

Islam, major world [religion promulgated](#) by the Prophet [Muhammad](#) in [Arabia](#) in the 7th century ce. The Arabic term *islām*, literally “surrender,” [illuminates](#) the fundamental religious idea of Islam—that the believer (called a Muslim, from the active participle of *islām*) accepts surrender to the will of [Allah](#) (in Arabic, Allāh: God). Allah is viewed as the sole God—creator, sustainer, and restorer of the world. The will of Allah, to which human beings must submit, is made known through the [sacred](#) scriptures, the [Qur’ān](#) (often spelled Koran in English), which Allah revealed to his messenger, Muhammad. In Islam Muhammad is considered the last of a series of prophets (including [Adam](#), [Noah](#), [Abraham](#), [Moses](#), [Solomon](#), and [Jesus](#)), and his message simultaneously [consummates](#) and completes the “revelations” attributed to earlier prophets.