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CHAPTER 1

CONQUEST, CONVERSION, AND REVITALIZATION

European colonization of the Americas was undoubtedly one of the most impactful and disruptive processes in human history, spurring the traumatic emergence of a new global economy, while indelibly reshaping indigenous lands and cultural traditions. European invasion was a protracted event which caused ruptures in indigenous practices: in the years immediately following conquest, European and indigenous groups entered into a process of mutual contestation and negotiation over the structures of new government, religious systems, cultural norms, and daily practice. Scholarly research on the colonial Andes has relied overwhelmingly on written documents, which systematically exclude native voices. Reflecting these biases, twentieth-century scholars monolithically cast Europeans as dominant conquerors and native peoples as either resisters or assimilators to European cultures (Liebmann and Murphy 2011; Restall 2003). More recent archaeological research in the Americas recognized the diverse array of indigenous responses to European colonization. This dissertation examines the household and religious practices constituting a nonviolent native response to Spanish colonialism in highland Peru—the 1560s revitalization movement known as Taki Onqoy (Quechua: “dancing sickness”).

The Spanish invasion of South America in 1532 triggered radical, irreversible transformations as people with profoundly different cultural practices confronted a new “other.” The Spaniard Francisco Pizarro led 168 conquistadores in the swift capture, ransom, and eventual execution of the Inka ruler, Atahualpa, essentially ending the powerful Inka Empire and its control over diverse Andean groups stretching across Western South America (D’Altroy

2015; Hemming 1970; Stern 1993). Yet, defeating the Inka was only the first step for the Spanish in a protracted process of learning how to conquer, govern, and evangelize Andean people. In the subsequent decades, Spanish governmental and church authorities and Andeans became entangled in seemingly opposing belief systems, cultural norms, and daily praxis. Understanding of these processes of cultural negotiation during the sixteenth century has been shaped by the affordances and limits of extant Spanish accounts, governmental documents, and ecclesiastical texts. In the first decades after Spanish invasion, this corpus of documents was particularly one-sided, since it took time for Andeans to learn the Spanish system of writing and legal procedures (Durstun 2007; Salomon 2011).

Over the last several decades, archaeological studies of colonial-era and transconquest (*sensu* Wernke 2007) settlements have supplemented the critical gaps in colonial documentation (Abraham 2017; deFrance 1996, 2003; deFrance et al. 2016; Kennedy and VanValkenburgh 2016; Klaus 2008, 2009, 2013; Murphy et al. 2011; Quilter 2011; Rice 1993, 1994, 1996, 2012a, 2012b; Van Buren 1999, 2010; VanValkenburgh 2012, 2017a, 2017b, 2019; Wernke 2012, 2013). These studies allow more dedicated interpretation of the daily practices of conquered individuals, and specifically the ways in which these individuals navigated the changing colonial landscape. Archaeological studies of the colonial period demonstrate that colonialism was not a unilateral acculturative process for conquered groups. European invasion created an entirely new South American way of life, in which Andean practices were adopted by colonizers and Andean traditions were entangled with Catholic and European praxes.

This dissertation builds upon and adds to a growing body of research on the tumultuous transconquest (Late Horizon through Spanish invasion and colonial resettlement) era through an archaeological study of Taki Onqoy. Heretofore known only through a suite of documents

produced by Spanish priests in the second half of the sixteenth century, Taki Onqoy was a religious revitalization movement enacted by Andean preachers in explicit engagement with and purported rejection of Catholic evangelization. According to these documents, Taki Onqoy preachers traveled throughout the highlands of south-central Peru, advocating for the rejection of Catholicism and other Spanish traditions including Spanish foods, dress, and cultural practices (Albornoz 1990 [1569, 1570, 1577, 1584]; Álvarez 1998 [1588]; Molina 2010 [1574]; Yaranga 1978). These preachers asserted that Andean *huacas* (local deities)¹ had been neglected by their communities and/or destroyed by Spanish conquistadores. Three decades after Spanish invasion, these huacas were resurrecting in order to unite and fight a battle to defeat the Spanish Catholic God, thereby returning Andeans to an imagined utopian time prior to Spanish colonialism. The stakes were high: by some accounts, Taki Onqoy was on the cusp of toppling the colonial order. But given the total absence of archaeological research on Taki Onqoy, almost nothing is known about its concrete manifestation, or its material and spatial dimensions more broadly. This dissertation addresses this issue, presenting the results of my excavations at Iglesiachayoc (Chicha-Soras Valley, Ayacucho, Peru), a Late Horizon through Early Colonial Period site which was branded by documentary records as a Taki Onqoy center (Albornoz 1990). The findings of these excavations both inform us about the materiality of Taki Onqoy and enrich the hermeneutic circle for interpreting the documentary sources. An overview of historiographical debates about the movement follows below.

Taki Onqoy Source Critiques and Historiography: A Brief Assessment

¹ For the introduction, I use this simple clarification for huaca, but see Chapter 2 for a more thorough discussion of pre-conquest Andean religion.

In my study of Taki Onqoy primary sources and secondary debates, I have assessed the works of four authors—all Spanish priests—who use the phrase “Taki Onqoy” to refer to the movement. The first direct mention of Taki Onqoy was written by a priest named Guerrero² in 1564 in a letter to the priest Luis de Olvera (Yaranga 1978). This letter was rediscovered in January of 1950 in the butler’s quarters of the church of Huancaraylla, in the Department of Ayacucho. In this letter, Guerrero demonstrated concern for a growing population of “Indians” who worshipped their huacas and whose bodies housed these huacas, manifested through heaving, trembling and drinking. He also warned that “they offered chicha and at midnight they performed ceremonies which they call Taki Onqoy, singing in a round, and preached great abominations against our god, against our religion, and against the Spaniards” (Yaranga 1978: 168).³

By far, the lengthiest sources discussing Taki Onqoy were written by Cristóbal de Molina and Cristóbal de Albornoz, and it is largely from these two authors that we understand the practices associated with Taki Onqoy. In the final chapter of his *Relación de las fábulas y ritos de los incas* (2010 [1574], hereafter *Relación*), Molina briefly discusses the motivations and practices indicative of Taki Onqoy.⁴ He suggests that the movement began in the Inka holdout of Vilcabamba, and that it was defined by the rejection of Catholic faith, fasting (from salt, pepper, sex, colored maize, or Spanish foodstuffs), boycotting Catholic church, sweeping and preparing houses for the huacas, trembling and rolling on the floor, huaca spirit possession, utilization of

² “Guerrero” is the only reference I have been able to find to this priest—I do not know his full name.

³ Translated from “quemaban los bollos y derramaban chicha y a media noche fazían ceremonias que llaman taqui ongo, cantando a la rronda, y predicavan grandes abonminaciones contra dios nuestro señor, contra nuestra religión, y contra los españoles” (Yaranga 1978: 168), translation mine.

⁴ While he does not give the movement the name Taki Onqoy in this chapter, he acts as a witness for Albornoz in his *Information of Services* (1990 [1577; 1584]), where he identifies the movement by name. Most scholars attribute the “apostasia” Molina refers to in his *Relación* as Taki Onqoy (Bauer 2011).

special rooms with straw and blankets for possessed individuals, consumption or worship of rams, *colle*, chicha, *llipta*, *mollo*, dancing and drinking without sleeping, and sacrifice of rams and cuyes (Molina 2010: 97).⁵ Molina's account is broad, and based mostly on conversations with the parish priest of Parinacochas, Luis de Olvera, who is credited by Molina to be the discoverer of the movement (Molina 2010 [1574]: 94).

While Molina's account is stereotypic and general in its descriptions of Taki Onqoy participants, that of Cristóbal de Albornoz is meticulous and exhaustive. In his *Informaciones de servicios* (1990 [1569, 1570, 1577, 1584], hereafter *Informaciones*) and *Instrucción para descubrir todas las guacas del Pirú y sus camayos y haziendas* (1989 [1581-85], hereafter *Instrucción*), Albornoz records the testimonies of hundreds of witnesses and the means by which one might discover and destroy specific huacas, respectively. Though these witnesses answer a prescribed set of questions, they often add additional details regarding performative aspects of the movement, its geographic extent, and Albornoz's role in extirpating the movement. Albornoz himself also recorded *how* he found huacas, and his punishments for the various ranks of takiongos (to be discussed thoroughly in Chapter 2).

After the publication of Albornoz's *Informaciones* in 1964 and 1973 (Millones) and his *Instrucción* in 1971 (Duviols), scholars of Peruvian studies began to engage in a spirited debate regarding the "true nature" of Taki Onqoy, its territorial limits, what it meant to Andeans, and even whether or not it was an actual, impactful movement. Utilizing only these few primary sources, Taki Onqoy scholars have arrived at diverse interpretations of the movement given the vagaries of the Spanish documentation. As will be discussed in depth in Chapter 2, secondary

⁵ These practices (and Molina's discussion of them) are discussed in more detail in the following chapter.

scholars initially took Molina and Albornoz at face value—they interpreted the movement to have been of wide geographic expanse, associated with the Inka of Vilcabamba, and one of the greatest threats to the new overseas Spanish colony (Duviols 1971; Millones 1964 and 1973). Millones and Duviols also viewed the movement as a predominately *Inka* phenomenon, and one that was explicitly against both Spanish and Andean religious traditions.

Later Taki Onqoy historians turned away from the Inka-centric interpretation of Taki Onqoy for several reasons. First, colonial historians shifted toward cultural histories, emphasizing bottom-up historical narratives, and scholars began to deemphasize state-based studies of the preconquest Andes in favor of investigation of specific Andean groups (Mumford 1998, see Spalding 1984 and Stern 1993 for examples). Second, archaeological evidence of the Inka Empire affirmed that the empire was relatively short-lived. Lastly, historians of Taki Onqoy recognized the absence of the Inka Sun God in Taki Onqoy documents (Mumford 1998: 157).

Reflecting the de-emphasis of the Inka Empire in favor of the study of regional Andean ethnic groups, the subsequent generation of work on Taki Onqoy viewed the movement in a variety of ways. Some broadly cast the movement as a resurgence or revitalization of Andean cultural values prior to Inka and Spanish conquest (Curatola 1976; MacCormack 1991; Pease 1973). Conversely, other scholars argued that Taki Onqoy was a form of cultural illness that proved ultimately ineffectual (Lemlij et al. 1990; Stern 1993; Wachtel 1977). In 1990, Peruvian historian Luis de Millones published an edited volume entitled *El Retorno de las Huacas* in which two of the contributors (Guibovich 1990; Varón 1990) put forth detailed and ground-breaking biographical studies of Cristóbal de Albornoz. These two authors suggested first, that Albornoz may have exaggerated parts of his accounts of Taki Onqoy in order to receive a

promotion from the Spanish Crown, and second, that there was actually no connection between Taki Onqoy and the Inka holdout at Vilcabamba.

In 1992, Juan Carlos Estenssoro explicated the phenomenon of dance emphasized by the sources, and depicted the movement as the result of a feud between secular clergy (like Albornoz) and their Dominican counterparts. In the initial years of evangelization, Dominican clergy were criticized by secular (state-appointed) clergy for being too accommodating in their conversion practices—Dominicans initially allowed autochthonous practices, dances, and languages to be incorporated into Catholic religious rites. Perhaps indicative of a broader contest between secular and mendicant clergy over who had the right to convert Andeans, and thus, who had ecclesiastical power, the more accommodationist Dominicans were blamed by subsequent secular clergy for the continuation of Andean religious practices considered idolatrous. Similar to the revisionist perspective of Estenssoro, Gabriela Ramos proposed that Taki Onqoy may not have ever existed but that instead, it was entirely fabricated by Albornoz (Ramos 1992). Albornoz's *Informaciones* are organized into four letters he wrote and sent to the Spanish Crown, asking for promotion into specific clerical positions in the New World (Heilman 2002). In these four accounts, Albornoz provides testaments as to his extirpation actions in the regions of Huamanga, Arequipa, and Cuzco as evidence that his experience in Peru and his dedication to spreading Catholic faith (and simultaneously stamping out Andean religious practices) made him an ideal candidate for higher positions within the church hierarchy. Ramos utilizes these letters to argue that Albornoz would have fabricated much of his exploits in order to achieve a promotion.

After this critical period of scholarly interest in the sixteenth-century movement, there were a few other text-based interventions—in 2001, Ranulfo Caverro Carrasco contributed an

ethnohistorical text called *Los Dioses Vencidos* which analyzed tropes in the Albornoz documents. Subsequently, in 2002, Jaymie Heilman countered Ramos's pointed piece from 1992, and Ramos quickly responded, doubling down on her initial argument (Heilman 2002; Ramos 2002). Most recently, Peter Gose's 2008 work *Invaders as Ancestors* reaffirms the initial arguments by Millones and Duviols, to the effect that Taki Onqoy was *definitively* related to the Vilcabamba revolt, thus bringing historical inquiry into Taki Onqoy full circle.

Archaeological Interventions

The extensive debate amongst historians over multiple dimensions of Taki Onqoy reflects long-term trends in Peruvian ethnohistorical historiography, and provides an array of interpretations and viewpoints derived from the documents. However, it is fair to say that the debate has met impasses that reflect on the limits of the textual sources themselves.

Archaeological investigation can help break open this epistemological loop. This dissertation makes this contribution as the first archaeological study of Taki Onqoy, focusing on an avowed center of Taki Onqoy activity, the site known today as Iglesiachayoq (Ayacucho, Peru), which corresponds to the historical settlement of Chicha in sixteenth-century documentation (Figure 1.1).

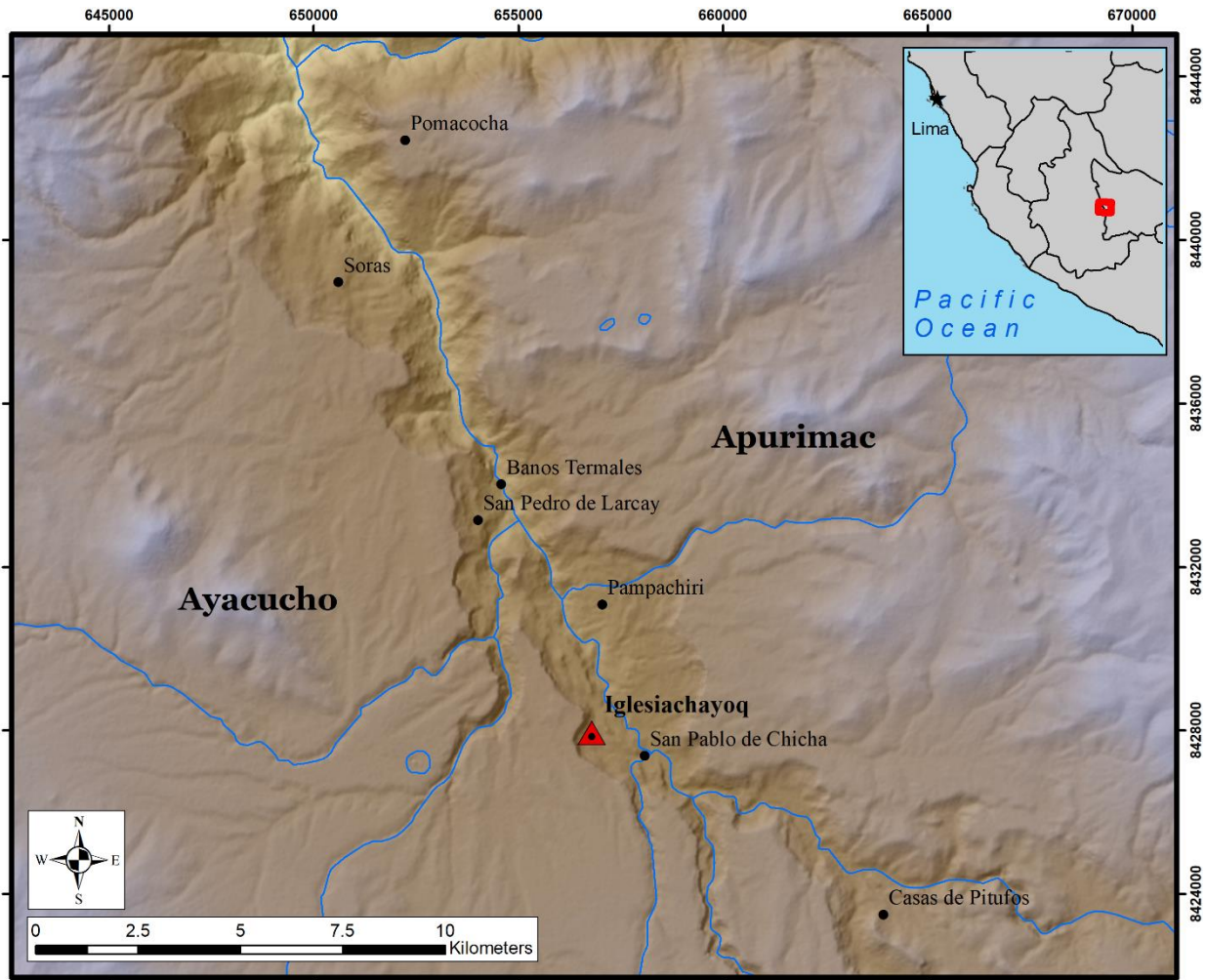


Figure 1.1 Map of Chicha-Soras Valley with modern towns and Iglesiachayoq (red triangle).

