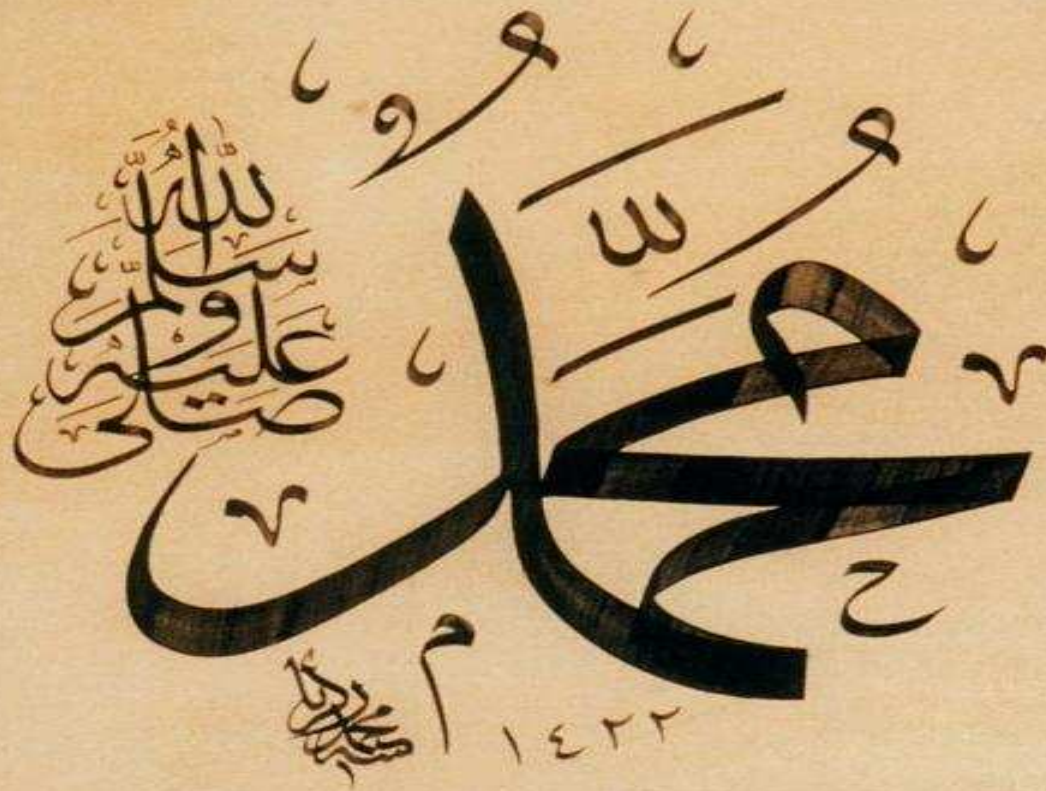


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Rebuilding of Ka'abah

- When Holy Prophet was around 35 years of age, the Quraysh decided to re-build the Ka'abah.
- The walls of Ka'abah had deteriorated with time.
- The structure of the Ka'abah was weak and it had no roof.
- In particular, the structure of the Ka'abah had become weaker due to the recent flooding in Makkah.
- The building of the Ka'abah had to be demolished to rebuilt it.
- However, this was a very difficult and painstaking decision. The chiefs of Makkah knew the significance of Ka'abah and were afraid by destroying the old building they may invite the wrath of God onto them.
- Understandably, they were reluctant to demolish the building, but at the same time they were aware they could not preserved the cracked walls for long.

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- Eventually, the Quraysh decided to re-construct Ka'abah.
- A maternal uncle of Holy Prophet's father, Abu Wahab Amar, started the work.
- He removed one stone from the wall, but the stone flew back into its original position on the wall. This puzzled the onlookers.
- Abu Wahab was a wise person. He advised the Quraysh: 'O the people of Quraysh, only use the legit and pure income for the building of Ka'abah. Do not use any money earned by a whore, or from usury or anything taken through unlawful and unjust means.'

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- In order to avoid the Godly wrath and to show their loyalty to God, the people of Quraysh made a firm promise that only Halal money will be utilised for the reconstruction of Ka'abah.
- This meant anything earned through usury or by force could not be included in the funds.
- This pledge illustrates that even in the darkest days of ignorance and polytheism [believing in many gods], the Arabs recognised adultery and usury as sources of evil and were not prepared to use these resources for their highest religious purposes.
- A place built for the worship of Allah could not have been built with funds raised with his disobedience.

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- Before the construction could be started, the Quraysh had two hurdles to overcome: finding the material for the construction of Ka'abah and overcoming the guard of the treasures of Ka'abah.
- There was a well inside Ka'abah and people threw away their gifts and oblation to Gods in this well.
- As the Ka'abah did not have any roof, sometimes thieves stole away some of the gifts during night time.
- Thus Allah sent a huge snake to protect the treasures of Ka'abah. Whenever, someone wanted to go near the treasures with the attention of stealing them, the snake would sprung out and protect it.
- The Quraysh were afraid that if they try to pull down Ka'abah, the snake may affect them.

