104, 129, 130, 131, 170, 171, 177, 183, 223, 255, 270, 297, 300, 301, 314, 318, 330, 331, 335  
 Seljuq Empire of Rum (1037–1308), 22, 79  
 Seljuq Empire, 79, 92, 142, 155, 274, 276  
   Nizam al-Mulk (1018–1092), grand vizier, 40  
 Sells, Michael, 107  
 Seneca the Elder (54 BCE–39 CE), 171, 172, 176  
 al-Shafi'i, Muhammad ibn Idris (767–820), 38, 50  
 Shams-i Qays (1204–1230), 288  
 Shams of Tabriz (1185–1248), 210  
*Sharia* (path/ law), 2, 35  
 al-Shawkani, Muhammad (1759–1839), 46  
 Shaykh San'an, 50, 51, 98, 99, 207, 242, 243, 248, 265, 289  
*shirk* (polytheism)  
 Siraj of Shiraz, 243

- sleep, 59, 61, 80, 81, 82, 83, 88, 191, 192, 194, 197, 210, 212, 217, 233, 249, 296, 333
- Socrates, 33, 81, 98, 135, 151, 159, 160, 177, 188, 249
- sola scriptura*, 22
- Solomon, 84, 89, 94, 102, 119, 120, 155, 187, 332
- Somnath, 46, 52, 233
- Soucek, Priscilla, 22
- al-Subki, Taj al-Din (d. 1370), 50
- Sufism (tasawwuf), 23, 41, 44, 67, 70, 71, 73, 76, 83, 99, 114, 116, 120, 132, 134, 136, 137, 151, 152, 159, 164, 174, 191, 194, 199, 205, 217, 223, 239, 246, 250, 255, 265, 273, 283, 291, 295, 297
- Bektashi, 23
- Chisti, 23, 70
- Mevlevi, 22, 289
- Naqshibandi, 22, 70, 198
- Qadiri, 23, 198
- Safavi, 23
- Suhrawardi, Shahib ad-din Yahya 1097–1168), 22, 23, 41, 70, 85, 90–92, 95, 99, 117, 147, 148, 156, 174, 194, 197, 198, 224, 232
- al-Suhrawardi, Shahab al-Din Umar (1145–1234), 22
- Sultan 'Ali of Mashhad (1442–1520), 244
- Sünbülzade Vehbi (1718?–1809), 290
- sura* (figure, form)  
 and *hayula* (matter), 77
- sura al-kulliyā* (composite image), 126
- ta'ajjub* (delight, wonder), 146, 196
- al-Tabari (839–929), 49, 50, 187, 224, 284
- Tabbaa, Yasser, 290
- tafsir (commentary), 224, 231
- tajalli* (*theophany*), 123, 137
- tanzih* and *tashbih* (opposition and similitude), 76, 181, 252
- taqlid* (imitation), 38, 48
- Tarafah (543–679), 73
- tasawwur* (conceptualization/representation), 59, 110
- taswir* (representation), 46, 48, 111, 231
- tawhid* (unity), 39, 43, 98, 114, 273, 291
- al-Tawhidi (930–1023), 63
- Terzioğlu, Derin, 265
- al-Thalabi, Abu Ishaq (d.1036), 224, 225, 228, 229, 230, 240, 242
- Theuth (Ammon), 89
- Timurid Empire (1370–1507), 22, 47, 83, 103, 141, 187, 193, 223, 224, 238, 250, 256, 275
- Baysunghur ibn Shahrukh (d. 1433), 238
- Iskandar (r. 1384–1415), Sultan, 212
- translation, 2, 4, 5, 29, 39, 47, 56, 60, 93, 112, 129, 139, 184, 193, 274, 294, 295, 304, 305
- transmediality, 289
- al-Tusi, Abu Jafar (995–1067), 224
- al-Tusi, Muhammad ibn Mahmud ibn Ahmad, 46, 68, 188
- Uccello, Paolo (1397–1475), 308
- Umayyad caliphate (661–750), 36, 37, 39, 46, 129, 275, 332
- 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan (r. 685–705), 130
- Marwan (r. 684–685), 332
- Mu'awiya (r. 661–680), 36, 332
- Yazid ibn 'Abd al-Malik (r. 720–724), 46
- Unsuri, Abu Qasim (961–1039), 213
- van Leyden, Lucas (1494–1533), 256
- Vasari, Giorgio (1511–1574), 173
- Vasubandhu (fourth–fifth century CE), 128
- veil, 3, 22, 33, 41, 67, 90, 94, 97, 137, 148, 154, 156, 157, 164, 171, 172, 183, 194, 210, 215, 218, 229, 232, 235, 248, 303
- vision, 63, 65, 82, 97, 113, 114, 115, 116, 120, 130, 134, 147, 148, 152, 155, 157, 161, 174, 175, 183, 192, 194, 197, 212, 221, 232, 233, 235, 239, 246, 253, 283, 287, 292, 294, 298, 301, 304, 305, 318, 321, 323, 327
- insight, 23, 113, 117, 132, 134, 141, 201, 215, 254
- sight, 6, 8, 26, 33, 57, 65, 67, 82, 96, 107, 113, 114, 116, 127, 147, 155, 156, 167, 172, 181, 194, 207, 218, 221, 235, 241, 244, 246, 266, 283, 287, 293, 302, 313
- Vittellione (1220/30–1300/14), 304
- von Goethe, Johann Wolfgang (1749–1832), 175, 176, 329
- von Sandrart, Johann Jacob (1606–1688), 176
- Wade, Bonnie, 83
- Walbridge, John, 148
- wall painting, 46, 47, 136, 144, 157, 238, 275
- Winkelman, Johann Joachim (1717–1768), 177
- Wolff, Georg, 304
- Wright, Owen, 289, 291
- zakah* (alms), 105
- Zeuxis and Parrhasius, 159, 171, 176, 183, 206, 253, 295, 329
- Ziryab (Abu al-Hasan 'Ali ibn Nafi', 759–857), 58
- Zoroastrianism, 21, 37, 42, 100, 140
- Zuleikha, 216, 220, 225, 229, 240, 243, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 255, 262