Albornoz specifically identified Chicha as a center of Taki Onqoy belief and practice, and the relict settlement is still remarkably well-preserved, with standing fieldstone buildings, including an early colonial church. Indeed, the church is the namesake of the site today:

Iglesiachayoq being an appropriately hybrid Spanish/Quechua word combining the Spanish *Iglesia* (church) with the Quechua nominal diminutive suffix *-cha* and the Quechua comitative suffix *-yoq*, thus “place with the little church”. Given its combined archaeological endowments and relevant written textual sources, *Iglesiachayoq* provides a unique opportunity to consider the *materiality* of Taki Onqoy. Several lines of evidence indicate that *Iglesiachayoq* is the historical

settlement of Chicha; these are presented in Chapter 2. By completing the first archaeological project researching Taki Onqoy, I generate a critical new data source for understanding the movement. My research methodology included architectural survey to enable exploration of the spatial practices of Taki Onqoy, targeted excavation of 19 units in domestic and ritual contexts to address questions of the materiality of the movement, post-field lab analysis of portable material culture, and spatial analysis of the settlement and its surrounding landscape. My findings demonstrate a diversity of dispositions and orientations concerning Taki Onqoy: the movement was not a monolithic front that was adopted uniformly by community members. Excavation results demonstrate remarkable continuity in domestic contexts from the Late Horizon (1450-1532 CE) to the Early Colonial Period. In contrast, evidence from burials in the church of Iglesiachayoq suggests ambivalence or subversion of Catholic mandates. I argue that Taki Onqoy was an ambiguous, and seemingly contradictory movement—it was anti-Spanish and Catholic, yet shaped by Spanish Catholicism. The entangled interactions between Spanish and Andean materials, places, and people, produced a variety of meanings to Andean participants, and that these participants only variably adhered to Taki Onqoy dictates. Documentary records and archaeological findings both affirm that the practices central to the movement were adopted only by a subset of people in the region. Additionally, these practices were not uniform across all spheres of human existence, but were most impactful in influencing mortuary treatment of the dead. Andean peoples took a variety of stances in their negotiation of indigenous and Spanish traditions.

Theoretical Orientation

As discussed in the previous section, historians who study Taki Onqoy have defined the movement as made up of and reflecting a wide variety of social phenomena—nativism, illness, revivalism, etc. I approach Taki Onqoy as a revitalization movement. Here I follow Wallace’s influential early definition of a revitalization movement, as a “deliberate, organized, conscious effort by members of a society to construct a more satisfying culture” (Wallace 1956: 265).⁶ Revitalization movements are explicit attempts by specific groups to reformulate their current social circumstances such that societal norms return to a perceived idyllic past. These movements are generally led by charismatic preachers promising a “revival” and have been common throughout history—as Wallace affirms, “probably few men have lived who have not been involved in an instance of the revitalization process...both Christianity and Mohammedanism, and possibly Buddhism as well, originated in revitalization movements” (Wallace 1956: 267). Thus, revitalization movements can be attributed to generating some of the most influential and durable religious traditions. Since revitalization movements have the ability to create dynamic social change within a compressed time scale and have been responsible for numerous new religious traditions or social organizations throughout history, the concept is useful for exploring Taki Onqoy.

Revitalization movements are generative and have explicit goals to create more equal societies, but anthropologists have focused on these overarching objectives rather than considering the associated practices enacted by followers of these movements (see Liebmann 2008 for discussion of material correlates of revitalization). Similarly, the societal conditions

⁶ Revitalization movements are often alternatively categorized as “nativistic movements, reform movements, cargo cults, religious revival, messianic movements, utopian communities, revolutions, etc.” (Wallace 1956).

which cause these movements are often critically assessed while overlooking the movement itself and its material signatures (Liebmann 2012). Yet, material media are central to cultural change and thus documented revitalization movements should also be assessed archaeologically in order to better understand the ubiquity of these movements today. This dissertation recognizes revitalization as an option for performative, generative resistance, albeit one that was neither uniformly adopted by those existing under colonial rule nor one that penetrated all aspects of daily life. Specifically, this research examines how sixteenth-century Andean participation in the documented revitalization movement of Taki Onqoy was variably adapted and in which realms it was salient. In my work at Iglesiachayoq, I investigated the material markers of Taki Onqoy, and more importantly, how the movement would have been enacted on the ground.

Building on the primary accounts of Albornoz and Molina, previous archaeological research and theoretical debates on revitalization movements, and archaeological research of the Early Colonial Period in Peru, my fieldwork included a detailed architectural survey, targeted excavation, and artifact and spatial analysis to answer the following questions: Were material and spatial signatures associated with Taki Onqoy located in private areas away from central Spanish religious spaces? Did Taki Onqoy practitioners repurpose the use of Catholic objects in new ways? Did they generate new or hybrid forms of material culture? Did Taki Onqoy influence daily life and/or ritual realms? Was the Spanish response to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq overtly violent and enacted in a public space? At a broader level, this project was undertaken to provide a new perspective on how revitalization movements can be studied archaeologically and how rapid religious change can cause ruptures in imperial agendas.

In this dissertation I argue that participation in the Taki Onqoy movement was uneven and partial, and that daily domestic practices were unaltered by the movement. At first glance,

my findings demonstrate an apparent paradox in the realms of Taki Onqoy participation: in private households away from the Spanish church, we found little evidence of Taki Onqoy practice. However, it was in the region most visible to Spanish authorities (at least nominally), the Catholic church, where Taki Onqoy practices evidenced a wide array of unorthodox positionalities in mortuary treatment. Taki Onqoy was a movement fraught with ambiguity and contradiction—it was both anti-Catholic, yet its premises were influenced by Catholic tenets. It attempted to elide factional, ethnic, and status difference by appealing to an essential distinction between “Spaniard” and “Andean,” thereby recasting the categorical foundation of Spanish colonialism (Spaniard/Indian) as a means of emancipatory unification.

If the movement was entangled in the foundational ideology of Spanish colonialism in the Americas, it was also constituted by entangled materiality. It was produced in situ through people, places, and things interacting in assemblages that were both already and becoming further entangled through the work of colonialism. During the colonial period, the meanings of places and things transformed—places of Andean or Inka veneration could also be associated with Catholicism. Religious practices often constituted both Andean and Catholic belief systems. The meanings of things, and the ways in which things acted on people were predicated on entangled contexts: in the Early Colonial Period, European and Andean things interacted and influenced one another such that the very characteristics which made an object “European” or “Andean” were shaped by the interaction between both cultural frameworks. Individuals and daily praxis were also a product of this new entangled reality, and associated practices were altered depending on contexts and goals. The shifting and amorphous Taki Onqoy—a movement itself a product of the post-invasion negotiation of cultural frameworks at a local level—should thus be explored through its entanglements and its contradictions. Material media and its

interaction with people and places were the means through which Taki Onqoy was constituted, and my dissertation investigates these contextual, entangled materialities through archaeological analysis.

Over the short term, Taki Onqoy was remarkably effective in redeploying Andean and Spanish colonial practices to mount resistance to its depredations on some of the most closely held cultural postulates regarding order, patrimony, and the right of rule. Over the long term, internal contradictions (fluidity between Taki Onqoy and Catholicism, and disagreements between kurakas and lower-status takiongos) interacted with external forces (extirpation campaigns, the *reducción* program, and implemented sanctions from the Councils of Lima) to bring Taki Onqoy to its public end. The multi-day dances, chanting, and drinking, along with other Taki Onqoy practices, were driven underground by the end of the sixteenth century (see Álvarez 1998 [1588] and Gose 2008 for later examples of idolatry reminiscent of Taki Onqoy). Yet, even as Taki Onqoy was formally defeated as a social movement, its legacy reverberates to the present.

In the Departments of Huamanga, Huancavelica, and Apurímac, the Taki Onqoy movement is still a salient topic in contemporary consciousness (Figure 1.2). As study of Taki Onqoy flourished in the second half of the twentieth century, Andeans in these regions adopted the movement as an indigenous rallying cry, one which spoke to ongoing neglect and abuses by the Peruvian state and the resistance of those who lived in these three poorest departments. My conversations with those who live in this region found that people discuss Taki Onqoy and Shining Path as thematically similar. Both movements arose in a time of economic and political systemic oppression, and the survival of those who live in the region speaks to their resilience. Taki Onqoy dances, and more broadly, prehispanic *takis* are regularly performed in the highlands

of Peru, and are heralded as authentic examples of the ingenuity and diversity of prehispanic cultural systems. Many of the entanglements reflected in Taki Onqoy are enacted in contemporary Peruvian festivals in honor of Catholic saints, and particularly the Corpus Christi celebration (Dean 1999). Thus, in some ways Taki Onqoy was a foundational movement which served as a blueprint for future Andean/Catholic performances.



Figure 1.2. Sign in Pampachiri depicting "las rutas del Taki Unquy".

Organization of the Dissertation

In Chapter 2, I survey the polarized and heated debates regarding Taki Onqoy, and review its varied historiographical trends. In this chapter, I also generate archaeological correlates for Taki Onqoy practices, according to the various source documents. In Chapter 3, I

assess Taki Onqoy as a revitalization movement, and consider what utility the revitalization concept offers in understanding how the movement manifested in daily practices. I combine this theoretical perspective with performance theory and theory of peasant resistance in order to recognize how the movement would have been performed and experienced. Taki Onqoy was not uniformly practiced nor did it take the same form in each location where it was adopted. Moreover, Taki Onqoy was not performed by all individuals in a given settlement—differences in social status, kuraka influence, and the consistency of Spanish presence all affected how and why the movement emerged where it did. Finally, one of the major challenges in this dissertation was considering which practices defined Taki Onqoy as its own distinctive and unique movement as opposed to being part of a broader culture of pan-Andean practices which recalled prehispanic belief systems. I contend that through application of theories of revitalization, performance, and resistance theory, we can begin to recognize those practices which were developed or intensified as a part of Taki Onqoy and demonstrate how Andean peoples generated new behaviors in response to the hardships faced during Spanish conquest and control.

Chapter 4 reviews the documentary and historical record of the Chicha-Soras Valley and relates the reasons behind the dearth of archaeological investigations into this area. Chapter 4 also considers the affordances and disadvantages of settlement in the Chicha-Soras Valley, outlining the various waves of imperialism into the valley. Chapter 5 presents research questions and methodology, and justifies why my multi-phase research design is ideally suited for my research questions. This research methodology included 1) architectural survey, 2) targeted excavation of households, plazas, and the central church, and 3) artifact, contextual, and spatial analysis.

Chapters 6, 7, and 8 present the results of my archaeological excavations and spatial analysis. In Chapter 6, I take a contextual approach and present the results of excavation in domestic structures and patios at Iglesiachayoq. I argue that ceramic, lithic, and faunal data demonstrate relative continuity in daily life throughout the site's occupation, albeit with clear differences in activities between each sector. While we did recover evidence of Old World fauna (horse, cow, sheep, etc.), the quantities of these remains suggest isolated instances of consumption rather than a pattern of changing foodways. In Chapter 7, I present the results of excavation in the Catholic church at Iglesiachayoq. I contend that the variety of interment styles—primary or secondary, flexed or extended, disturbed and removed—indicate a multitude of positions toward Catholicism in relation to Taki Onqoy. Finally, Chapter 8 integrates results of architectural survey, excavation data, and spatial analysis to propose that Taki Onqoy rituals were likely clustered in the local portion of the site where they would be both nearer to natural features of local importance and out of view from Spanish authorities or Catholic converts. Chapter 9 concludes this dissertation with a synthetic discussion regarding Taki Onqoy materiality and practices.

CHAPTER 2

THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF TAKI ONQOY

Introduction

Taki Onqoy was a sixteenth-century revitalization movement predicated on the strategic veneration or rejection of things, practices, and belief systems. Andean ontological precepts held that specific objects could be huacas who had the power to bring about a cultural revolution culminating in a return to pre-Inka Andean independence (Bray 2009, 2012, 2015; Chase 2016; Mannheim 1986, 1991). Other objects, however, were constitutive of “Hispanic” culture and were rejected by Taki Onqoy practitioners. Through performance of Andean *takis* (Quechua: dance/chant; Estenssoro 1992), and adoration of the materials associated with those *takis*, *takiongos* (Taki Onqoy practitioners) promised a world reversal in which Andean huacas would “resurrect” and defeat the Catholic God (Molina 2010 [1574]).⁷ While the movement itself was enacted and performed through specific materials in uniquely constructed spaces, study of the Taki Onqoy has heretofore exclusively been relegated to Spanish documentation from the late 1500s produced by several Spanish priests trying to extirpate the movement. In this chapter, I briefly discuss Andean religion prior to Inka and Spanish conquest, the changes in this suite of religious practices which were caused by Inka conquest, and then introduce the historical context of Taki Onqoy and how it related to Spanish Catholic attempts at evangelization and conversion. Next, I relate the central themes in primary accounts of the movement, especially the different materials associated with Taki Onqoy, and how these materials and their usage constituted the

⁷ Taki Onqoy practitioners would not have been old enough to have existed during both Inka and Spanish conquest, so their “return” to prehispanic religious practices was predicated on oral tradition and influenced by several decades of Spanish presence, rather than a first-hand remembrance of what these practices consisted.

movement. Then, I outline debate regarding Taki Onqoy among contemporary scholars. These primary accounts, though ambiguous and written from an imperial perspective, also provide clues as to the materials and practices indicative of the movement. Through this historical background, I argue that the Taki Onqoy movement (and Andean religions in general) must be studied through *things*, and not exclusively through the lens of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century chronicles. By investigating the materiality of Taki Onqoy, scholars can build upon the critical work of historians of this time period through the advancement of knowledge of native and Spanish practices in the immediate period following conquest, the strategies of the initial period of evangelization, and understanding of the Andean practices which constituted Taki Onqoy.

The Taki Onqoy revitalization movement has long symbolized indigenous “resistance” or “resilience” in the face of Spanish conquest and conversion (Duviols 1971; Millones et al. 1990).⁸ Yet, a bottom-up perspective on how the movement was implemented and practiced, and how materials were essential to the movement is curiously absent. Archaeological practice allows the recovery of things and objects, but the significance of these things was not limited to their physical characteristics—meaning is understood through cultural structures and interactions with objects. Utilizing the contexts provided by documentary records and archaeological investigation of the period, I argue that a nuanced exploration of Taki Onqoy must consider performance and materiality. By studying how individuals interacted with materials and places, scholars can ask more specific questions about *how* Taki Onqoy was performed, *where* these

⁸ Its connection with the danza de las Tijeras has strengthened the link between specific dances and materials as symbols of resistance within especially poor departments such as Ayacucho, Apurímac, and Huancavelica (Arguedas 1962).

performances took place, and perhaps even *who* were performing Taki Onqoy rituals in the Andean highlands.

I place primary documentation, historical scholarship on evangelization, and archaeological study of revitalization in dialogue to consider how community members interacted with Andean and Spanish things at Iglesiachayoq, thereby constituting the Taki Onqoy movement. I begin by defining my terms—things, materiality, animacy, and entanglements—and then provide a review of pre-conquest Andean religion, Inka-era religion, and Spanish evangelization. In this chapter, I also relate difficulties and problems with conversion, and how the Councils of Lima sought to address these issues. Next, I will utilize the primary sources and secondary debate on Taki Onqoy to propose models and hypotheses for how to learn about Taki Onqoy from its materials. These models and hypotheses are grounded in the primary sources, revitalism theory, and other colonial era archaeology which has been undertaken throughout the Americas. Though my study is situated in the central highlands of Peru, revitalization movements have been documented throughout the Americas during colonial encounters—ethnographic accounts and archaeological investigations of these movements are invaluable in understanding Taki Onqoy materials.⁹ By its nature, archaeology cannot provide evidence of the thought processes or religious motivations behind Taki Onqoy. However, archaeology can lend insight into the *practices* associated with the movement which structured and shaped cultural frameworks. Was Taki Onqoy practiced in distinctive sectors of the site? Is there evidence of Taki Onqoy in particular households? Was it a covert or an overt rebellion? Was “rejection” of Spanish goods and religion all-encompassing or did takiongos object to specific materials, practices, bodily consumption, etc.?

⁹ For Ghost Dance, see Andersson 2008; Du Bois 2007; Harkin 2004; Kehoe 1989. For the Pueblo Revolt see Liebmann 2007, 2008, 2012.

Things, Materiality, Animacy, and Entanglement

To explore the relationship between things, humans, and places, and their dialectic relationships to one another, defining how I use these terms is necessary. In considering *things*, I draw on Hodder's 2012 definition of a thing as "an entity that has presence, a configuration that endures, however briefly" (Hodder 2012: 8, see also Heidegger 1971, 1973, 2002). Things work to connect with other things, people, and places. They have life histories in which these connections are changed, when the thing comes into use or falls out of it—things are relational and constructed through their effects on other things and entities. Within my discussion of my archaeological research, I consider things as entities made or utilized by human actors (following Hodder 2012: 15). It is the interaction between humans and things which allow humans to exist, to be social beings, and to enact belief systems and practices.

