

construction he suffered an epileptic fit. This came about after his uncles and others pestered him to remove his clothes like everyone else did, and use them as a cushion to protect his shoulder while carrying rocks, but when he removed his garments he fell to the ground in a seizure. Epilepsy is central to the Muhammad story because the neurological explosions of his malformed temporal lobe gave him ecstatic experiences that eventually convinced him he was in communion with God and that God had selected him as a prophet.

Once the temple attained its final form, then and only then did it become known as “The Cube.” It sported a semicircular stone platform on one side that served as a meeting site for the town notables and as a stage for orators when crowds gathered on important occasions.

When Muhammad conquered Mecca, he took over the Cube and made it central to the worship of his peculiar God concept, an idea that reflected his own psyche, particularly his stunning capacity for hatred and thirst for vengeance. His followers no longer orbited the moon shrine in imitation of celestial objects, but in worship of Muhammad’s God concept.

It is the practice that Muslims — Submitters to Muhammad’s God concept — blindly continue today.

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## Timeline of Muhammad

570	Birth of Muhammad in Mecca
576	Death of his mother Amina
595	Meets and marries Khadija
610	Epileptic seizures in a cave on Mt. Hira; he believes he has seen an angel; beginnings of the Koran; formulates a religion based on Judaic and Christian ideas
613	Goes public with his claim he is in contact with God through an angel
614	Friction grows with Meccans
616	Meccans boycott his clan
619	Boycott ends; Khadija dies
620	Muhammad claims he was taken into heaven to meet God
622	Meccans plan to kill him; he flees to Yathrib (Medina)
624	Battle of Badr
625	Battle of Uhud
627	Battle of the Trench (also known as the siege of Medina)
628	The Meccans and Muhammad sign a 10 year truce called the Treaty of Hudaibiyya
629	Conquest of Mecca
632	Farewell pilgrimage in Mecca; death in Yathrib (Medina)

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# The Kabah



# The Cube of Mecca and How it Got That Way

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## What is Islam?

Islam is defined by the holy texts of its religion - not by the beliefs, actions or virtues of a Muslim.

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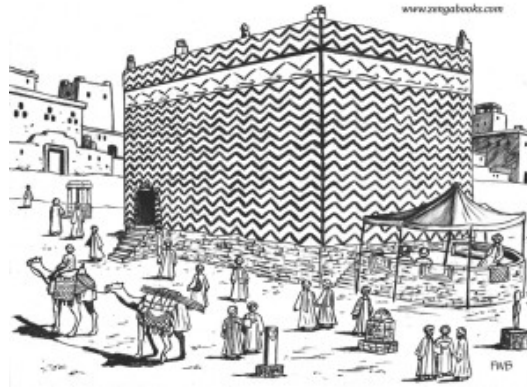
In the beginning of the world, there was the Kabah — at least, if you believe what Muslims are indoctrinated into believing about the draped temple of Mecca that is orbited by masses of people every year during the pilgrimage season.

The story goes it was a jewel sent down to the world by Allah from his throne far above the seventh of the seven heavens. Adam, the first man, built the Kabah as the first temple of worship of Allah, but it was destroyed in the great flood that Allah inflicted on the world for disobedience to his will. It was rebuilt by Abraham and Ishmael, and Ishmael fathered a line of Arabs that led finally to Muhammad. But by Muhammad's time, the temple had fallen into the wrong hands, into the hands of idolaters who worshipped other gods than Allah.

Muhammad, as hero of this narrative that he crafted about himself, was commissioned by Allah to rescue the temple from idolatry and restore the one-God worship of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, and other heroes of Biblical fame.

Muhammad had a way of inserting himself into other people's religious narratives, a compulsion derived from his many psychological disorders, not the least of which

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THE KABAH IS THE NAME used for the temple of Mecca. It means "Cube," a nickname it acquired in A.D. 605 after it was rebuilt because of flood damage. Muhammad, who was at that time thirty-five years old, was part of the work crew. Prior to the reconstruction, the temple consisted of a one-story rectangular wall without a roof. The original temple, which was devoted to moon worship, began several centuries earlier as a low-wall enclosure of stacked rocks with the Black Stone meteorite inserted in one corner.

was grandiosity. He was like Woody Allen in *Zelig* where he grafts himself into historical footage showing himself on stage with Adolph Hitler — except that Muhammad was notoriously unfunny. In his unfunny way he grafted himself onto the line of Jewish prophets; he put himself on stage with the heroes of Jewish legends and proclaimed himself to be the best of them all, the last and final prophet before the Day of Doom, superior to all the other prophets, even Jesus. Muhammad included Jesus in the prophet lineup, but he had to demote Jesus to being merely a man, for if he acknowledged Jesus as divine, he, Muhammad, would have had little if any importance.

## Who is a Muslim?

A Muslim is one who is obedient to the commands of Allah and examples of Muhammad.

**The truth about the Meccan temple** is yawningly prosaic. It was a moon temple built by the early nomadic Arabs of the valley of Mecca, descendants of Yemeni emigrants who worshipped the moon, the sun, and other celestial objects. A couple of hundred years before Muhammad, the temple was an enclosure whose walls of stacked rocks were so low that goats could jump over them. In one corner, atop a pillar of rocks, was the Black Stone meteorite the desert Arabs had discovered and believed to be a gift of the moon god.

Kabah is a nickname. It means cube in Arabic, and the temple of Mecca did not acquire its cubic shape until the year A.D. 605 when Muhammad was 35 years old. Until then, it had remained a stone enclosure without a roof, though its walls had been built up higher than in previous centuries — above a man's height and having a door. The statue of the moon god Hubal was on a pedestal in the interior. Polytheists from all over Arabia made a visit to the moon shrine during their pilgrimage.

It is in the Muslim records that Muhammad was part of the construction crew that used salvaged wood from a shipwreck to rebuild the temple and give it a roof. The temple had been damaged in a flash flood and needed to be replaced. It was Muhammad's job to carry rocks from nearby hills on his shoulder. The evidence of the literature is that during the