

## THE CAVE



At the age of forty Prophet Mohamed had the first encounter with Archangel Gabriel at the Cave Heraa in the outskirts of Mecca. The painting shows the light coming out of the cave. It also shows Mecca, the Kaaba, a caravan, tents with red banners, and the ragged mountains surrounding Mecca. The horizon is covered by one of Gabriel's wings.

**READ**



**“Read in the Name of your Lord” (96:1)\*. These words were the first verse of the Quran.\***

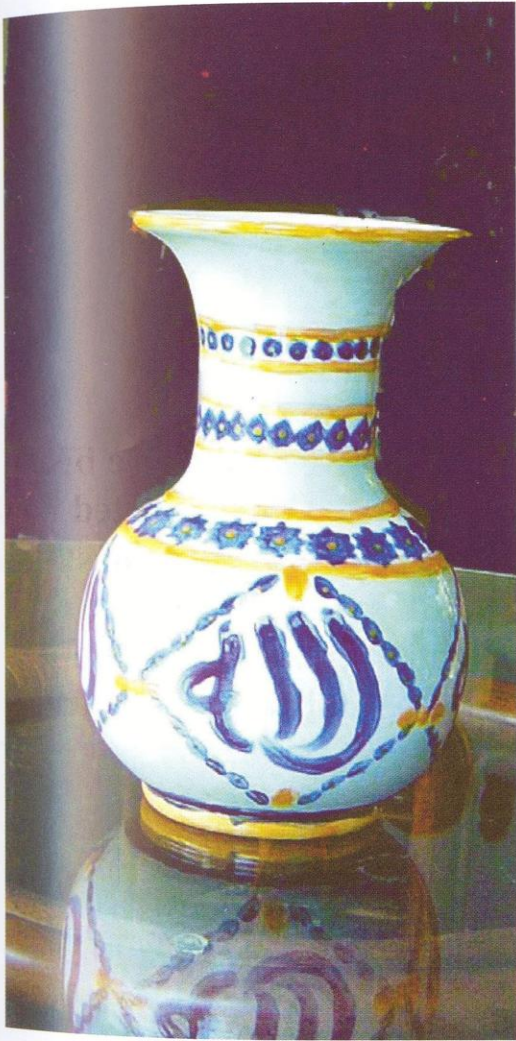
**\* From the Quran this represents “Sura number: Ayat number” in all paintings.**

## THE PEN



“He is the One Who taught with the pen. He taught man what man did not know” (96:4-5). These are the fourth and fifth verses of the Quran revealed to Prophet Mohamed by Gabriel during their first encounter. Thus Islam emphasizes learning and has a great respect for knowledge.

## ALLAH'S NAME ON A VASE



**The word Allah is written on this vase. It is repeated four times to be visible from every angle. The decorations are Islamic. The white color indicates purity, blue serenity, and gold majesty.**