Things are connected to humans through *materiality*. Following Meskell, materiality is "a set of cultural relationships...imbued matter and embodied objects exist in relationship to the specificities of temporality, spatiality, and sociality" (Meskell 2005: 6). Things, then, are not reducible to their physical properties, but instead must be studied in specific cultural moments "to understand particular contextual notions of the material world and its propensity to forge, shape, interpolate, and possibly even challenge and undermine social relations and experiences" (Meskell 2005: 6). Taki Onqoy was enacted in a time wrought by dramatic cultural change—Andean things took on new meanings, becoming signifiers of not just Andean-ness, but explicit indicators of resistance to Spanish-ness. By focusing on the thing-ness of Taki Onqoy artifacts, how these things were imbued with new meanings in the 1560s, and how these meanings were both influenced by the Spanish, but also anti-Spanish, I aim to explore the nuances of Taki

Onqoy—how it was constituted by and acted through things—and thus offer a new, updated perspective on the movement apart from its documentary presence.

Apart from their mere existence or presence, things can also be *animate*, a trait which is particularly common in the Andes (Abercrombie 1998; Allen 2002; Bray 2015; DeMarrais 2017; Swenson 2014). In other (non-western) ontological orientations, to be animate or to have animacy offers that things are alive and imbued with agency (Allen 2015). Things can have their own points of view, experiences, histories, and the ability to *be* beings and persons. In the Andes, this animacy is a trait not only of objects (cloth, stones, vessels, etc.), but also of places (mountain peaks, lakes, rivers) and of animals. Animacy of things, like materiality, must also be studied in context—things can be animate at different times, and their animacy can be transformed as the thing itself is transformed. For example, as discussed below, during Taki Onqoy, Andean huacas in the forms of stones were transformed such that they inhabited humans, thereby transferring their power to these humans—the embodied individuals literally were huacas.

Building on recent archaeological perspectives exploring interactions between things, places, and humans, I utilize the term *entanglement* as the medium through which human and non-human entities are constructed and transformed (Der and Fernandini 2016; Hodder 2012; Silliman 2005, 2016). Entanglement as a concept or metaphor has been employed recently in archaeological studies of colonial encounters, modifying or replacing concepts such as “hybridity” or “syncretism,” terms which connote an unspecified combination of cultural factors intermixing to form something different (see Dietler 2010; Jordan 2014; Hodder 2012; Silliman 2016). Moreover, entanglement allows archaeologists to recognizing things and people as shifting and contextual—though artifacts may have been made by European actors, their use by

native peoples denies the simple classification of “European” (Silliman 2015). Most importantly for my research, the concept of entanglement “can provide a view of how things, peoples, and practices intertwine to produce new forms without requiring them to remain that way, and without applying a term to the product that binds it to an entangled state” (Silliman 2016: 39). That is, the concept of entanglement allows the archaeologist to consider specific things and their interactions with people in a specific place and time—these moments of entanglement need not be permanent, but can be recognized as part of a thing’s life history. Additionally, the concept of entanglement allows recognition of network theory (Latour 2005). Entanglement thus shifts questions about physical characteristics (color, weight, function) of things or identity (Spanish or Andean, Catholic or Taki Onqoy) of things to more practical, essential notions: why were these objects used, who were they used by, and how did they act on the user?

Andean Ontologies and Western Ontologies

To study Andean religion—its practices, its materiality, and how it changed throughout conquest—is to recognize fundamentally different ontological orientations. Recent archaeological studies have explored ontologies through emphasis on things (Bray 2009, 2015; Henare et al. 2007; Meskell 2005). In the Andes, the ontological turn means to renounce Western notions of dualist “animate” and “inanimate” categories of being and to understand objects as subjects with their own points of view and their own agency (Allen 2015; Bray 2009, 2015; Chase 2015, 2016; Mannheim 1991; Salomon 1991). These objects were not “imbued” with power or animacy, but rather they innately contained a life force which manifested in a variety of physical forms. Archaeologically, the ontological turn centers on materiality—how objects could have acted on people—not merely on identifying what might be “sacred” from an Andean

perspective. In the following section, I establish the baseline religious practices and materials of Andean religion in order to understand how Taki Onqoy renewed and simultaneously changed these practices.

In the first decades after the conquest, Spanish authors were unable to comprehend Andean ontology, and were particularly stymied by Andean epistemologies of animism and personhood. In early documents, these authors struggled to convey the meanings of the Andean concepts of *camay* and *huaca*—there were no equivalent terms in Spanish for the Quechua concepts (Bray 2015; Salomon 1991). Salomon defines *camay* as “a concept of specific essence and force, ‘to charge with being, to infuse with species power’” (1991: 16). *Camay* is *not* the act of creating, but rather is an existing essence or power that may be embodied, reformed, or transformed (Allen 2002, 2015; Bray 2009; Salomon 1991). The inability of the Spanish to comprehend *camac* is demonstrated in the records of extirpation officials (Albornoz 1990; Arriaga 1968, 1999 [1621]; and Salomon et al. 1991) who gave numerous accounts regarding their attempted destruction of huacas. In these accounts, they lamented that even when burning these huacas, the place where the huaca was or its ashen remains were still worshipped as the huaca itself. In these cases, the *camac* remained as the huaca, just in a different form. Spanish confusion in understanding Andean ontological views was a contributing factor to the initial chaos of evangelization (Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003; MacCormack 1991).

Andean Religion Prior to Inka and Spanish Conquest

The archaeology of religion—belief, sacrality, and even practices—has been until recently understudied and undervalued as somewhat of a “black box” in archaeological pursuits (Insoll 1999, 2001, 2004). Because of religion’s perceived immateriality, archaeologists have

focused instead on more quotidian and secular aspects of ancient peoples, spanning research queries into subsistence strategies, political organization, or social status, to name a few. However, as Bray argues, while there are perceived barriers to understanding religious beliefs and practices, “if we fail to consider and theorize the influence of the sacred on peoples in the past, then many of the questions we frame—as well as the answers we derive—are likely to be incomplete” (Bray 2015:3). As the field of archaeology moved away from exclusively positivist epistemology in the mid- to late-twentieth century, post-processual and contextual archaeologists recognized material assemblages which might constitute religious beliefs or practices (Hodder 2000; Insoll 2004; Renfrew et al. 2011). Additionally, ethnographic study and historical documents have provided contexts or frameworks through which the archaeologist might determine religious practices from a recovered assemblage.

Scholars who study the pre-contact Andes have utilized both ethnography and colonial era documents for interpreting ancient religion and the relationships between people and things. These other data sources have provided invaluable insights into “Andean” religion as a pan-Andean phenomenon, yet often the differences between Inka religion and pre-Inka or non-Inka Andean religion have been obscured.¹⁰ In some cases, “Inka” and “Andean” are used synonymously (Salomon 1991: 4). This notion of interchangeability is a relic of colonial era documentation, which conflated Inka and Andean religious hierarchies. For example, Viracocha, the Inka “creator” god, was centered on Lake Titicaca and specifically the Island of the Sun, and served as a convenient analogy for Spanish church authorities when attempting to convert local peoples (Brosseder 2014; Gose 2008; MacCormack 1985; Salomon 1991). Similarly, when the

¹⁰ For this dissertation, I use “Andean” to refer to people of the Andes who are not explicitly of Inka ethnicity, though they lived concurrently. When discussing those who lived in the Chicha-Soras Valley, I will use “Soras” since this is the name of the Andean group in this region throughout the LIP, Late Horizon, and Early Colonial Period.

Spanish invaded Peru, they found a diverse Andean landscape with varying hierarchies of cults, which were all organized under Inka numina (D’Altroy 2015; Gose 2008). In reality, however, as Salomon writes, “the religious life of most of the people who made up Tawantinsuyu’s innumerable subject ‘nations’ had little to do with abstract or universalizing expressions. Worship usually focused on sacred beings peculiar to particular kin groups, villages, mountains, canals, and so forth. In fact, religious particularism, expressed in terms of place and descent, lies at the heart of much Andean myth” (Salomon 1991: 4). That is, an Inka strategy of conquest and consolidation was to “map” onto existing local deity hierarchies, while pre-Inka religion was based primarily on local kinship and natural features of provincial landscapes. In the following section, I discuss religious practices in pre-Inka, Inka, and sixteenth century early Spanish colonial eras. Since Taki Onqoy’s central belief was in the resurrection of huacas, my main focus here is on the concept and definitions of *huacas* as scholars best understand them through archaeology, ethnography, and colonial era texts.

Animate Andean Things and the Transformative Properties of Huacas

In its most basic definition, a huaca is any “sacred thing” (Bray 2009, 2015)—the materiality and sacredness of these “things” highlights the ontological differences between Andean and Western worldviews, especially in regards to animism (Mannheim 2015). More specifically, prior to Inka conquest, a huaca “was any material thing that manifested in the superhuman: a mountain peak, a spring, a union of streams, a rock outcrop, an ancient ruin, a twinned cob of maize, a tree split by lightning. Even people could be huacas” (Salomon 1991: 17). Huacas were venerated through gift-giving in return for advice or good fortune, and there were cults for specific huacas based on lineage or ayllu. Huacas had life histories and

personalities, and were animate—they could marry other huacas or people, they ate and drank, and they could change shapes or even mediums (Salomon et al. 1991). Huacas could be static in the landscape, as in mountain peaks or lakes, or they could be smaller and portable, as in idols or mummified kin (Gose 2008). Huacas were also “partible” in that they could be distributed through space, and that pieces of huacas could be worshipped as that huaca (Chase 2015).

The fluidity of huaca and its ability to change shape or substance complicates archaeological findings. To this end, the 2015 volume *The Archaeology of Wak'as* (Bray, ed.) theorizes that “power is construed not in some abstract or ideal sense but rather as a type of natural force having a specific and immediate local referent. Approaching wak'as as physical embodiments of power, rather than as representations of other-worldly beings, highlights the importance of their materiality” (Bray 2015:8). Huacas, then, are persons who are embodied with power through their materiality. There are several potential ways in which the archaeologist might study the sacred huaca in an Andean context, and more importantly, explicate the ways this huaca acted on its biologically human counterparts.

The study of pre-Inka, Andean huacas is problematic because much scholarly knowledge of huacas is refracted through Spanish texts describing *Inka* huacas. Though tempting to project this knowledge to pre-Inka groups, explicit notions of huaca as avenues for scholarly investigation in pre-Inka time periods have been only sparsely theorized (Cook 2015; Janusek 2015). Recent work has argued that for the Wari Empire (~650-1000 CE), D-shaped architecture seen as sacred huacas was a tradition which built upon circular domestic forms in the Early Intermediate Period (1-650 CE) (Cook 2015). The activities that took place in these D-shaped structures, as well as the form and materials which constituted these structures may have reaffirmed connections to ancestors (Cook 2015: 323-325). In the same way, the materiality of

stone has been conceptualized as possibly constitutive of ancestral huacas (Dean 2010, 2015; Janusek 2015; Meddens et al. 2010). At Khonkho Wankane, the intentional destruction of some of the monoliths emphasizes their potential status as powerful beings (Janusek 2015). Both of these studies being from a perspective that nonhuman objects—temples and monoliths—were interacted with and worshipped in ways that centered on their materiality.

Inka Religion and the Establishment of the Cult of the Sun

Andean archaeologists who study religion primarily focus on Inka religious practices, since these are the most clearly delineated in Spanish chronicles. As the Inka conquered and incorporated diverse ethnic groups throughout the Andes, they instituted a cult of the Inka Sun (Betanzos 1987 [1551]; Cobo 1956 [1653]; D’Altroy 2015; MacCormack 1991; Molina 2010 [1574]) which was the supreme deity above all local hierarchies. In emplacing this deity, the Inka asserted the differences between themselves and uncivilized “other,” manifesting these social variances in intensive restructuration of people and environment (Kosiba 2012, 2015). For example, at the pilgrimage center of Pachacamac, the Inka constructed their own temple to the sun near the Pachacamac oracular shrine, “thus giving cultic and religious expression to the political role of the Inkas in the region” (MacCormack 1991: 59; Makowski 2015). By installing their own religious architecture at Pachacamac, the Inka legitimized their own role in the Andean religious hierarchy.

The center of the Inka religious geographical landscape was the Coricancha in Cuzco, a literal monument to the sun, from which at least 42 *ceques* (loosely translated as the Spanish *rayas*, or lines) radiated, organized by 328 huacas (Bauer 1998; Cobo 1956 [1653]; Rowe 1979,

1985; Zuidema 1964).¹¹ While some of these huacas were identified as landscape features (caves, boulders, springs) as in pre-Inka Andean religion, other huacas were places associated with Inka origin myths or important places in Inka history, such as locations commemorating the victory in critical battles (Rowe 1979). Thus, while some Inka huacas—akin to Andean huacas—were natural features, many huacas during the Late Horizon Cuzco region were specific to the Inka. Bray (2009) suggests that Inka huacas were either iconic (as in the miniature anthropomorphic or camelid figures used in *Capacocha*) or aniconic (non-anthropomorphic, although possibly still representative). In both cases, these huacas were animate beings and treated as such through being dressed, fed, and queried or adored.

The Inka Dead as Huacas

In addition to natural features, places of mythical or historical importance, and the cult of the sun, the mummified ancestors of Inka rulers (and the rulers themselves) also played critical roles in both politics and religion. In Cuzco, these mummies were worshipped, presented with food and drink, and cared for by attendants (MacCormack 1991: 68). When an Inka ruler, or *sapa Inka* (unique Inka) died, rulership was usually transferred to his oldest son, while the remaining descendants of the *sapa Inka* formed a royal descent group called a *panaca* (Bauer 1998; D’Altroy 2015). Through the *panaca*, deceased Inka rulers still held much political power, and retained control over their resources (herds, foodstuffs, lands, etc.). They were also able to consult with the living via their attendants (MacCormack 1991). That the Inka regularly interacted with their dead ancestors in political and religious arenas startled the Spaniards when

¹¹ In fact, the Spaniards referred to the Coricancha literally as the “Templo del Sol” or Temple of the Sun (Bauer 1998: 3).

they arrived in Cuzco—these Spanish travelers were “convinced that the devil spoke to Andeans in the guise of their deceased ancestors” (MacCormack 1991: 29).

Inka religion and Inka huacas acted alongside and in conversation with Andean religion and huacas, and both groups considered these huacas as animate powerful beings. By installing their own creation myths and beliefs in Andean hierarchies, the Inka were able to use schema which were legible to Andeans, while simultaneously allowing for the continuous worship of Andean huacas. There was no need to *convert* Andeans from one religion to another. The Inka were content to have their own deities worshipped with preexisting Andean deities. This agglutinative strategy to religious practice which worked so well under the Inka would come under scrutiny during the first attempts at evangelization by the Spanish. Moreover, Spanish authorities interpreted ontological differences in the notions of animacy surrounding the concept of huaca as evidence of demonic influence on Andean peoples.

Conversion in the Andes

Justification for the conquest of Peru was predicated on “converting” Andeans to Catholicism. Yet, would a “converted” Andean look like? What would they believe? How would they act? Conversion is a change of internal state in the soul of the subject paired with a shift to Catholic orientations of divinity. These principles of conversion could never be fully measured in Andean populations—scholars have even argued that as Andeans began to behave more and more like converted Catholics, the greater the tendency for Spaniards to consider their practices as demonic, influenced by idolatry, and thus unacceptable (Estenssoro 2001, 2003; Gose 2008). In the initial decades of evangelization, the chaotic period coined as the *primera evangelización* by Estenssoro, the Spanish program of religious practice was far from organized

(Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003; Gose 2008; MacCormack 1991). In fact, it was not until Francisco de Toledo's appointment to the position of Viceroy (1569-1581) and the implementation of the Third Lima Council edicts (1582-1583) that the Spanish conversion program in Peru was organized and manifested in a streamlined manner (Durston 2007, Estenssoro 2001, 2003). The 1530s and 1540s were characterized by the chaos of conquest, during which those Spaniards in Peru were both infighting amongst themselves, while also embarking on several plundering campaigns (Durston 2007). These campaigns were aimed at obtaining enough precious materials and items to settle debts of the conquistadores, and to justify the mission monetarily to the Spanish Crown.

During this time of exploration and plunder, mendicant orders of religious clergy arrived in Peru, and were largely responsible for early attempts at conversion (Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003). Specifically, the Dominicans initiated these conversion campaigns, as they were the first to arrive and subsequently converted the Inka Coricancha into a functioning Catholic church. The first diocese in Peru was established in Cuzco in 1536, and the first Bishop of Cuzco was the Dominican Vincente de Valverde, who had accompanied Pizarro throughout the conquest (Estenssoro 2003). Along with the Dominicans (who first officially founded a parish in 1540), orders of Franciscans (1552), Augustinians (1551), Mercedarians (1560), and eventually the Jesuits (who arrived in 1568) settled in various geographic locations and enacted pastoral and evangelization activities independently from one another and from the Spanish Crown (Estenssoro 2003: 23). The following sections detail the initial periods of Spanish evangelization, with particular emphasis on the disjunctures between official decrees or Councils, and their implementation (or lack thereof) by the mendicant orders throughout the Andes. In this discussion, I return to the materiality of religious practices of Andeans at this time, and

demonstrate how these practices were perceived by Spanish clergy. In this way, I set the stage for understanding how Taki Onqoy was practiced and performed, and how it was interpreted by Spanish authorities, as seen in their writings on the subject.

