


Dove

Middle Eastern Collection

Accession Nr.:	58.211.1 
Type:	metalwork
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Iran
Materials/Techniques:	cast steel, gold and silver inlay
Dimensions:	height: 35 cm width: 23 cm

Pigeons enjoy a high esteem all across the Islamic world.

In Shi'a tradition doves assume an even more vital role, both as guards of the martyrs' desecrated corpses and as messengers of God. This significance ensured the inclusion of pigeons in the processional paraphernalia of Moharram rituals.

