Illustrated manuscript of the *Balagopala Stuti* by Bilvamangala Swami: Krishna dances with the *gopis*. Indian, ca. 1425. Possibly Surat, Gujarat or western Rajasthan, Western India

The *gopis* plead with Krishna to return their clothing: from the “Isarda” *Bhagavata Purana*, Delhi-Agra area, North India, ca. 1560-65, 7-9/16 x 10-1/8 in.

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Mughal (Mongol) dynasty invades from Afghanistan; traces lineage from Timur and Genghis Khan

Mughal dynasty, from Central Asia (1526-1857)
- Babur (1483-1530)
- Humayun (1508-56)
- Akbar (1542-1605)
- Jahangir (Salim, 1569-1627)
- Shah Jahan (Khurram, 1592-1658)

*Timur enthroned with his descendants from Babur to Jahangir*, by Hashim, ca. 1620

Folio from a *Shahnama* (Book of kings) by Firdawsi (d.1020); verso: Gudarz slays Piran on the mountain; recto: text; Iran, Safavid period, ca. 1590-1600

Prince Akbar and Noblemen Hawking. Probably Accompanied by His Guardian Bairam Khan. Attributed to 'Abd al-Samad (Iranian, Shiraz ca. 1505/15—ca. 1600), Assigned to Mir Sayyid Ali, ca. 1555–58, India (Mughal court at Delhi). Opaque watercolor and ink on paper

Humayun's tomb, Delhi, 1571

Plan of Fatehpur Sikri, near Agra, ca. 1569-1585

Mughal Emperor Akbar (r. 1556-1605) holds a religious assembly in the Ibadat Khana (House of Worship) in Fatehpur Sikri; the two men dressed in black are the Jesuit missionaries Rodolfo Acquaviva and Francisco Henriques. Illustration to the *Akbarnama*, miniature painting by Nar Singh, ca. 1597

A page from the *Antwerp Polyglot Bible*, published by Christoopher Plantin, 1568
Mother and Child with a White Cat: Folio from a Jahanigir Album
Attributed to Manohar (active ca. 1582–1624) or Basawan, ca. 1598
India (Akbar period Mughal court at Delhi). Opaque watercolor and gold on paper

Iskandar Finds the Infant Darab in the Water, Hamza Nama, Mughal, Akbar period about 1562
(26 15/16 x 20 1/2 in.). Opaque watercolor on cotton mounted on paper

Zumurrud Shah Reaches the Foot of a Huge Mountain and is Joined by Ra’im Blood Drinker and Shining Ruby, Hamza Nama, 1562

Akbar Going on Pilgrimage to Ajmer to Celebrate the Birth of Salim (Jahangir) in 1571, Akbarnama, 1590

Akbar Inspecting the Building of Fatehpur Sikri, Akbarnama, 1590

Elephant Gate, Akbarnama, 1590