The Problems of Language Diversity at the Time of Conquest

Throughout the early years of this conversion program, attempts at converting Andean beliefs were disorganized and piecemeal. One major problem for Spanish religious authorities involved the diverse array of linguistic differences across the Andes at the time of conquest. These linguistic differences can be explained by several main policies and practices common during the Inka regime and in general Andean traditions. Essentially, there was no correspondence between language, territory, and polity (Mannheim 1991:31-60). First, the Andean economic tradition of traveling between and having familial ties in several different ecological zones, or vertical complementarity (Aldenderfer 1993), created highly mobile populations and spread language groups both vertically and horizontally. Second, Inka policies of *mitmaquna*, or the movement of troublesome groups to different areas of the Empire, created linguistic patterns in which the language of one particular small group would intrude upon a broader language tradition in another region (D'Altroy 2015). Thus, across the Andes, polities could contain any number of individuals who spoke different languages—this manifested itself in differences between elite and local *lingua franca*, as well as a general historical pattern of linguistic diversity caused by changing political alliances or divisions throughout time (Mannheim 1991). Even if some Spanish mendicants had become excellent Quechua or Aymara speakers, they still would have been unable to account for the wide array of linguistic diversity encountered as they spread their attempts at conversion.

Durston argues that in order to explain the structures of new languages at the time of conquest, Spanish thinkers employed two explanatory models: the genetic model “which focused on the origins of languages and was based on the assumption that all ultimately proceeded from God,” or the conventional model “in which languages were understood as reflections of the societies that spoke them” (Durston 2007:42). In the first model, the understanding of language was biblical—Spaniards believed that Adam and Eve had spoken a divine language and that 72 other languages had been distributed into different groups of people. The second model did not have to contrast with the first model, since languages could change and degrade over time. The broad diversity of languages in the Andes was interpreted by the Spanish as a sign of barbarism. The Spanish understood this array of linguistic diversity as a sign that Andean peoples were more simplistic and that their languages were not sophisticated enough to consider and reflect Catholic doctrine. That is, not only did Andean languages lack the ability to discuss specific Catholic beliefs, but they also were not equipped with the words or concepts used to consider abstract concepts like faith, god, belief, and other philosophical topics.

Evangelization after Conquest (1532-1569)

Led by Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conquistadores spent the first five years in Peru allying with or rebuffing Inka descendants from Wayna Capac’s lineage while simultaneously fighting against the Inka in several skirmishes (specifically Manko Inka’s rebellion in 1536). It was not until 1537 that Manko Inka led the remaining Inka to the jungles of Vilcabamba (Department of Cuzco), thereby allowing the Spanish to seize full control of the Andean heartland (Hemming 1970). The broad military and historical background of the initial years of conquest is known through Spanish accounts, but knowledge and understanding regarding evangelization in this

period is lacking (Estenssoro 2003). In what he calls the *primera evangelización*, Estenssoro affirms that religious teachings at this time were not streamlined, and were documented in handwritten manuscripts which differed between orders and of which none have survived (Durstun 2007; Estenssoro 2001). In the first half-century after conquest, Spanish clergy held variable opinions toward the capability of Andeans to comprehend Catholicism and by extension, how Andean mental and cultural capacities were adaptable to conversion. Debates over whether conversion should be predicated on faith (the idea that God already existed in the hearts of everyone) or reason (that voluntary baptism and adoption of Catholicism was necessary) influenced practical ways of evangelizing (MacCormack 1985). In the 1530s and 1540s, some priests had to draw analogies between Andean and Catholic practices in order to make them comprehensible. Thus, mendicant orders during the *primera evangelización* were forced to map onto these practices and incorporate Andean terms, rituals, and materials in evangelization (Durstun 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003; MacCormack 1985; Wernke 2018).

It was not until 1545 that the first Archbishop of Lima, a Dominican friar named Jerónimo de Loayza (who served from 1543-75), that the first guidelines were established for religious conversion. In this initial period of evangelization, catechesis consisted of natives memorizing the Ten Commandments, the basic prayers, and attending church services on Sundays (Durstun 2007). As part of these services, priests were to perform simple sermons called *platicas*—the forms and languages of these *platicas* were initially very diverse, and differed between different mendicant orders and native languages. Loayza's 1545 *Instrucción de la orden que se a de tener en la doctrina de los naturales* is considered the first surviving doctrinal primer issued in the Andes, and has been characterized (in part) as a response to the diversity of doctrinal instruction manuals in native languages (Durstun 2007: 67; Estenssoro 2003; Wernke

2018). Loayza's *Instrucción* asserted that all Andean peoples were already allowed in the Kingdom of God (Estenssoro 2003; Wernke 2018). It also addressed a prevalent concern that many of these doctrinal manuals had not been checked for orthodoxy against the Latin (or Spanish) originals (Durstun 2007). Further, Loayza warned that errors or discrepancies between catechesis in native languages and catechesis in Latin or Spanish could suggest to native populations that religious doctrine was diverse and variable (Durstun 2007; Estenssoro 2003; Wernke 2018).

In an effort to standardize aspects of religious evangelization, Loayza also called and presided over the First Council of Lima (1551-52) (Estenssoro 2003: 26; Vargas Ugarte 1951). Specifically, this Council reflected a greater desire for the secular church to have influence over evangelization procedures in the New World. However, the set of decrees by the First Lima Council contradicted aspects of Loayza's 1545 *Instrucción*, inadvertently increasing the diversity in doctrinal materials (Estenssoro 2003; Wernke 2018). The First Council emphasized a distinction between baptized and unbaptized individuals, affirming that it should be communicated to native peoples that "sin el baptism ninguno se puede salvar" (Estenssoro 2003: 421, as quoting the First Lima Council). This edict served to contradict Loayza's first *Instrucción* and also undermine or destabilize Andean claims based on ancestral authority, since these ancestors were no longer welcome in the Kingdom of God.

The First Council of Lima's *Instrucciones* did not have much impact on actual evangelization practices and were essentially supplanted by the Dominican friar Domingo de Santo Tomas's *Platica para todos los indios* (Durstun 2007; Estenssoro 2003; MacCormack 1985). Domingo de Santo Tomas was a follower of Bartolomé de las Casas, who argued on behalf of the intellectual and spiritual capabilities of native peoples. Following las Casas, Santo

Tomas asserted that the Quechua language was evidence of a “civilized” population of Andeans, and thus that Christian terms could be expressed by preexisting Quechua phrases (MacCormack 1985: 449). Santo Tomas’s instructions, distributed through his *Platica*, allowed more accomodationist practices by Andean peoples and a generous reading of what it meant to be Christian (Durston 2007).

While the priests of the primera evangelización were variably performing catechism and liturgical doctrine as they saw fit in the New World, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) was developing a more orthodox and standardized protocol for catechetical instruction (Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2003). The reception of this protocol was received by Archbishop Loayza in October of 1565, who then called a Second Council of Lima (1567-68) (Durston 2007). In general, the Second Council had a more vested interest in Andean “idolatry”—while local practices had been more or less accommodated and allowed in the First Council, the Second Council denounced and prohibited local traditions, specifically in regards to burial rites. The Second Council also officially established the parish system, which corresponded to a specifically defined territory and group of people who were assigned to a certain priest. The head priest of each parish was to be responsible for monitoring individual members, and had up to 400 heads of households under his care (Durston 2007). Next, the Second Council became much stricter regarding sermon and catechesis attendance—these sessions became mandatory on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as a feasting session on Sundays. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, priests of Indian parishes were required to learn Quechua in order to better serve and receive their corresponding populations (Durston 2007: 72). As was true of Archbishop Loayza’s 1545 *Instrucciones* and the decrees of the First Lima Council, the orders put forth by the Second Lima Council were also unable to be enforced. It would not be until the Third Lima

Council's (1582-1583) standardized set of vernacular texts in combination with Viceroy Francisco de Toledo's resettlement program that an organized, uniform set of catechetical materials would be implemented (Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003; MacCormack 1985, 1991; Wernke 2018)

In the preceding section, I have given a brief overview of some of the conflicts and problems with Spanish conversion in the New World. The initial phase of Catholic evangelization was not unified—itinerant friars developed diverse tactics and were responsible for conversion of entire swaths of populations. Because of the geographic range and problems of linguistic differentiation, Andeans were initially only required to perform certain rites or attend catechisms a few times per year. Furthermore, linguistic barriers between Andean peoples and priests led only to partial conversion in most cases—Andeans did not substitute the Christian deity for all of their landscape deities. Instead, the Christian deity became an additional force in their pantheon. In this time of diverse evangelization strategies, a “disaffection” began to spread through the Andean highlands characterized by a rejection of Spanish religion and culture in favor of a return to prehispanic huaca worship. The following section will highlight the material practices of Taki Onqoy as described through sixteenth-century documentary records.

Taki Onqoy

The Taki Onqoy movement has been studied utilizing a corpus of documents primarily authored by two Spanish priests who were attempting to extirpate it. However, I argue that secondary explications on these texts could be supplemented by a practice approach grounded in archaeological investigation. The two Spanish priests—Cristóbal de Molina and Cristóbal de Albornoz—provide descriptions of the *practices* of takiongos, including the materials they used

and how they used them. In this section, I will detail the primary sources which discuss Taki Onqoy, their descriptions of associated behaviors and geographic expanse of the movement, and the material implications for the behaviors they describe. I show how material media were central to the constitution of the movement, and how a study of this media can allow new avenues for inquiry which cannot be achieved from the documents alone.

Primary Sources

All Taki Onqoy primary source documents were written by Spanish priests who were invested in extirpating the movement, and thus reflect somewhat myopic views refracted through the lens of the Spanish agenda. Yet, these texts are incredibly valuable in their accounts of the practices which constituted Taki Onqoy. Four authors—Guerrero (1564, as printed in Yaranga 1978), Cristóbal de Molina (2010 [1574]), Cristóbal de Albornoz (1990 [1569, 1570, 1577, 1584]), and Bartolomé Álvarez (1998[1588])—refer to the movement directly, while one other author alludes to a movement which likely points to Taki Onqoy—Gaspar de Sotelo (1565, as printed in Lohmann Villena 1941). Of these five authors, Guerrero’s and Sotelo’s descriptions are from letters warning of idolatrous practices and preparations for militaristic revolt, respectively. Cristóbal de Molina’s account is the last chapter of his *Relación de las fabulas y ritos de los incas* (hereafter *Relación*), and narrates the general beliefs and practices indicative of Taki Onqoy. Álvarez’s *De las costumbres y conversión de los indios del Peru, Memorial a Felipe II* (hereafter *Memorial*) contains a full section on the idolatries of native peoples, specifically from his time in and around the town of Pampa Aullagas (Audiencia de Charcas, in what is today Bolivia). Álvarez’s sections on Taki Onqoy are particularly fascinating because they offer a view outside of the Cuzco and Ayacucho heartland—Álvarez even provides an Aymara term for the movement,

which he calls *talausú*. Finally, Cristóbal de Albornoz wrote several documents detailing his actions rooting out and destroying idols and native idolatrous practices. Albornoz's work has two major components: first, his *Informaciones de servicios* (hereafter *Informaciones*) were letters to the Spanish Crown written in 1569 (from Cuzco), 1570 (Huamanga), 1577 (Cuzco), and 1584 (Cuzco); and second, his *La instrucción para descubrir todas las guacas del Pirú y sus camayos y haciendas* (hereafter *Instrucción* ~1580, as cited in Duviols 1989). Together, the accounts of these five authors make up the entire known corpus of Taki Onqoy primary written materials, and offer important observations about the movement which I will detail below.

The First Account—a Letter from Guerrero to Luis de Olvera (1564)

Chronologically, the first known mention of Taki Onqoy as a movement is found in the 1564 letter from a parish priest named Guerrero to Luis de Olvera, the vicar of Parinacochas. The Peruvian cultural historian, Abdon Yaranga Valderrama, found this letter in the community of Huancaraylla (Ayacucho) in January of 1950. As a document transcribed in the initial years of the movement, Guerrero's letter is critical in understanding the practices central to Taki Onqoy during its rise. Guerrero warns Olvera, who was already known for his extirpation practices (Gose 2008; Guibovich 1991) that Andeans in the province of Vilcashuaman were practicing an idolatry called "*cuyllur Onqoy*" (Yaranga 1978: 167).¹² Guerrero attests that the Andeans in the towns of Guancaraylla, Guamanquiquia, and Sacsamarca believed:

That all of the guacas and guamani and idols destroyed by the Christians after Pizarro's arrival had resurrected and were entering the bodies of the Indians and that these guacas and guamanis and idols of Collasuyos and Cuntisuyos had united at the guaca of Titicaca and that the guacas and guamanis and idols of Chinchasuyos and Condesuyos had united at the guaca of Pachacamac. These

¹² According to Holguin's Quechua-Spanish 1608 *Vocabulario de la Lengua General de todo el Peru*, the word *cullyur* or *coyllur* means *estrella*, or bright star (Holguin 1989 [1608]).

guacas were on the warpath to exact revenge and bring death to God and the people of Castile in this land would be finished because the guacas condemned them to sickness and disease...the guacas were angry with the Indians because they had taken another god and Christian names and that if the Indians did not want to die like the people of Castile, but instead prosper and increase their wealth, they would renege Christianity and would not enter the churches nor worship the crosses. (Yaranga 1978: 168).¹³

In this early account of Taki Onqoy, many of the central beliefs had already been established that would become hallmarks in the tellings of Molina and Albornoz. During the 1530s and 1540s, the Spanish campaign of plunder and destruction angered the huacas, who were now poised to return to life and form armies under the shrines of Titicaca and Pachacamac. These armies would fight and defeat the Spanish God. If the Andeans wanted to benefit from the return of the huacas, they would have to renounce their Christian teachings, avoid churches, and refrain from worshipping crosses.

There are two very important aspects to this passage. First, Guerrero's letter demonstrates the materiality of the huacas—in this account, huacas are not inanimate lakes or streams or rocks; rather, they are powerful beings who have come to exact revenge on the Spanish and the Andeans who had neglected them. In practice, these huacas entered the bodies of Andeans in a form of spirit possession in which the Andean individual *became* the *camasca* of the huaca, thereby inheriting its power. Second, this initial passage provides two practices which would leave an absence of evidence archaeologically. Andean takiongos were not to enter churches, nor

¹³ Translated from “Todas las guacas y guamani y ydolos destruidos por los cristianos despues de la llegada del marques Picarro avian rresucitado y se metian en el cuerpo de los yndios y estas guacas y guamanys y ydolos de los collasuyos y cuntisuyos se avian juntado en la guaca del titicaca y las guacas y guamanys y ydolos de los chinchasuyos y condesuyos se avian juntado en la guaca del pachacamac. Estas dichas guacas estaban en pie de guerra para dar batalla, vencelle y dar muerte a dios nuestro senor y que las gentes de Castilla de esta tierra se acabarian porque las guacas les condenaban a enfermedades para matalles y que las guacas estaban enojadas con los indios porque habian tomado otro dios y nombres cristianos y que si los indios no querian morir como las gentes de Castilla, sino todo salud y aumento de bienes, renegasen al christianismo y que no entrasen en las iglesias ni adorasen las cruces” (Yaranga 1978: 168), translation mine.

worship crosses—materially, this would manifest in an absence of Catholic religious objects within Taki Onqoy households.

In the second half of Guerrero’s letter, there are several more descriptions of Taki Onqoy practices, which indicate that by invoking specific chants and huacas, takiongos were becoming huacas:

The Indians get together in the mountain top and call out ‘tayta guamani tinca’ and there, shake saying that they have the guacas in their bodies and they chant and many of them paint their face with *paria* and *llacsa*...and they bury rams in the ground, *sanco*, *parpa*, gold, silver and *cuca* and *yllapas*, and burn the bundles and pour chicha and at midnight, they perform ceremonies that they call taqui ongo, singing in rounds and committing abominations against our Lord, against our religion, and against the Spanish. The leaders of this idolatry move in groups of three: two men and one woman, the men chant ‘catun colla cocha’ ‘camac pacha’ and the woman ‘guamani tinca’ o ‘guamani carguaras. (Yaranga 1978: 168).¹⁴

In the second half of Guerrero’s letter, the Andeans are described as manipulating several materials in the idolatrous performances. First, Guerrero attests that they paint their faces with “*paria*” and “*llacsa*.” Here, *paria* is referring to a red pigment, likely cinnabar or *bija*, and *llacsa* indicates bronze.¹⁵ The use of red and bronze pigments in Taki Onqoy ritual demonstrate the process of transformation from human to huaca, and also provide positive evidence of Taki Onqoy practices. Archaeologically, these practices could be inferred from the presence of *Bixa Orellana* paleoethnobotanic remains, cinnabar pigments, and bronze metalworking. Both *sanco* and *parpa* are associated with prehispanic ritual performances and offerings to Andean huacas.

¹⁴ Translated from “se juntan en el cerro tinca y allí tiemblan diziendo que tenían las guacas en el cuerpo y los hazian hablar y a muchos de ellos les pintaban el rostro con paria e llacsa y allí iban los yndios a los adorer port al guaca e guamani e ydolo que dezian que se le avia metido en el cuerpo y les ponian carneros de la tierra, sanco, parpa, oro, plata y cuca e yllapas y quemaban los bollos y derramaban chicha y a media noche fazian ceremonias que llaman taqui ongo, cantando a la rronda, y predicaban grandes abominaciones contra dios nuestro señor, contra nuestra religión y contra los españoles. Los maestros predicadores de esta idolatría andavan en grupos de tres: dos ombres y una mujer, los ombres se acian llamar catun colla cocha y camac pacha y la mujer guamani tinca o guamani carguaras” (Yaranga 1978: 168), translation mine.