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- However, this snake sometimes used to climb up the walls and sunbathe.
- Once as it was sunbathing, another huge bird suddenly appeared and snatched away this bird.
- The Makkan chiefs witnessed this incident and regarded this removal of the snake as a sign of Allah's agreement with their plan to re-build His house.
- Thus one hurdle to re-build Ka'abah had overcome.
- It is said this snake live for 500 hundred years.

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- The second problem was finding the material for the reconstruction, in particular, wood for the roof.
- As the Quraysh were preparing to pull down Ka'abah, they heard a ship had stranded on the shores of Jeddah and was wrecked.
- This ship was sent by the Roman emperor to Africa to repair a church and thus it included construction material and an architect and builder, named Baqoom.
- The Quraysh realised that the wreckage of the ship could be useful for their purpose, so Waleed bin Mugheerah went and bought the ship wreckage and the construction material.

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- When these two hurdles were naturally overcome, the Quraysh thought this was a sign from Allah that He was happy with the pulling down of His house and rebuilding it with a new structure.
- However, when it was the time to demolish the Ka'abah, no one would dare come forward to start the work.
- Deep inside, they were still unsure of their action. No one was willing to volunteer to demolish the building just in case he may receive the punishment from God.
- It was Waleed bin Mugheerah who volunteered for this task.
- He took his axe and started removing the stones while chanting these words: 'My Lord do not be angry with us. We are only working for a good purpose'.
- He continued working without any harm befalling him. But still no one joined him. The others decided to wait till next morning.
- They said that if nothing happens to Waleed during the night, they will consider it as a sign of acceptance from Allah and they would join in the work then. But if Waleed is harmed, they would not continue with this project anymore and return the removed stones back to their positions.

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- The night passed away without any problem and Waleed remained unharmed. He continued working next morning and the others joined him.
- The demolition continued until they reached the foundations laid by prophet Abraham.
- This foundation was in the form of sharp green stones held tightly together.
- One person also tried to remove this foundation. He inserted his lever between one of the two stones and pulled them away.
- As the stones became apart, the whole city was shaken and a strong light appeared underneath the stones, almost blinding the onlooker.
- They immediately stopped digging and started rebuilding Ka'abah. Allah did not want the foundations laid by Prophet Ibrahim to be removed.
- All the Makkans wanted to participate in this honourable project.
- Therefore, the demolition and the construction of Ka'abah was divided amongst the main clans of Makkah; each group of the clans working on a designated portion of the Ka'abah.

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- The original height of Ka'abah was around nine arms. For the new structure, the Quraysh decided to double this height to eighteen arms.
- They also raised the door of the Ka'abah so that it could only be accessed using stairs. The door was raised to restrict access to the Ka'abah.
- The increased size of the Ka'abah meant that more construction material was needed to complete the work.
- As the Makkans had promised to use only their income from just means, the construction fund fell short. The funds collected by the Makkans could not meet the construction plan.
- Rather than making a leeway to use their Haram income, they decided to shorten the area of the Ka'abah.
- A complete building of Ka'abah was constructed that did not cover the full area of the original Ka'abah.
- The left over area of Ka'abah (Hateem) was pin pointed by placing some stones at the edges of the Ka'abah area. This indicated to the people the full area of Ka'abah.
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- All the tribes of Makkah worked in harmony during the construction of the Ka'abah.
- However, when it was time to put the black stone in its position, disagreement appeared.
- Black stone is one of the most honoured part of the Ka'abah and each tribe wished to have the honour of placing it in the Ka'abah themselves.
- They argued for five days without any resolution. No clan was willing to back down. Some, such as the clan and the alliance of Abduddar, soaked their hands in a bowl of blood and made a firm pledge that only they will put the black stone back into its position.
- Constant meetings were held to resolve the issue. Once as the meeting was held inside the mosque of Haraam Abu Umayyah bin Mugheerah (brother of Waleed bin Mugheerah) had a suggestion.
- He said: 'Whoever enters this mosque tomorrow morning, take him as your arbitrator. Whatever judgement he passes, must be honoured by all of us.'
- This was agreed by all of them.

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- That morning, the first person to enter the mosque was the Holy Prophet.
- Instantly they knew he was the best person to make the best decision regarding this situation. One exclaimed in joy: 'He is Al-Amin – a trustworthy. We will all accept his decision'
- Holy Prophet was informed regarding the dispute. Holy Prophet presented a simple solution to an apparently big problem.
- He asked for a piece of cloth to be brought.
 - This garment was laid down on the floor.
 - Holy Prophet then placed the black stone on this garment.
 - Then he asked the chiefs of each clan to hold and raise up this garment.
 - Once the black stone on the garment reached the level where it should be placed in the Ka'abah, Holy Prophet picked up the black stone and placed it in its original position himself.
 - Everyone was happy how the Holy Prophet resolved this dispute.
 - Holy Prophet was able to give the opportunity to each clan to participate in this honourable task.