

The Arts of Islam

Treasures from the Nasser D Khalili Collection of Islamic Art

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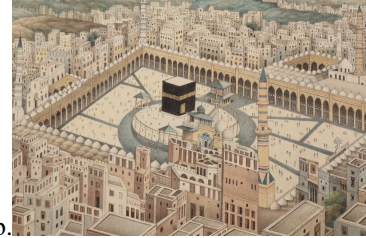
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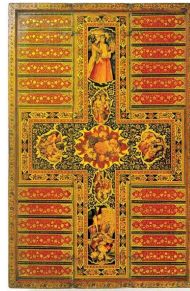
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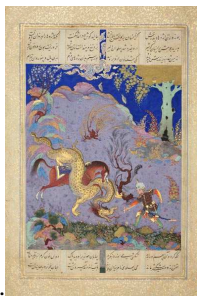
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1. Part 9 of a 10-part Qur'an
Middle East, circa 1030 AD
ink, opaque watercolours and gold on vellum, 15.5 x 11 cm
- 2a. Panoramic view of Mecca
Mecca, circa 1845
painted by Muhammad 'Abdallah, the Delhi cartographer
ink and opaque watercolour on paper, 62.8 x 88 cm
- 2b. Detail of the above, showing the Ka'bah
3. The Diwan of al-Mutanabbi
Iran, Nachjavan, dated 713-14 ah (1313-14 ad)
ink, watercolours and gold on paper, 28 x 27.5 cm
copied by Muhammad ibn Sa'id, known as ibn al-Saviji, or his son.
4. Rectangular casket with the remains of a combination lock
Iraq, Jazira, 1200-50 AD
sheet brass, with silver inlay, 20.5 x 19.5 x 16 cm
5. Flask
Iran or Egypt, 10th or 11th century AD
deep blue glass, 19.8 x 10.6 cm
6. Ceramic figurine of a dromedary
Iran, Kashan, 13th century AD
decorated in lustre over a white glaze, height 39.5 cm
7. Laqabi-ware dish
Syria, c 1200 AD
carved ware with polychrome in-glaze staining, diameter 29.7 cm
8. Bowl with an inscription, 'Generosity is the disposition of the dwellers of Paradise'
Iran, Nishapur, 10th century AD
earthenware, painted in red and black under a colourless glaze, diameter 25.6 cm
9. Folding backgammon board
Iran, early 19th century
opaque watercolours and varnish on wood, 69 x 45 cm
10. Hookah base and mouthpiece
India, Mewar, early 18th century AD
enamelled gold, height 27 cm
11. 'Rustam, aided by his horse Raksh, slays a dragon' from the *Shahnamah* (Book of Kings) of Firdawsi, made for Shah Tahmasp.
Iran, Tabriz, 1520s
ink, gold and opaque watercolour on paper, 47 x 31.8 cm
12. 'Court lady with a narcissus'
Mughal India, c1630 AD
opaque watercolour and gold on paper, 14.4 x 9.7 cm
13. 'Shakyamuni offering fruit to the Devil' from the *Jami' al-Tawarikh* (Compendium of Chronicles) of Rashid al-Din
Iran, Tabriz, 1314 AD
ink and watercolours, gold and silver on paper, 9.5 x 25.5 cm (painting)
14. Flat-woven carpet (kilim)
Turkey or Iran, 16th or 17th century AD
silk with metal thread, 212 x 84 cm