¹⁵ As Bauer et al. suggest, “Molina uses the word “enbixauan,” the root of which comes from the plant “Bija” (*Bixa Orellana*) from which a red paint (*achiote*) is made” (Bauer et al. 2011: 120).

Both terms refer to small maize cakes, with the former “often prepared with blood offerings for the Andean divinities,” and the latter cooked with salt or aji (Mills 1997:292, 57). *Sanco* and *parpa* were both cooked with exclusively Andean products, which may represent both a renewal of Andean cultural traditions and a rejection of Spanish foodstuffs.

The final portions of this passage describe the sacrifice and subsequent interment of rams and coca, and reflect the renewal of prehispanic huaca worship, as seen in both Inka (Molina 2010 [1574]) and pre-Inka societies (Garcilaso 2000, Gose 2008). The term *yllapa* has several meanings in sixteenth-century Quechua: *yllapa*’s most common associations are with “thunder” or “lightning” (MacCormack 1991, Molina and Bauer 2011). Yet, during Taki Onqoy, this term may have been referring to Inka mummies, as suggested by both Albornoz and Guaman Poma (Albornoz 1967: 21; Guaman Poma 2015 [1615]: 287 [289]; Heaney 2018; MacCormack 1991). MacCormack even suggests that “such terminology was meaningful in the Andes because lightning and the dead epitomized a cosmic imbalance tending either to generation or destruction” (1991: 286). Table 2.1. lists positive and negative archaeological correlates of Taki Onqoy practices.

| Source | Year | Positive Signature | Absence of Evidence | No Signature |
|-----------------|-------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Guerrero | 1564 | Red pigment--cinnabar or achiote (Bixa orellana) Bronze pigment | No Catholic objects or imagery in TO households | Avoidance of churches |

Table 2.1. Taki Onqoy correlates from the 1564 Guerrero letter.

Cristóbal de Molina and Cristóbal de Albornoz

Cristóbal de Molina and Cristóbal de Albornoz were the two authors who produced the lengthiest accounts of Taki Onqoy, although both were writing with a clear agenda vis a vis the Spanish Crown. Additionally, the two priests were colleagues and friends who regularly interacted with one another—Molina even twice testified on behalf of Albornoz, attesting to Albornoz’s extirpation activities in the central highlands. Cristóbal de Molina, commonly known as “el Cusqueño,” arrived in Peru sometime after 1556, and was appointed to be an ecclesiastical visitor by Viceroy Toledo around 1572 (Urbano 2008: 427). Molina was known for his Quechua language skills, and was also tasked by Sebastián de Lartaún, the third Archbishop of Cuzco, to write a chronicle of the history and religion of the Inkas (Bauer et al. 2011). Molina’s *Relación* is a month-by-month description of Inka religion and rituals, recounting information which he recovered from several interviews with Cuzco’s oldest indigenous inhabitants.

Since the *Relación* was commissioned by Archbishop Lartaún, some scholars consider the work as the official church version of events, thereby questioning its validity as an independent source (Urbano 1989). Others have even argued that the final chapter of Molina’s work was a later addition to the text, likely a supplemental explication written in 1583 (Ramos 1992). However, most scholars agree that the text was written between 1573 and 1575, and is a valuable source for the study of Inka religion in general, and also of Taki Onqoy (Bauer 2011; Heilman 2002). In terms of Taki Onqoy beliefs, materials and practices, Molina echoes much of what Guerrero reported in his 1964 letter. Molina did not witness any Taki Onqoy practices himself, and thus his report is based on hearsay from other priests, particularly Luis de Olvera. The debate of the veracity or reliability of Molina’s account underscores broader challenges in study of Taki Onqoy—since all of these authorities knew each other and regularly interacted, the different accounts cannot be considered as independent contributions to a broader literature. This

dissertation is innovative in that it shifts the discussion from textual reports and biographical study of a centuries-old movement to a new emphasis on materials and alternative ways to understand this movement.

Molina reiterates the tenets attributed to Taki Onqoy in the initial portions of his chapter. After the alliances between indigenous peoples and Spanish authorities began to disintegrate and splinter, embittered local leaders started to blame Spanish presence for much of local displeasure and hardships occurring at that time (Stern 1993). As a result, Andeans were “departing from the Catholic faith they had received” and “returning to the idolatry that they had practiced in the time of their infidelity” (Molina et al. 2011:84). Molina’s use of “returning” here suggests that the 1560s Taki Onqoy beliefs were a resurgence or revitalization of prehispanic belief systems in the Andes. He reaffirms this idea when discussing the major conviction of the takiongos:

And returning to the resourcefulness of the devil in diverting these poor souls, it happened that they believed that all the huacas of the kingdom that the Christians had demolished and burned had come back to life, and had formed themselves into two sides: some had joined with the huaca of Pachacamac, and the others with the huaca Titicaca. They said that all of them were flying around in the air, ordering the people to give battle to God and defeat Him. (Molina and Bauer 2011:85).

Here, Molina outlines the central tenet of Taki Onqoy: the huacas which had been destroyed by the Spaniards or neglected by Andeans were reclaiming their power and aligning with the major huacas at either Titicaca or Pachacamac to overthrow the new Spanish religion and regime.

Molina does not mince words—he is direct in affirming that the movement is truly local interests and beliefs versus Spanish interests and beliefs.

In his *Peru’s Indian Peoples and the Challenge of Spanish Conquest*, Steve Stern expands on these ideas of Spanish versus native. Stern suggests that Taki Onqoy was focused on uniting local peoples against Spanish traditions. He writes that “the huacas and takiongos expressed gnawing anxiety that natives who assumed Hispanic styles of religion, clothing, food,

and custom were becoming enemies tied to colonialism and Christianity” (Stern 1993:59). Rather than ascribing to prehispanic local political configurations, Taki Onqoy practitioners wanted to *unify* the Andean population. They sought to elide ethnic, religious, and kin differences to create a larger, more unified population of Andean believers who rejected Catholicism. As Spanish colonialism was founded on the categorical distinction between Spanish and “Indian,” Taki Onqoy preachers utilized this dichotomy in their attempts to unite indigenous populations. Takiongos—whether wittingly or not—were redeploying these binary categories as a means of resistance. Thus the Taki Onqoy movement was indelibly influenced by Spanish colonial tactics and Catholic dictates, entangling colonizer and colonized.

For example, when describing the practices associated with Taki Onqoy, Molina’s descriptions depict a syncretic mix of Catholic and Andean beliefs, manifesting themselves in a set of actions which were inspired by both religious traditions. First, Molina argues that Taki Onqoy was spread by wandering preachers, who “went about preaching this resurrection of the huacas, saying that the huacas now were flying through the air, dried out and dying of hunger, because the Indians no longer made sacrifices nor poured chicha to them” (Molina and Bauer 2011:85-86). The notion of traveling preachers wandering through the Andean highlands was a practice borrowed from Catholicism—prior to Spanish contact, religious doctrine was not spread through individuals preaching the message of the Gods (Gose 2008). Second, Molina describes individual huaca possession as a crucial aspect of Taki Onqoy: “Accordingly, there were many Indians who trembled and threw themselves on the ground...everyone would celebrate in the town for two or three days, dancing, drinking, and invoking the huaca that the possessed person represented and said it was inhabiting his body” (Molina 2011: 86). While possession of huacas was an integral part of prehispanic worship (Gose 2008: 97), during Taki Onqoy, huacas were no

longer embodied in the stones or landscape markers of the past, but rather in the adepts who believed in them. As Gose argues, “that Takiyngos made offerings directly to the mediums shows that they saw them as the huacas’ principal embodiments” (Gose 2008: 97). The degree of the breakdown between Andeans and their huacas could only be resolved through bodily possession of these spirits.

Besides wandering preachers and huaca possession, Molina describes several other practices associated with Taki Onqoy: preaching advocating the resurrection of the huacas; fasting; avoidance of Christian foods, clothing, churches, and prayer; huaca possession of Indians; ritual cleaning of houses; trembling, dancing, and drinking; use of red body paints; huaca worship; sacrifice of rams and cuyes; Indian sorcerers using colored maizes and spondylus shells to cure afflicted people; ancestor worship; and the construction of outdoor enclosures for Taki Onqoy preaching and dancing (Molina 2011, Albornoz 1990:191) (Table 2.2). Much of Taki Onqoy was thus based on *performance*; that is, the oracular possession of Taki Onqoy adepts and their subsequent dancing, trembling, fasting, and attempting to heal those who were also afflicted, suggests that the movement was a visible, almost tangible way of interacting with and pleasing the prehispanic huacas which had been forgotten during the Spanish conquest.

| Source | Year | Positive Signature | Absence of Evidence | No Signature |
|--------|---------|---|---|---|
| Molina | 1573-75 | Red pigment--cinnabar or achiote (Bixa orellana) Sacrifice of rams and cuy Dark purple maize or chicha Llipta Spondylus shell White corn flour White, black, red, and yellow maize Coca Gold and silver Chicha Cleaned houses | No salt or aji Absence of Spanish foodstuffs, food, and clothing | Fasting Possession Dancing Preaching and sermons |

Table 2.2. Taki Onqoy correlates from Cristobal de Molina.

Molina provides several other details regarding the geographic extent of Taki Onqoy and the Spanish response to the movement. While the geographic area and relative “importance” of the movement are matters of considerable debate in the twentieth-century, Cristóbal de Molina definitively records Olvera’s testimony regarding the afflicted provinces.¹⁶ Molina writes that “not only in that province [Parinacocha], but in all the other provinces and cities of Chuquicaca, La Paz, Cuzco, Humanaga, and even Lima and Arequipa, most of the people had fallen into great apostasies” (Molina 2011: 84). Olvera, and by extension Molina, thereby name the largest provinces and regions in Peru at that time as having a definite population of Taki Onqoy adepts. Molina’s testaments regarding the geographic range of Taki Onqoy cannot be taken as fact, however. His information is second-hand and unverified, and he may have had a personal interest in exaggerating the spread of Taki Onqoy in the eyes of the Spanish crown.

¹⁶ For sources on this debate, see Duviols 1977; Varon and Albornoz 1990; Millones, Castro-Klaren, and Albornoz 1990.

Finally, Molina's account provides few details regarding the Spanish authorities' response to Taki Onqoy. Molina writes that the movement lasted "more than seven years" and that "because the Vicar Luis de Olvera began to punish that province and that of Acari, and he informed the Royal Audience of Lima, the archbishop and the bishop of the Charcas, and other parts...the movement began to weaken" (Molina 2011: 87). Molina is very imprecise when defining the Spanish actions against Taki Onqoy. While he refers to "punish[ment]" of takiongos in certain regions, he is unclear as to what this punishment may have been, physically or otherwise. Furthermore, Molina only names Luis de Olvera as one trying to eradicate the apostasy—he neglects to mention Cristóbal de Albornoz's extirpation campaigns in the highlands as well as Francisco de Toledo's *reducción* campaign which began in 1572 (Mumford 1998). For a much more detailed discourse on Taki Onqoy punishments, Cristóbal de Albornoz's *Informaciones de servicios* (1569, 1570, 1577, and 1584) and *La Instrucción para descubrir todas las huacas del Pirú y sus camayos y haziendas* (1580s) are more specific in their discussion of people and places associated with Taki Onqoy.

Cristóbal de Molina's *Relación* thus provides a general description of the motivations of and practices associated with Taki Onqoy. While his chapter is brief, Molina's descriptions of Taki Onqoy traditions and ritual are invaluable in understanding how takiongos *became* huacas, and how the materials associated with prehispanic huaca worship were again the media through which idolatry was performed. While Molina focuses more on the behaviors associated with Taki Onqoy, Cristóbal de Albornoz's *Informaciones* and *Instrucción* give testimonials and personal accounts of the extirpation campaign, the towns visited by Albornoz, the people punished in each down, and the huacas destroyed. I will now give a brief biography of Albornoz, highlight the new information in his two works, and outline some of the potential biases in his accounts.

Though Cristóbal de Albornoz was the Spanish priest who ostensibly most interacted with takiongos—and by extension wrote the most on Taki Onqoy—the veracity and reliability of his accounts have been subject to considerable debate. More specifically, Albornoz’s overt career ambitions and the ongoing tensions between secular and mendicant clergy have prompted scholars to suggest that the geographical expanse of Taki Onqoy was highly exaggerated by Albornoz (Estenssoro 1992; Varón 1990), or even that the movement was a creation of Albornoz (Ramos 1992). Much of the secondary Taki Onqoy debate hinges on Albornoz as a narrator—the gaps, silences, and contradictions in his texts have been subject to extreme scrutiny, of which questions regarding his motivations or honesty cannot be fully answered through his works or biographical study of his life. In the following section, I discuss Albornoz’s life, his works, the new information provided by his works, and I highlight the contradictions in secondary scholarship on Albornoz as he relates to the Taki Onqoy movement.

In 1964, Luis Millones published a short article analyzing Cristóbal de Albornoz’s *Informaciones* entitled “Un movimiento nativista del siglo XVI, el Taki Onqoy (Millones 1964:138-140), which generated initial interest in historical research into the movement. In 1971, Millones published Albornoz’s *Informaciones*; however, I will cite the 1990 version of Albornoz’s writings, transcribed and edited by Millones et al. in *El retorno de las huacas: Estudios y documentos sobre el Taki Onqoy, Siglo XVI*. In 1967, Pierre Duviols brought to light another of Albornoz’s accounts, the *La Instrucción para descubrir todas las huacas del Pirú y sus camayos y haziendas*, which was written in the early 1580s. In general, Albornoz’s *Informaciones* is a collection of four separate testimonials (1569, 1570, 1577, and 1584) in which Albornoz provides a list of questions posed to a variety of priests and authorities and their responses. This set of documents served mostly to discuss, in great detail, Albornoz’s range of

activities in his extirpation campaigns. Similarly, Albornoz's *Instrucción* reads as a how-to-extirpate-idolatry manual founded in his own experiences and actions.

Albornoz was a secular priest educated in Spain who arrived in Paita in the Viceroyalty of Peru in 1567 after having been in Santo Domingo and Nueva Granada (Guibovich 1991; Millones 2008). Upon arriving, Albornoz was assigned to a doctrina in Collao, but later was appointed as an ecclesiastical *visitador* in charge of Arequipa and its district. From 1569 through 1571, Albornoz continued to work as a *visitador*, continuing from Arequipa to the areas of Huamanga and Cuzco (Millones 2008). During this time, Albornoz tasked himself with rooting out and punishing those who he caught in religious performances which he perceived as idolatrous to Catholic belief, in part to bolster his case for promotion. To this end, each of the letters in his *Informaciones* was the physical manifestation of a request for promotion to specific ecclesiastical offices, and their contents reflect the unique demands for each post.

Although the testimonials of Albornoz's witnesses are very repetitive—often with the witnesses simply repeating and rephrasing the questions posed to them—the individuals still provide new information not found in Molina's writings. For example, while Molina's work never directly gives the “apostasy” a name, Albornoz identifies the movement as having two names: Taki Onqoy and Aira. These formal names are absent in Albornoz's 1569 account, but instead are cited in the 1570 account, thus indicating that defining characteristics of the movement were not known to Albornoz until the 1570s.¹⁷ In one testimony, the Spaniard Don Phelipe attests that Albornoz visited cities in the provinces of Huamanga and Cuzco, where “had been discovered the sect and apostasy and predication that they call Taki Onqoy or by another

¹⁷ Ramos (1992) suggests that the fact that Taki Onqoy is not mentioned in the 1569 letter casts doubt over *all* of his accounts, while Heilman (2002) counters this and offers that Albornoz had only just arrived in Peru at the time of the 1569 letter, and thus the oversight in the 1569 letter is explicable.

name, Aira” (Albornoz 1990:61).¹⁸ This account is the first time that the name *Aira* is mentioned in any of the primary sources.

The subsequent witness testimonies in the following pages of Albornoz’s *Informaciones* generally align with Molina’s descriptions of the movement, its motivations, and its practices. In the same 1570 account, the witness Baltasar de Hontiveros testified on behalf of Albornoz that “they said that they did not believe in God nor worship the crosses nor the saints, nor enter the churches, nor confess with the clerics or friars, but instead within them, perform rites and ceremonies of the time of the Inkas on certain days of the week, and offer the huacas gold, silver, and clothes” (Albornoz 1990 [1570]: 75)¹⁹. This negation of Spanish tradition and Catholic religion was partnered with a revitalized belief in various ceremonies and rituals that were performed in the time of the Inka, as well as restored and fortified huaca worship and adoration. Like Molina’s account, the witnesses in Albornoz’s *Informaciones* attest to native rejection of Spanish religious teachings in favor of a return of the huacas and rituals which dominated in prehispanic times.

Although the accounts of Molina and Albornoz broadly align, where Molina is very general and vague in his descriptions of Taki Onqoy, Albornoz is extremely specific in his passages and testimonials, naming specific places, huacas, and individuals. In his 1577 account, Cristóbal de Albornoz consigns Cristóbal de Molina to testify on his behalf. In this account, Molina offers more information than in his *Relación*, arguing that “in the provinces of Soras and Apcara and Lucanas, I find a large sum of instigators and performers of Taki Onqoy” and that

¹⁸ Translated from “havia descubierto la seta e apostasia y predicacion que llaman Taki Ongoy por otro nombre Aira” (Albornoz 1990: 61), translation mine.

