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OCTAGONAL KORAN WRITTEN IN NASKH ON BLUE PAPER

IRAN; *DHU AL-QADA* 1080 H = MARCH 1670

EACH LEAF: 8.3 × 8 CM

This octagonal Koran is unusual because of its shape, its small format, and its paper dyed blue and written in gold *Naskh*.

Another exceptional feature is its inclusion of the name of the person who commissioned it, al-hajj Abd al-Samad al-Musawi, the head of the trade guild in an unidentified city. The title *hajj* shows that he had made the pilgrimage to Mecca.

The name of the calligrapher was also included: Abdallah ibn Muhammad Hussain ibn Ali al-Mazandarani. The lacquer binding, decorated with flowers and leaves and various friezes, dates to the 19th century and is typical of the Qajar period.

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