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THE FAMOUS BLACK STONE OF THE TEMPLE OF MECCA.

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So carefully is the black stone of the temple of Mecca guarded, even to this day, that the accounts given by different writers as to the nature and appearance of the black stone exhibit some considerable variations, for orthodox Mohammedans cannot be prevailed upon to give a straightforward description of it, and more adventurous, like the several European hajjis (Burckhardt, Burton and others) could only gratify their intelligent curiosity by stealthy investigations. Detection in the act of pursuing this investigation would have cost the travelers their lives, in pursuance (as Mohammedans suppose) of the law of the prophet. Your faithful Mohammedan cannot understand that any other motive than worship should lead any one to visit Mecca.

The Mohammedans believe that this famous stone was brought down from heaven by angels. It is set in the wall of the Caaba, which stands within the great colonnade. The stone is four feet nine inches from the ground and is kissed and touched with great veneration by every pilgrim to Mecca.

Mr. Bate mentions what intelligent travelers have recorded concerning the nature of the black stone. One of them tells us that it is undoubtedly a large aerolite—an opinion which scarcely harmonizes with its reputed quality of floating in water, since aerolites usually contain a large percentage of heavy, metallic matter, such as iron pyrites.

Another traveler reports that it looks like a piece of lava, containing small extraneous particles of sand white and yellowish substance.

Still another of these authorities affirms that it is a fragment of volcanic basalt, sprinkled throughout its surface with small, pointed, colored crystals and varied with felspar upon a dark ground, like coal, excepting one of its protuberances, which happens to be a little reddish.

Others, again, claiming an equal title to exact knowledge, give it as their opinion that it is nothing else than an ordinary piece of stone from quarries in which the Meccan territory abounds. These last mentioned travelers, however, appear to overlook the circumstance that this opinion of theirs does not take due cognizance of that property of the stone to which we have just alluded and also the circumstance that the only kind of stone yielded by the Meccan quarries is a sort of gray granite.

Not so difficult is it to form an idea as to its size and present appearance. In form it is an irregular oval, the inequality of its two longer sides imparting to it a somewhat semicircular appearance. It measures about 6 inches in height and 8 in breadth, the diameter on its lower and wider side being 8 1/2 inches. The surface is protuberant and somewhat knobby or undulating and has the appearance of being composed of a number of smaller stones of different sizes and shapes, securely fitted together with cement and perfectly smooth.

Its appearance is as though the original piece of stone had been broken to pieces by a violent blow and then repaired. And, as a matter of fact, this appears to be the true explanation of this irregularity of the surface, for it is recorded by the Arabian historians of the Caliph in the year 413 of the Hajjra, known as "the Mad Khalifa," that he shattered it to pieces by a stroke of a club, and they relate that after this event the pieces and even the dust and were carefully restored and the fragments cemented together.

The protuberances mentioned are 12 or 15 in number and are such as to impart to the surface of the stone a knobby or pebbly appearance. Near the middle there is a hollow which reaches to about as much as two inches below the outer edge of the stone and is of a kind to suggest to the visitor the surmise that one of the protuberances may have been removed.

The color of the surface of the relic is at the present time a deep reddish brown, or, as some have described it, a metallic black, and, notwithstanding the polished appearance imparted to it by the constant touching of unnumbered myriads of devotees, it yet bears on its undulating surface what appear to be evident marks of volcanic origin.

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