¹⁹ Translated from “dezian que no creyesen en Dios ni adorasen las cruces ni a los santos, ni entrasen en las yglesias, ni se confesasen con los clerigos ni frailes, sino con ellos, e que ayunasen ciertos dias de la semana conforme a los ritos e ceremonias del tiempo de los yngas, y que ofrescian en las guacas que tenían oro, e plata, e ropas” (Albornoz 1990 [1570]: 75), translation mine.

“the principal instigators were two men and one woman” (Albornoz 1990: 180-182).²⁰ Here, Albornoz and Molina work together, with Molina attesting that the majority of takiongos were from the provinces of Soras, Apcara, and Lucanas, and even describing the leaders of the movement. Later, in Albornoz’s 1584 *Información*, the extirpator interviews Molina for a second time. It is in Molina’s account of 1584 that the preacher-leader of Taki Onqoy is named: “the most guilty were two natural Indians and one indian named don Joan Chocne or Joan Chocna” (Albornoz 1990: 225).²¹ While the other two leaders remain unnamed at this point, witnesses in the 1570 *Información* document suggest that some of the leading women may have been called “Santa Maria and Santa Maria Magdalena” (Mumford 1998:154). While it is in Albornoz’s *Informaciones* that we receive much more detailed information about the leadership and geographic extent of the movement, the actual names of the leadership are provided by Cristóbal de Molina.

There are several other discrepancies in the witness testimonials of the *Informaciones*, which again have been utilized for opposite interpretations of Taki Onqoy in the works of historians of the movement. To understand these oversights, generalizations, and the veracity of the accounts, one must parse the function of *each* letter to the King (1569, 1570, 1577, 1584), its contents, and consider the letters in context with Albornoz’s life goals.²² Albornoz controlled much of what was said in the interviews—his letters all have formulaic questions, which often merely demanded only an affirmative or negative response from the witness (Albornoz 1990). Yet, throughout the *Informaciones*, witnesses also provide unsolicited, additional information

²⁰ Translated from “en las provincias de los Soras y Apcara y Lucanas, hallo gran suma de docmatizadores y maestros del Taki Onqo” and that “los mas principales docmatizadores heran dos hombres e una mujer” (Albornoz 1990: 180-182), translation mine.

²¹ Translated from “los mas culpados fueron dos yndios naturales e una llamado el un yndio don Joan Chocne o Joan Chocna” (Albornoz 1990: 225), translation mine.

²² To this end, Heilman 2002 gives an excellent, contextual description of each letter and its most proximate goals.

about practices they had seen or heard (Heilman 2002). Some witnesses even undermine the severity of Taki Onqoy, suggesting that its practitioners were fickle, and often resorted to prayer to Catholic saints in times of strife (Stern 1993; Albornoz 1990). The disarticulations and discrepancies between the witness testimonies actually *supports* Albornoz's reliability—had he fully created the movement for his own benefit, the array of witnesses would likely all have held similar accounts.

Finally, one of the most valuable aspects of Albornoz's *Informaciones* is his *Anexos de la información (1584): Relación de la visita de extirpación de idolatrías*, which was published as an addendum to Albornoz's 1584 document. Here, Albornoz lists the towns he visited during his 1569-1571 time in Huamanga, the Indians punished in each town, and the names of the idols or huacas he destroys. This section of Albornoz's manuscript is very thorough and expansive—so much so that some secondary authors have argued that he exaggerated his actual presence and work in the area (Ramos 1992). One of the towns Albornoz identifies is called Chicha—several lines of evidence suggest that Iglesiachayoq was the town of Chicha in the sixteenth century: 1) “Chicha” is listed in the Soras province near the pueblo of “Anansora” (modern location 12.5m northwest of Iglesiachayoq) (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 270); 2) the site has a large rectangular structure constructed as an early Catholic church; 3) the site is not listed in the 1586 census, suggesting that the people had been relocated to the reducción of San Pedro de Larcay (5.8km northwest of Iglesiachayoq, Meddens and Schreiber 2010); 4) the modern hamlet of Chicha is located only 1.25km southeast of the site, yet is small and lacks any Inka-era or early colonial architecture; and 5) all other Soras-area sites listed by Albornoz have been identified and are located near their modern locations. Based on their work in the region, other scholars have also independently concluded that Iglesiachayoq was the village known as Chicha by the Spaniards

(Barnes 1985; Meddens 1994: 142-143). For the particular purposes of the current research, I provide the accounts of Albornoz in which he specifically discusses those he punishes in the town of Chicha:

[Margin]: 12 indians punished for the said sect from the pueblo of Chicha. The ayras takiongos punished were Hernando Marca Susma, Mateo Supa, Joan Mollo, and nine more natural Indians from the town of Chicha, subjects of don Joan Hachi, were bound and whipped, sheared, and served as it was necessary during the production of the largest church in this town and the province of Atunsonora, and three days a week had to appear before the priest for them to be taught in the things of our holy Catholic faith. (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 270).²³

This passage serves as an example of Albornoz's addendum, in which all of the entries are extremely specific, naming individual people and places, and describing in great detail their punishments. In Chicha, Albornoz identifies three names of those he punishes, attests that beyond these three, he punished nine more, gives the name of the kuraka of Chicha (Joan Hachi), and says that the Indians were whipped and their hair was cut. The whipping and hair cutting would have been humiliating for these takiongos; in addition, they were also forced to help construct the church at Chicha, as well as visit the priest a few days a week to study and practice Catholicism (Figure 2.1). This type of punishment is commonly listed throughout Albornoz's addendum.

²³ Translated from "[*Al margen:*] 12 yndios castigados por la dicha seta del pueblo de Chicha. Fueron castigados por ayras taquiongos Hernando Marca Susma, Mateo Supa, y Joan Mollo y otros nueve indios mas naturales del pueblo de Chicha, sujetos a don Joan Hachi; fueron acotados (whipped) y trasquilados (hair cut), y que mientras durase la fabricación de la iglesia mayor de este pueblo y provincia de Atunsonora, sirviesen en ella en lo que fuese necesario, y que tres días en la semana se presentasen ante su cura para que fuesen enseñados en las cosas de nuestra santa fe católica." (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 270), translation mine.



Figure 2.1. View of Iglesiachayoq looking north with casa de kuraka (left) and church (right).

Additionally, Albornoz describes the violent manner in which he destroys the huacas and idols of each town. As in the section above, I will record the entire passage for the town of Chicha, so that I can convey the type of information given in these accounts, as well as the exact names of the destroyed huacas in Chicha.

[Margin:] 32 idols of the kurakas of the town of Chicha
Found and discovered 32 idols of the kurakas of the town of Chicha, Joan Hacha, head of the town, those which were called Supayco, Guamancapcha, Quilca, their pacarinas Coalla visa, Malloalca, Tuputa Anpalla, Vilucha, Guayoa Supaico, Guman Capcha, Guamanilea, Anra, Yachi, Guahucata, Ronto, Angas Guacsa, Mollomolla, Quipchiparca, Taxcarima, Apaxallaquio, Caxapi Guazmi, Ochuylla

Poboznos seven llamayllas, three mamasaras, one Vilca;²⁴ almost all, on the order of Extirpator Cristóbal de Albornoz were brought and publicly burned like the others, and those which were not brought because they were too big were burned by Joan Cocha Quispe. (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 275).²⁵

Again, this part of Albornoz's manuscript is extremely useful in learning the names of the huacas in each town. Some of these names may be linked with toponyms in the region today.

Additionally, while some of the accounts provide descriptions in the punishment of people who practiced Taki Onqoy, the account above also confirms that the portable huacas were brought to Albornoz and burned publicly, while those that were too large to move were burned by Jon Cocha Quispe. While Molina provides general details about the Spanish response to Taki Onqoy, Albornoz instead gives direct, specific explanations of his role in punishing both Indians and huacas for their roles in Taki Onqoy.

Albornoz's final work, the *Instrucción*, does not rely on the testimonies of different Spaniards throughout Peru, but rather is a description of how to find and identify various types of huacas across the Andes. Published by Duviols in 1967 in an article entitled "Un Inedit de Cristóbal de Albornoz: La Instrucción para Descubrir Todas Las Guacas del Piru y Sus Camayos y Haziendas," this document contains notable contributions to the study of Taki Onqoy (Albornoz and Duviols 1967). First, there is a narrative which recounts all types of huacas known to Albornoz, where to find them, and how to eradicate them. Second, Albornoz mentions the types of dances and songs associated with particular ceremonies, along with the time of year

²⁴ According to my research, "llamaylla" may be referring to llama-illas, or idols in the forms of llamas. Mamasaras are corn cobs or potatoes, and vilcas are a type of poisonous, perhaps hallucinogenic fruit (Albornoz 1989 [1580])

²⁵ Translated from "[*Al margen:*] 32 ydolos de los caciques del pueblo de Chicha

Fueron halladas y descubiertas las guacas de don Joan Hacha, principal del pueblo de Chicha, las cuales se llamaban Supayco, Guamancapcha, Quilca, sus pacarinas Coalla visa, Malloalca, Tuputa Anpalla, Vilucha, Guaoya Supaico, Guman Capcha, Guamanilea, Anra, Yachi, Guachucata, Ronto, Angas Guacsa, Mollomolla, Quipchiparca, Taxcarima, Apaxallaquio, Caxapi Guazmi, Ochuylla Poboznos siete llamayllas, tres mamasaras, una Vilca; casi todas ellas por mandado del dicho señor Visitador fueron traídas y se quemaron públicamente según que las demás, y las que no se truxeron por ser grandes las fueron a quemar don Joan Cocha Quispe." (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 270), translation mine.

these rituals were performed. Finally, Albornoz provides general descriptions and names of the important huacas and landscape features in numerous provinces.

Archaeologically, the witness testimonies in the *Informaciones* and the general information regarding huacas and huaca destruction in the *Instrucciones* provide supplemental information especially with regard to punishment for Taki Onqoy practices. Evidence of punishment for these practices allows scholars to broaden what archaeological signatures might look like and by extension, affirm Taki Onqoy practices. As Table 2.3 shows, these practices include positive signatures—burned fragments of huacas (ash lenses or stone fragments in the central plaza), or the physical embodiment of punishments (evidence of broken bones and defensive wounds on Taki Onqoy skeletons). Additionally, practices which would leave no material signature would be the shaving of hair and the forced attendance at church.

| Source | Year | Positive Signature | Absence of Evidence | No Signature |
|---------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Albornoz | 1569 | Offerings to huacas of gold, silver, clothing | No crosses or Catholic objects | Avoidance of churches No confession |
| | 1570 | Physical injuries on skeletons | | |
| | 1577 | Evidence of burning and destruction of | | |
| | 1584 | huacas in central plaza | | |

Table 2.3. Taki Onqoy correlates from Albornoz.

The accounts of the two Cuzco priests thus are the main fodder for secondary analyses of Taki Onqoy. From their works, scholarship has thoroughly assessed the gaps and overlaps, yet historians still mostly utilize an existence/negation approach to Taki Onqoy: what was the *nature* of this movement? What was the geographical extent? Did it exist or was it a construction of Albornoz? In clearly laying out the material correlates of Taki Onqoy reported by these two authors, I have created a baseline for material interpretation of the movement, which will be

addressed in a following section. In the subsequent section, I discuss the two new “alternative” sources brought to light by Peter Gose in his 2008 *Invaders as Ancestors*.

Alternative Accounts: Álvarez and Sotelo

While Molina, Albornoz, and Guerrero constituted the major sources for twentieth century secondary debates on Taki Onqoy, Gose’s 2008 work introduces two new sources which have heretofore not been thoroughly assessed. The first of these, Bartolomé Álvarez’s *Memorial* (1991 [1588]), was not published until after the 1990 *Retorno de las Huacas*, and thus represents a new source written by a Spanish priest who worked in what is today Bolivia. The second of these sources, a letter from Gaspar de Sotelo to the Cabildo of Cuzco, was published by the Peruvian historian Lohmann Villena in 1941, but has been considered a part of the Vilcabamba uprising literature rather than the Taki Onqoy literature (Gose 2008). Gose uses both sources to argue that Taki Onqoy was indeed the religious counterpart to the Vilcabamba uprising, yet both sources can also provide more clues for understanding the materiality of Taki Onqoy.

Prior to the surfacing of his manuscript in Madrid in 1991, Álvarez was a relatively unknown figure in Peruvian history (Villarias Robles and Martin Rubio 1998). Álvarez worked as a parish priest in a small town called Pampa Aullagas, in what is today Oruro, Bolivia during the time he wrote this manuscript. He also spent time in Sabaya and Potosí, and his work demonstrates his frustrations with indigenous peoples who regularly participated in what he deemed idolatrous practices. The *Memorial* was a letter to Felipe II with the intent of warning the King about the failures of evangelization and conversion; throughout his entire document, he denigrates Andean peoples and refers to them as “bestias” or “sucios” (Álvarez 1998 [1588]). As such, it negates much of Albornoz’s arguments about his role in *successfully* eliminating

idolatrous practices in Huamanga, and suggests that rather than two distinctive extirpation campaigns (one with Albornoz in the 1570s and another in the 1600s), the documentation of attempted eradication of idolatrous practices was ongoing through the last decades of the sixteenth century.

Álvarez's work represents an "alternative" source because it was written at a later date than the primary corpus of source documents (1587-1588) and from a town which was close to 1,000 kilometers outside of the Taki Onqoy central region. However, if we accept his work as a legitimate new source (as do Villarias Robles and Martin Rubio, the editors and contributors to the 1998 volume), then Álvarez also provides *critical* new details about Taki Onqoy specifically, and also about huaca worship and idolatry in general. Throughout the *Memorial*, Álvarez argues that indigenous peoples continue to worship the idols and ancestors of their past, and that they in turn instruct young Andeans in the ways of the ancestors as well. Specifically, he gives thorough descriptions of Taki Onqoy:

During this ceremony, either in a group or sometimes only one or two people who want to do the ceremony, begin to sing a song that is not words nor reasons nor sentences that can be understood as saying something. It only sounds like 'u, u, u, u': it is necessary to hear it and see it to understand it, and as such it cannot be written. And with this high-pitched song, they clap their hands and stomp their feet and move the head from side to side, such that the whole body is working. And they stop after three or four days and nights, as long as the forces last, and they do not stop if they need to defecate or urinate (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 124-125).²⁶

²⁶ Translated from "Es la fiesta que, juntos dellos la cantidad que se conciertan – y a veces uno o dos solos que quieren hacer la cerimonia- comienzan a cantar un cantar que no es palabras, ni razones ni sentencias ni cosa que se pueda entender que dicen algo. Solo suena 'u, u, u, u': es menester oirlo y verlo para entenderlo, que es tal que no se puede escribir. Y con este canto muy alto estan de pie, dando de pie y mano, alzando un pie y abajando otro, y asimismo hacienda con las manos, los punos cerrados, meneando la cabeza a un lado y a otro, de suerte que con todo el cuerpo trabajan. Y paran en este canto tres o cuatro dias con sus noches y mas: lo que las fuerzas les duran, que no cesan si no es que les venga necesidad de hacer camara o de orinar; que a esto salen, y luego vuelven a la tahona del demonio" (Álvarez 1588: 124-125), translation mine.

The practices described by Álvarez indicate how takiongos would have performed their songs and dances, and especially emphasizes how taxing the performance was on the body. In conjunction with this song and dance, Álvarez goes on to say that:

They eat almost nothing or nothing, the most is coca, which they ordinarily have in their mouth for this exercise. They drink as much as they want; the result of this drinking and the whole body working and swaying with the head – thin from their exhaustion and lack of food and drunkenness, lacking nourishment and strength—fall on the floor among the others who look similar, so that little by little they all fall down...If they die afterwards, they get them together with gold and silver and feathers and coca and chaquiras²⁷ that the women bring as chokers that they call mollo and capa and they put them there together (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 125).²⁸

With this passage, Álvarez affirms the practices of excessive drinking and fasting.

Materially, assemblages might contain evidence of large chicha vessels, evidence of the chicha itself, and remains of coca. In this passage, Álvarez also mentions the exhaustion and danger provoked by fasting, dancing, and drinking—he goes on to affirm that those takiongos who drank the most, who passed out, or even those who died, were the most respected and were considered deities. If takiongos died during their performances, they would be interred with coca, gold, silver, and feathers, and also “mollo” and “capa.” Here, “mollo” is the spondylus shell and “capa” likely refers to the sound that chewing makes (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 126). With these clues, we are again provided the material practices and materials associated with Taki Onqoy performances.

²⁷ Chaquiras are defined by the authors as “que llamamos gargantillas de las mujeres” (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 415).

²⁸ Translated from: “No comen casi nada o nada; lo mas es coca, que en la boca tienen de ordinario para este ejercicio. Beben todas las veces que quieren, sin gana o con ella: lo cual es causa de que con el mucho beber y aquel ordinario trabajar con todo el cuerpo, y aquel devanear con la cabeza, a que – desflaquecidos por el cansancio y la falta de comida y borrachera, faltos de aliento y fuerza- caigan en aquel suelo entre los otros; los cuales todos estan casi de aquella figura, de suerte que poco a poco van cayendo hasta que todos tumban...Si muere luego, juntan un poco de oro y plata, y plumas –de las que ya he dicho- y coca y chaquiras –de las que traen las mujeres por gargantillas, que llaman “mollo” y “capa” – y se lo ponen allí junto.” (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 125), translation mine.

