Preservation of Tomb of Jan Baba, WHS Makli

Post 1st Experts’ Committee Meeting

Folio XIII – Chronological Classification

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Chronological Classification Into Four Significant Periods

Tomb of Jan Baba can be divided into following four chronological periods based on significant development over its history as evident from available photographic evidence.

**Period-A:**
Original basic design of the monument.

**Period-B:**
Estimated first addition was entrance colonnade and canopy.

**Period-C:**
Entrance colonade design was replicated at grave canopy with addition of three domes.

**Period-D:**
Another grave at the front with its own platform was added.
Summary of Chronological Classifications:

Presented photographic evidences are significant proof that:

1- Entrance Platform and Colonade Canopy above it was not part of the Original Structure.

2- Interior Graves Platform with Colonnades and Conopy above with three domes were also a later addition.

3- Zanana (Female) Grave Enclosure walls were added later in the history of this monument.

4- Even entrance step were relocated from south to west side to connect this monument with adjacent Isa Khan Tarkhan's Tomb.

A-03: Disconnectivity of both walls at the corner joint implies that one of the Zanana enclosure wall was a later addition.

A-04: Row of columns placed exactly in the middle - blocking western mihrab views - conflict with overall symmetrical design, suggests later addition
Period B - Layout

Area / Section estimated to be built in this period

Plan Period B

Entrance Platform & Canopy

Pic B-01

Pic B-02

Pic B-03

Pic B-04
**Period B - Details**

**B-01:** Canopy beam is deliberately placed away from the capital of the column to provide gap for projected decorative elements on front wall.

**B-02:** Prominent vertical speration and horizontal course mis match suggest that platform was added at a later time.

**B-03:** Evident here are adjustment done in canopy beams due to projected decorative elements of the front wall suggest that front canopy was added at later period.

**B-04:** Stark absence of both design continuity and visual connection between two adjacent elements suggests that Entrance canopy was not part of the initial design.
Period C - Details

C-01: Row of columns placed exactly in the middle - blocking western mihrab views - conflict with overall symmetrical design, implies them to be a later addition.

C-02: Placement of columns amid random distribution of graves in between indicate that canopy was added after a while.

C-03: Canopy is placed too close to the Qibla Mihrab wall.

C-04: Canopy structure both visually and physically obstruct western Mihrab that suggest it was added in a later period.
Period D - Layout

Plan Period D

Passage

Entrance Steps

Area / Section estimated to be built in this period
**D-01:** Discontinuity of both walls at the corner joint implies that one of the Zananah enclosure wall was a later addition.

**D-02:** Platform column is embedded at the corner of the wall implies that these walls were built after the platform.

**D-03:** Corner of platform merged in walls and difference in motifs suggests difference in time period of both structures.

**D-04:** Wall motifs are blocked due to Entrance way vertical support stone element that was clearly a later addition.