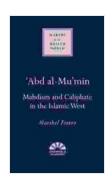
# Mahdism And Caliphate In The Islamic West Makers Of The Muslim World

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#### **Mahdism**

Mahdism is a belief in a messianic figure who will come at the end of time to restore justice and peace to the world. The Mahdi is believed to be a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, and his arrival is eagerly awaited by many Muslims.

The Mahdist movement has its roots in the early history of Islam. The first Mahdi was Muhammad ibn Abdullah, who led a revolt against the Umayyad Caliphate in the 7th century. Since then, there have been many other

Mahdi claimants, some of whom have been successful in establishing their own states.

The Mahdist movement is a complex and diverse phenomenon. There is no single definition of Mahdism, and different groups have different beliefs about the Mahdi's identity, mission, and the timing of his arrival.

#### The Caliphate

The Caliphate is the political and religious leadership of the Muslim community. The Caliph is the successor to the Prophet Muhammad, and he is responsible for leading the Muslims in all aspects of life.

The Caliphate was established in the 7th century, and it quickly became one of the most powerful empires in the world. The Caliphate reached its peak under the Abbasid dynasty, which ruled from Baghdad for over 500 years.

The Caliphate declined in the 13th century, and it was eventually abolished in 1924. However, the idea of the Caliphate remains alive today, and there are many Muslims who believe that it will be reestablished in the future.

#### **Mahdism and the Caliphate in the Islamic West**

Mahdism and the Caliphate have been closely linked in the Islamic West for centuries. Many Mahdi claimants have claimed to be the Caliph, and they have often used their religious authority to justify their political ambitions.

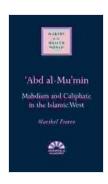
The most famous example of this is the Umayyad Caliphate, which was established in the 7th century by Mu'awiya ibn Abi Sufyan. Mu'awiya

claimed to be the Mahdi, and he used this claim to legitimize his rule over the Muslim community.

Other Mahdi claimants have also tried to establish their own caliphates, but none have been as successful as the Umayyads. However, the idea of the Mahdi-Caliph remains a powerful one in the Islamic West, and it continues to inspire many Muslims today.

Mahdism and Caliphate in the Islamic West is a complex and fascinating topic. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the history of Mahdism and the Caliphate, and it explores the many ways in which these two concepts have been intertwined.

This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of Islam, the Middle East, or religious movements. It is a valuable resource for scholars, students, and anyone else who wants to learn more about this important topic.



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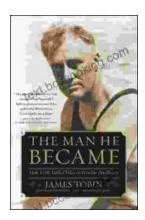
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