Finally, in the most illuminating passage of Álvarez's account, the Spanish priest asserts that Taki Onqoy also had an Aymara name:

They call this exercise in Aymara *talausú* and in the tongue of Cuzco *taquiongo* which means "song sickness." When the evil of the Indians began to be understood, that many years ago the whole earth was contaminated so that some people died of nonsense, the remedy for it was so weak that it did not stop the idolatry; and, if something stopped, it was only in name because the Indians still perform it in secret, as in all of the other things that I have said. And so I confessed in the confession: that, as it is common for them to confess the sins of others and not mention theirs, if they met others who performed that diabolic song, or watched or acted, they say what they saw and not what they did. (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 126-127).²⁹

The most important aspect of this passage is that the movement was well-known even in Bolivia, so much so that those who spoke Aymara had their own name for the movement, called *talausú*. Archaeologically, other evidence in the above passage speaks to *where* the movement was enacted. Álvarez argues that the punishment (likely referring to those levied by Albornoz in the Huamanga region) was not enough to prevent Andeans from continuing their performances. Rather, the movement itself was still practiced in secret, likely closed, private spaces away from the watchful eyes of Spanish authorities. Álvarez's accounts thus support earlier testimonies from Molina, Albornoz, and Guerrero, but also supply other details at a later time and from a town in central Bolivia, far from the Taki Onqoy heartland. That Álvarez affirms its existence nearly 20 years after its apogee and 1000 kilometers away from its center suggests that Taki Onqoy had spread to far extents of the Andes. Moreover, initial extirpation attempts by Olvera

²⁹ Translated from: Tienen despues a estos tales en veneracion, como a hombres dedicados a su diabolico culto; llaman a este ejercicio en lengua aimara talausú, y en lengua del Cuzco taquiongo, que quiere decir "canto enfermo." Cuando se comenzó a entender la maldad de los indios, que ha muchos anos estaba toda la tierra contaminada de suerte que del disparate morían algunos, el remedio que a esto se puso fue tan liviano que no basto a que cesase; y si en algo ceso, no fue mas que en la publicidad porque en lo secreto se hace, como en todas las otras cosas que he contado. Y asi en la confesión lo he sacado: que, como es ordinario en ellos confesar los pecados ajenos y callar los suyos, si se hallaron con otros que hacían ese canto diabólico, o mirando u obrando, dicen lo que vieron y no lo que hicieron" (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 126-127), translation mine.

and Albornoz were successful in name only—in these later years of the movement, it was practiced in private spaces which would have been hidden from Spanish authorities. Table 2.4 lays out the new information from Álvarez’s works, and reiterates some of the positive correlates and non-signature practices.

| Source | Year | Positive Signature | No Signature |
|---------|------|---|---|
| Álvarez | 1588 | Coca Chicha and chicha vessels Gold, silver, feathers, and chaquiras Mollo Private spaces | Singing and chanting Clapping and stomping Defecation and urination |

Table 2.4. Taki Onqoy correlates from Álvarez.

The last primary source document related to Taki Onqoy, a letter from Gaspar de Sotelo to the Cabildo of Cuzco, does not mention the movement by name, but does suggest that there existed a religious counterpart to the Vilcabamba Revolt in the 1570s. Within the secondary literature on Taki Onqoy, this source (as with the Álvarez) is only utilized by Peter Gose, who cites Sotelo’s letter as evidence that Taki Onqoy was connected to the Vilcabamba militaristic revolt. Sotelo warns that the arrival of

those of Parinacochas because the Cacique of Villagran who is named don Juan Chancabilca sent a son of his whom I know dressed in scarlet like a Spaniard to this land (Jauja) to preach the sect. They captured him in Huánuco and he said everything that I write. Through him, I learned about this wickedness because what was said in this city about the *resurrection of Pachacamac began in Parinacochas, and they made great sacrifices and offered much livestock to the Devil of Pachacamac*” (Lohman Villena 1941:3, as quoted in Gose 2008: 85, emphasis mine).

There are two critical parts of this passage: first, Sotelo warns that individuals from Parinacochas had arrived to “preach the sect.” Sotelo thus confirms Guerrero’s warnings about the apostasy being performed in Parinacochas, and that it was spread through charismatic wandering

preachers. Second, as I have emphasized in the passage above, Sotelo affirms that these preachers were calling for the resurrection of Pachacamac through a renewal of worship which took the form of sacrifices to the neglected huacas. These practices were indicative of Taki Onqoy, even at this relatively early phase in the movement (1565).

Utilizing the accounts of Guerrero, Molina, Albornoz, Álvarez, and Sotelo, I have first mapped out the material practices associated with the movement. Through understanding the basic materials associated with Taki Onqoy, I have demonstrated what types of anthropological questions can thus be drawn and how we might be able to understand material correlates of those questions (to be discussed later in the chapter). While these primary sources are useful in elucidating the archaeological correlates of Taki Onqoy, secondary debates on the movement have instead focused on broad questions related to the movement, rather than how it was enacted and performed by Andeans. In the following section, I highlight some of the themes in this debate and suggest that while useful to consider, they do not offer any greater understanding of how the movement was actually practiced.

Scholarly Debate of Taki Onqoy

Although there are only a limited number of primary Spanish authors who penned accounts of Taki Onqoy, the works (and especially those of Molina and Albornoz) have prompted a spectrum of secondary responses by twentieth-century historians, indicative of the gaps and allowances of documentary sources. Though this debate has exhausted the works of both Molina and Albornoz, I argue that this secondary literature has not considered the movement from a material, Andean ontological perspective, but has instead focused on four predominant themes: 1) the “nature” of the movement, 2) the geographic expanse of the

movement, 3) Taki Onqoy's connection with Vilcabamba, and 4) the personal motivations in Molina and Albornoz's accounts. These four themes are critical to consider, but would be better understood through an understanding of how practices shaped Taki Onqoy and what these practices were *doing* in terms of structuring local culture. In the following sections, I discuss each of these themes, outlining the major debates which have framed how Taki Onqoy is thought of today.

Historiography of Taki Onqoy Scholarship

There are two notable trends in the methods and tactics of those authors who have written about Taki Onqoy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries—those who take the documents more or less at face value, and those who prefer a revisionist explanation of the movement, grounded primarily in biographical studies into Albornoz and Molina. In the 1960s, Luis Millones initiated the debate on Taki Onqoy through the publication of two articles on the movement, which he published in Lima journals (Millones 1964, 1973; Mumford 1998). Founded on analysis of Molina's work and the never-before-studied work of Albornoz, Millones sought to introduce what appeared to be a very important cultural movement in the 1560s. After the publication of Millones's two articles, there was a renewed interest in finding and discovering historical Spanish documents related to this critical time of conquest and conversion. To this end, Pierre Duviols discovered, transcribed, and published Albornoz's *Instrucción* in 1971. Subsequent publications on Taki Onqoy reflected the general trends in history as a discipline, particularly throughout the 70s, 80s, and 90s. After the seminal 1990 publication *El Retorno de las Huacas*, compiled by Luis Millones with other contributions from Peruvian historians, discussion of Taki Onqoy faded until Gose's 2008 *Invaders as Ancestors*. Though

Gose introduced two new sources, the debates were exhausted—through my emphasis on materiality of Taki Onqoy, I hope to reinvigorate research into the movement and also generate new questions.

Theme One: What was the Nature of Taki Onqoy?

The first theme that secondary scholarship has thoroughly debated is the “true nature” of Taki Onqoy. The authors who consider this theme question what the movement signified for the people practicing it—a cultural renewal, a cultural renaissance, a symptom of cultural illness, or even a psychological coping mechanism. When the Taki Onqoy movement was brought to the fore in the second half of the twentieth century, the modern people of what is today Huamanga, Apurímac, and Huancavelica (the heartland of Taki Onqoy) embraced the movement as a symbol of indigeneity and resistance (Arguedas 1968; Bush 2012). With this new significance, the secondary scholarship on Taki Onqoy logically pursued the question of what the movement meant for those practicing it. Yet, since all of the evidentiary accounts were written by Spanish authorities, this question is somewhat misguided. In the first interpretations of Taki Onqoy, Millones and Duviols, both largely took Molina and Albornoz’s accounts at face value. Millones, drawing from Molina’s *Relación* and Albornoz’s *Informaciones* suggested that Taki Onqoy was a reconquest of Andean religion. Similarly, Duviols, while primarily relying on Albornoz’s *Instrucción*, considered Taki Onqoy to be a revitalization of Inka religion.³⁰ After Millones’ and Duviols’ publications in the 1960s, scholars who debated the movement generally took one of two major perspectives on the movement: that it was a revitalization of either the Andean or Inka

³⁰ I will discuss the connection with the Inka more thoroughly in Theme Three.

state, or that it was an irrational response to mass death and heavy labor and tribute demands (Mumford 1998: 159).

In 1979, Guillermo Cock and May Eileen Doyle wrote a chapter called “Del culto solar a la clandestinidad de Inti y Punchao” in which they supported Duviols and argued that Taki Onqoy was indeed a resurgence of Inka belief systems. Cock and Doyle provide several instances in which the cult of the sun was discussed in the seventeenth century and linked to other divinities, explicitly in opposition to European belief systems (Cock and Doyle 1979: 55). They argued that these links between the solar cult and clandestine Andean religion persisted underground for at least two hundred years. Though Cock and Doyle make an interesting case for the continuation of Inka religion in some regions of the Andes, they do not fully elucidate the significance of these connections to Taki Onqoy.

Apart from Cock and Doyle’s affirmation of the Inka State, the mid-1970s witnessed a spreading trend in the study of history and historical documents moved away from political history (a top-down approach) and shifted to a focus on bottom-up social histories, in which non-elites became the subjects of interest (Mumford 1998: 157). This movement from political histories to social histories led to a shift in focus for scholars of Andean studies. Coupled with a proliferation of archaeological and ethnohistorical studies into the Inka Empire which affirmed its relatively short duration, the turn to social histories deemphasized the Inka Empire in favor of Andean groups (Spalding 1984; Stern 1993). With regard to studies of Taki Onqoy, Duviols’ argument that the movement represented a resurgence of the Inka State was discredited, supported by the fact that the Inka Sun God was not listed as a central aspect of the movement (Mumford 1998).

In the mid- to late- 1970s, Franklin Pease and Marco Curatola discussed Taki Onqoy as a distinctly *Andean*, (and explicitly not Inka) revitalization movement. In his *El dios creador andino* and his article “El mito de Inkarrí y la visión de los vencidos,” Pease argued that:

The Taki Onqoy is a clear expression of a cyclic Andean messianism. The Spaniards are part of an image of chaos and a new cosmos that must be organized and that means a clear return to the previous world, the huacas, as in the movement of 1565 was not a return to ‘the time of the Inka’ and there is no link with the ‘past’ as ‘Inka past’ (Pease 1973: 450).³¹

Here, Pease states his opinions on the nature of Taki Onqoy very clearly: instead of affirming a link between the Inka past and the ‘past’ referred to by takiongos, Pease suggests that the movement was actually a revitalization of the pre-Inka past. Pease suggests that pre-Inkan Andean beliefs in the cyclical nature of time influenced the practice of Taki Onqoy—the Spanish conquest and simultaneous chaos which accompanied it fit into an Andean conception of time. If the cycle continued as it had throughout Andean history, then the Spanish reign would eventually pass and return to a time of huaca worship and Andean tradition.

Like Franklin Pease, Marco Curatola supported the idea that Taki Onqoy was not founded in Inka religion, but rather a grassroots Andean cultural tradition. Curatola argued that Taki Onqoy represented the “consciousness of the Indians in the Andes, a self-identification as a unique nation” (Curatola 1976: 85). Curatola’s argument is slightly different from Pease’s—while Pease viewed Taki Onqoy as a version of the messianic Andean cycle, Curatola instead

³¹ Translated from “El Taki Onqoy es una clara expresión de un mesianismo andino cíclico (cuya existencia advirtieron entre otros Imbelloni y Zuidema). Los españoles forman parte de una imagen de caos previa al nuevo cosmos que debe organizarse y que significa un claro retorno al mundo anterior, al de las huacas, pues en el movimiento de 1565 no se intenta un retorno ‘al tiempo del Inka,’ no hay vinculación con el ‘pasado’ en cuanto ‘pasado incaico’” (Pease 1973: 450), translation mine.

saw Taki Onqoy as a larger social movement, one in which Andean peoples sought to define and identify themselves as a distinctive culture.

In the 1980s, the social history, bottom-up focus of the 1970s continued logically through the investigations of several Andean scholars, who completed works founded in specific local groups or regions rather than *lo andino* as a whole (MacCormack 1991; Spalding 1984; Stern 1993 [1982]). In her 1988 article “Pachacuti: Miracles, Punishments, and Last Judgment,” Sabine MacCormack described the rituals and rites associated with Taki Onqoy as “attempting to cure the disease of invasion as expressed in the alien government of Spain and the alien religion of Christianity...Andean rituals and beliefs that articulated both the Taki Onqoy and subsequent responses to Hispanization accordingly confronted and refuted the arguments and propositions of missionaries” (MacCormack 1988: 984). In other words, Taki Onqoy was a *nationalist* movement which attempted to “cure” the problems and concerns of Spanish presence through Andean resurgence.

In Karen Spalding’s *Huarochiri: An Andean Society Under Inca and Spanish Rule*, the author provides a description and brief history of perceived indigenous heresy in the 1540s and 1550s. In the first generations of Spanish invasion of the New World, she argues that the justification of conquest was Christian conversion. However, using the excuse of conversion as an explanation for conquest did not precede Spanish takeover, but followed it. Thus, for the first two decades after Spanish conquest, Andean ritual and state structure was tolerated. In the 1550s however, in a time of growing rebellion marked by the Inka in Vilcabamba and the disillusionment of local groups and kurakas, Spanish authorities began to take a more active role in regulating and legislating proper means of conversion. Church authorities sought to convince local peoples that ancestor worship (and specifically the worship of *Andean* ancestors as opposed

to European saints) was a form of allegiance with the devil (Spalding 1991: 245). In return, Spalding argued that this attack on local beliefs did not go unanswered, and that Taki Onqoy was “a struggle to reestablish the old traditions and relationships” (Spalding 1991: 246). That is, Taki Onqoy was a movement which sought to reaffirm the power of the huacas and local religion. The rise of the huacas went hand-in-hand with the rejection of Spanish religion and lifeways. In order to support the huacas, Andean peoples also had to rebel against Spanish presence and its various forms.

All of these authors viewed Taki Onqoy as a *nationalist* resurgence, one which sought to reestablish Andean or Inka tradition while simultaneously rejecting Spanish culture and religion. For these authors, it was a reclamation of Andean culture and beliefs. At the opposite end of the spectrum, many authors writing in these same periods instead viewed the movement as a symbol of cultural illness and despair. Rather than a form of nationalist expression, these authors considered the movement to be a reflection of an irrational attempt to counter the widespread death and disease at the time. During the 1970s, 80s, and 90s, these authors were all utilizing the same two sources, yet these interpretations—that the movement was either a symbol of cultural revitalization or a symbol of cultural illness—are contradictory and ultimately unresolvable through the existing data sources.

The second camp debating the “nature” of Taki Onqoy viewed the movement as a symbol of cultural illness, a psychological irrationality, or a crisis cult. The first of these authors was Nathan Wachtel, who published *The Vision of the Vanquished* (Wachtel 1977).³² Wachtel’s main contribution to the study of Taki Onqoy was his psychological interpretation of the movement—

³² Originally published in 1971.

the Spanish invasion caused massive ruptures in Andean society, and Taki Onqoy was a form of defense against these ruptures. When discussing the motivations and practices of Taki Onqoy, Wachtel writes that “Indians expected their liberation to come from the victory of the huacas over the Christian God,” and that these “expectations of divine intervention added up to a praxis of an essentially magic and religious nature” (Wachtel 1977: 183). Taki Onqoy was thus actually “the expression of an Indian theory of the state of the disjunction between Indians and Spanish, together with the hope that it would be transcended” (Wachtel 1977: 183). For Wachtel, then, Taki Onqoy was not a nationalist reclamation of local beliefs, but essentially an internal, individual reaction and defense against a changing and chaotic period of conquest. Taki Onqoy did not emerge from a point of cultural pride, but instead was driven by guilt and fear.

In his magisterial, documentary study of the aftermath of Spanish conquest, Steve Stern argued that Taki Onqoy was fundamentally a local movement which arose from a sense of distance and disillusionment for the indigenous people of Huamanga (Stern 1993 [1982]). Far from the Inka rebellious factions at Vilcabamba and located in rather distant, highland towns, the Huamanginos were neglected by both Spanish and Inka authorities. In fact, Stern argued that Huamanga was relatively less affected by Spanish disease, with the region’s mortality rate at only 0.5% per year, compared with much higher percentages in other regions (Stern 1993: 44). Local elites in Huamanga were additionally very strategic in their alliances with Spanish authorities, initially benefitting through gifts of land and luxury goods. However, being removed from intensive Inka and Spanish presence caused less of these state influences in the Huamanga region, and promoted a continuation of local practices. As Stern argues, “what distinguished the millenarian crisis which inflamed southern Huamanga from other anticolonial movements was this predominance of an inward-looking moral drama” (Stern 1993: 69). Stern suggested that the

movement was primarily internal and thus irrational—it attacked the misdeeds of native peoples who had abandoned their huacas instead of the Spanish atrocities, and thus was ultimately defeatist and bound to fail.

