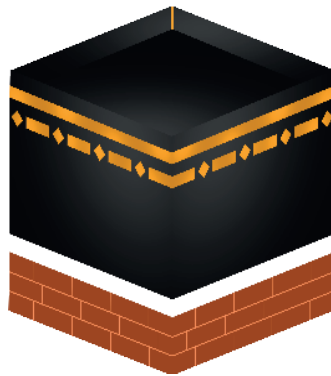




The Black Stone



Years later, when the Prophet ﷺ was 35 years of age, the Quraysh planned to rebuild the Kaba. This was because the Kaba had no roof and it was easy for people to climb into it and steal valuable treasure placed within. The Quraysh divided the work among them and the project was underway. They gathered stones for the building, and it was almost finished until it came to the black stone. Then a controversy arose. Each tribe wanted to lift it to its place and they were all ready to battle each other for the honour of doing so. They had a council that went on for several days to no avail, when finally the oldest man of Quraysh, Abu Umayya Ibn al-Mughira, suggested that they make the first person to enter upon them the one to place the Black Stone in its place.

It so happened that the first person to enter upon them was the Prophet ﷺ. The Quraysh were relieved since he was known as the “trustworthy one.” When they informed him of the matter, he ﷺ suggested that a cloak should be used to lift the Black Stone and place it back in the Kaba. That way, each of the four tribes of Quraysh could lift the stone using one corner of the cloak and they would all place it back in its place together.

They followed the instructions of the Prophet ﷺ, and, when they got it into position, he himself ﷺ placed it with his own noble hands.