Stern’s argument that Taki Onqoy was largely internal contradicts the accounts in the primary sources, which suggest the movement was as much an attempt to thwart Spanish evangelization through practices upholding the huacas. Furthermore, Stern seems to affirm that the only “success” of Taki Onqoy would be an overthrow of the Spanish government: “One could argue with some truth that Taki Onqoy’s inward emphasis on moral purification was politically defeatist, that rejection of Spanish society was ambivalent, that millenarian dreams failed...that [the movement] provided Huamanga’s peoples renewed spirit and hope, but not a path toward effective liberation” (Stern 1993: 70). Stern’s assertion that Taki Onqoy was not a means of “effective liberation” neglects the material practices of the movement—by returning to huaca worship, to the clothing, feeding, and dancing with the huacas, Andeans were liberating themselves from the confines of exclusionary Catholic religion.

One last author who considered the “true nature” of Taki Onqoy to be associated with a cultural disorder was Moises Lemlij, who utilized Albornoz’s works to argue for a movement caused by psychological guilt. Lemlij’s article “El Taki Onqoy: reflexiones psicoanalíticas” cited the fact that some of the leaders of Taki Onqoy utilized Spanish saints’ names as evidence that Andeans felt remorseful about their participation in Spanish culture (Lemlij and Albornoz 1990: 427). Lemlij et al. write that “we see that the fragmentation and internal and external death reproduce a closed circle, or that the forces of life regroup and recover in the last bastion: the body” (1990: 430). Inspired by Freud’s psychoanalytical perspectives, Lemlij et al. argue that when the internal and external worlds of the Andeans were breaking down, their ultimate refuge

was their own bodies. Thus, Taki Onqoy's central practice was dancing, which took the form of possession or illness in the body, it would be reasonable to assume that Andean bodies were the vessel through which takiongos practiced their resistance. Indeed, these sorts of bodily resistances are present in several other millenarian movements (Brown and Fernandez 1991; Harkin et al. 2004).

All of the authors I have discussed thus far focus on the theme of the "nature" of Taki Onqoy, and all use particular aspects of Molina's and Albornoz's documentary accounts to support their claims. Some of these authors even consider the practices associated with Taki Onqoy—specifically huaca worship and spirit possession—as indicators of either cultural revitalization or ineffectual, personal subversive acts. However, discussions of the materials of the movement, those I have highlighted above, are noticeably absent. Given the ontological frameworks of Andean belief systems, this absence is striking, and assessment and understanding of the materials which structured practices has the potential to offer new avenues of investigation for this fraught time in Andean history.

The central problem with debating the "true nature" of Taki Onqoy is that it requires assumptions regarding the state of mind of Andeans during the 1560s, and it homogenizes the diverse reasonings behind Taki Onqoy practices to one motivation. Aspects of this debate thus fall into the "resistance/dominance" trap (Chapter 3), in that they attribute the same catalyzing factors to the entire population of takiongos rather than considering why the movement arose in certain places, and how people performed it differently.³³ By shifting to a material practice

³³ See Ortner 1995 and Brown 1996 for a more thorough discussion of the problems of the resistance concept and the homogenization of whole populations.

perspective and investigating where these practices emerge in different places within the Andes, we can then ask more specific questions which are actually *answerable*.

Theme Two: What was the Geographic Expanse of Taki Onqoy?

The second major theme in scholarly debates of Taki Onqoy is related to its areal extent, and has important implications for general comprehension of the *primera evangelización*, and the array of Andean responses to this period. The geographic spread of Taki Onqoy is also a central theme of debate because its main practices—huaca worship/possession, drinking, and dancing—were all considered idolatrous and were a contributing factor to Viceroy Francisco de Toledo's 1570s mass resettlement program (Toledo 1986). From those authors who exclusively relied on Molina and Albornoz, the Taki Onqoy movement began in Vilcabamba, in the Department of Cuzco, but was discovered in Parinacochas (at that time also in the bishopric of Cuzco) (Albornoz 1990; Duviols 1971; Millones 1964, 1973; Molina 2010). Molina and Albornoz (as well as Álvarez) all asserted that the movement was incredibly extensive, and encompassed Chuquicaca, La Paz, Cuzco, Huamanga, and even Lima and Arequipa.

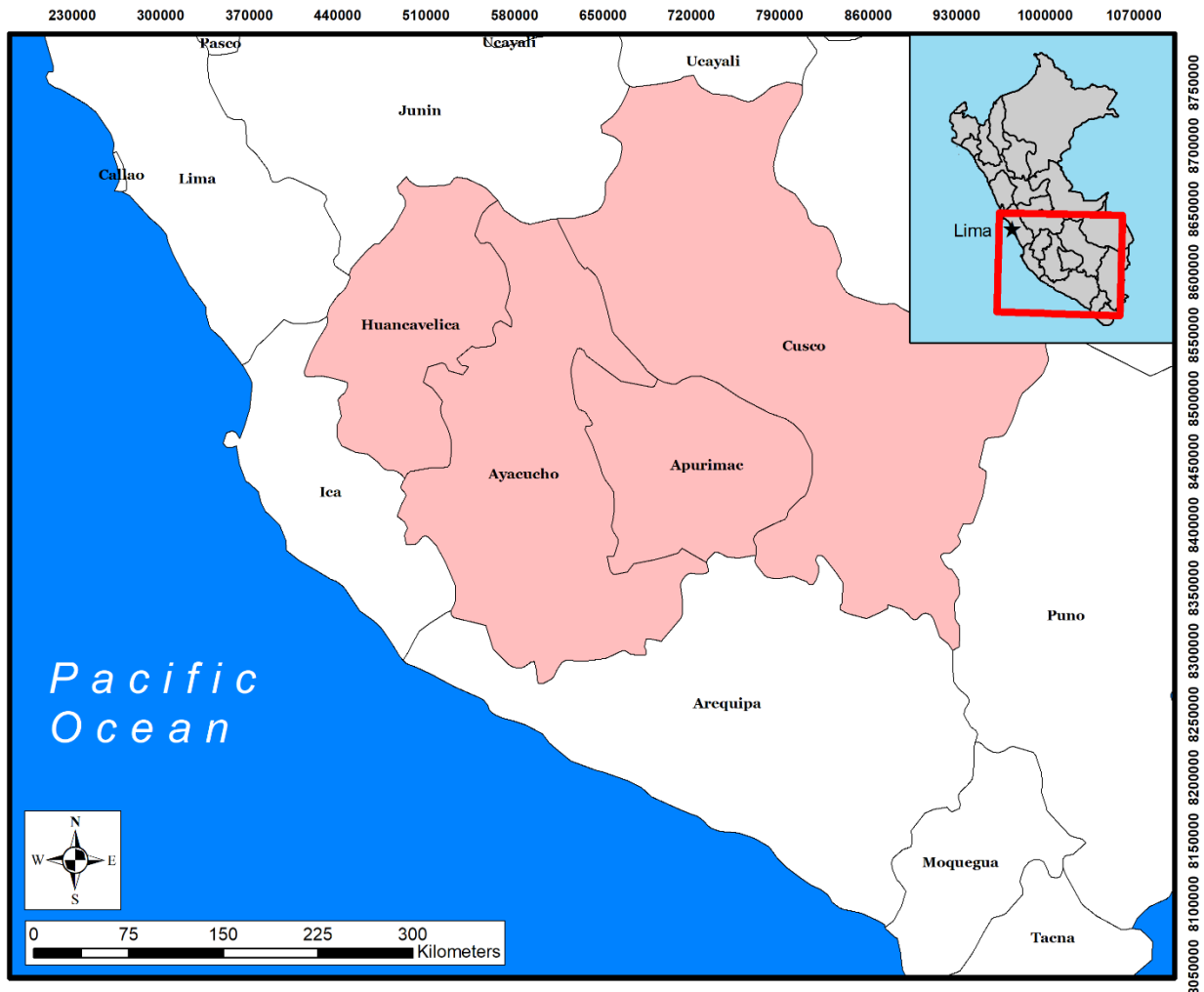


Figure 2.2. Map of all provinces and departments in Peru mentioned as being home to Taki Onqoy practices.

More recent debates on Taki Onqoy have reduced the proposed area of affectation, evidenced by the belief that Molina’s account was based primarily on hearsay, and that Albornoz’s letters were exaggerations (Ramos 1992). This debate, as with the others I discuss in this section, is another that cannot be solved through the textual sources alone. Materially, studying the geographic spread of Taki Onqoy is difficult: many of the positive signature material practices of the movement would leave the same evidence as would general prehispanic Andean religious practices throughout the Andes, even at this relatively later date. Similarly, the

practices which were especially unique to Taki Onqoy—spirit possession, rejection of Spanish culture, and specific dances and chants—all leave either no signature or negative evidence, and so are difficult to evaluate from a purely materials-based perspective.

Theme Three: Was Taki Onqoy Connected to Vilcabamba?

Like the previous two themes, the question of whether Taki Onqoy was connected to the militaristic Inka uprising in Vilcabamba has also been an issue of great debate, and ultimately one that is unsolvable from documentary resources, and which would also benefit from a study of materials. More specifically, if Taki Onqoy and the Vilcabamba uprising were connected, we would expect to find evidence of Taki Onqoy practices—those I have discussed in the previous sections—in conjunction with or at the same sites as pikes and weapons caches near Vilcabamba. The potential connection between Taki Onqoy and Vilcabamba is significant in that if they were known to one another and even allied, the movement likely was much more organized and expansive than the Spanish originally thought. Taki Onqoy and the Vilcabamba uprising were contemporaneous events, and so their connection likely seemed logical to the Spanish priests writing about both happenings.

The works of Molina and Albornoz both affirm that Taki Onqoy began in Vilcabamba, and was spread by traveling Inka priests moving throughout the highlands (Albornoz 1990; Molina 2010). Millones and Duviols echoed this affirmation, utilizing the accounts of these two primary authors to verify this connection (Duviols 1971; Millones 1973). After the initial publications by Millones and Duviols, the links between Vilcabamba and Taki Onqoy were largely dismissed as a part of the bottom-up historical focus discussed in the previous section. Since there was no mention of the sun deity, the Inka apical solar deity mentioned in connection

with Taki Onqoy in primary sources, scholars argued that there was likely no explicit link between the Inka and Taki Onqoy (Curatola 1976; Pease 1973). However, in his recent *Invaders as Ancestors*, Peter Gose staunchly reaffirms that Taki Onqoy and the Vilcabamba rebellion, bolstering his claim with the additional letter from Gaspar de Sotelo.

Gose introduces a new source to his discussion of the early roots of Taki Onqoy, a letter from Gaspar de Sotelo, an *encomendero* and trusted relative of the Viceroy Nuñez Vela, written on March 24, 1565. This letter discusses both an uprising in Jauja and its links to Vilcabamba and explicitly connects the Vilcabamba uprising with Taki Onqoy. In this letter, Sotelo makes references to “Pachacamac’s resurrection and the ‘sect’ with an epicenter in Parinacochas” (Gose 2008: 85). Both details reiterate those mentioned by Molina and Albornoz regarding Taki Onqoy: specifically that it was centered in Parinacochas and that Pachacamac was going to rise again. Gose reaffirms the link between Vilcabamba and Taki Onqoy, writing that “seemingly, extensive logical preparations for an uprising were in place, and the Taki Onqoy was their ideological counterpart” (Gose 2008: 85).

Gose’s central contention is that Taki Onqoy was affiliated with Tupac Amaru, the brother of Titu Cusi. While Titu Cusi was more willing to utilize Spanish written documentation and work with Spanish forces, Tupac Amaru took a hardline attitude toward the Spaniards. Gose invokes Albornoz’s accounts, which suggest that Taki Onqoy preachers came from Vilcabamba and explicitly promoted Tupac Amaru—thus, Taki Onqoy may have “articulated not only a hard line against Spanish colonialism, but also fraternal tensions within the Vilcabamba resistance” (Gose 2008:89). Here, Gose suggests a brand new theory of Taki Onqoy: not only was Taki Onqoy linked to the Vilcabamba revolt, but it also exacerbated internal tensions in the leadership

of this revolt. Viewing Taki Onqoy from this perspective, the movement became a “rallying cry for Tupac Amaru’s militants” (Gose 2008: 91).

Gose’s argument about Taki Onqoy’s connection to Vilcabamba thus refutes the revisionist school which deemed Taki Onqoy as an exaggeration or a figment of Spanish priests, rather than a movement in its own right (see next section). His case is compelling and logical, but would be better supported through a discussion of the materiality of the practices for which he argues. While the religious beliefs of Taki Onqoy—specifically that of the rise of Pachacamac and Titicaca—do indicate some sort of Inka influence, this could also be explained by the fact that Andean society had been under Inka rule for the previous century. Those that were practicing Taki Onqoy grew up under Inka influence or during Spanish conquest, so their belief systems would have been impacted by Inka beliefs. If Taki Onqoy and Vilcabamba had the same goal—to reconquer the Spaniards in planned uprisings across the Andes—then a potential material correlate could be evidence of stockpiled weapons. In this case, the probability of finding this sort of assemblage is very low and there is an absence of evidence.

If Taki Onqoy and Vilcabamba were actually linked movements, we would expect to see related archaeological correlates in both Vilcabamba and the highlands. For example, if Taki Onqoy’s message was also practiced in Vilcabamba, I would expect to see rejection of Spanish goods and Catholicism evidenced at the physical site of Vilcabamba. To this end, there have been few archaeological investigations into Vilcabamba. As reported by Bauer et al., there are numerous findings of Spanish goods and artifacts in addition to a structure which appears to be a Catholic church (Bauer et al 2015). Thus, though the archaeology of this time period is still in nascent stages, the material findings from work at Vilcabamba do not support a link between Taki Onqoy and the militaristic revolt.

Theme Four: Was Taki Onqoy an Exaggeration Levied by Spanish Priests?

A fourth major theme in Taki Onqoy scholarship was part of a revisionist take on the movement which heavily critiqued Albornoz and Molina. Building on research into Albornoz's personal biography and motivations, these authors viewed Albornoz as an opportunist, one who exaggerated the movement's importance and his own role in it. Millones' updated 1990 publication *El Retorno de las Huacas* not only contained a version of Albornoz's *Informaciones*, but also put forth several new essays regarding the priest's life. This revisionist history uses the disjunctures between Albornoz's letters and the vagaries of Molina's chapter as evidence that Taki Onqoy was greatly exaggerated by the priests who wrote about the movement. The revisionist takes on Taki Onqoy are important in that they highlight potential problems with taking the texts at face value; as in Theme One, however, I again suggest that relying exclusively on these two authors and the broader sociopolitical atmosphere limits understanding of *how* and *why* the movement manifested through material practices.

In his "Nota preliminar al personaje historico y los documentos," Pedro Guibovich Perez contributes the first biographical study of Albornoz, albeit conceding that the references that exist about the great extirpator of idolatry are "scarce and fragmentary" and largely come from Albornoz's own publications (Guibovich 1990: 23). Guibovich highlights important contradictions between Albornoz and Molina: for example, while Molina attributes discovery of the movement to the priest Luis de Olvera, Albornoz himself claims to be the original discoverer of Taki Onqoy, and several witnesses support this claim (Albornoz 1990 [1577]). However, Guibovich shows that Albornoz actually arrived in Peru in 1567, which postdates the letter from Olvera in 1564. Additionally, Albornoz's first letter (1569) contains no mention of Taki

Onqoy—instead, the name and descriptions of the movement first appear in his 1570 letter, suggesting perhaps that Albornoz actually had no knowledge of the movement until this time.

Guibovich expanded his introduction in *El Retorno* in a 1991 article entitled “Cristóbal de Albornoz y el Taki Onqoy” in which he gives a much more in-depth biographical study of Albornoz, tracing Albornoz’s movements from his birth in Huelva, Spain, to his arrival in Peru (Guibovich 1991:210). Guibovich argues that Albornoz was anxious to receive a promotion, and thus utilized Taki Onqoy as a means of demonstrating the dire threats to evangelization and the Spanish Crown and his own role in extirpating the movement. Guibovich writes “for this man who was anxious to make merits to win a prompt ecclesiastical promotion, Taki Onqoy was the occasion that presented itself and he [Albornoz] decided to conveniently exploit it for his own benefit” (Guibovich 1991: 211-212). The letters do not reflect a growing, legitimate urgency in the need for proper evangelization and conversion, but rather are representative of desires to earn a bishopric or archbishopric from the Spanish crown (Guibovich 1991; Heilman 2002; Ramos 1992; Urbano 1992).

In a longer article in the same *El Retorno* volume, Rafael Varón seconds Guibovich’s affirmation that Albornoz exaggerated his role in extirpating the Taki Onqoy movement. Varón suggests that the sources are vague about several aspects of Taki Onqoy, especially in regards to the movement’s connections to Vilcabamba and its relationship to local kurakas and Andean officials (Mumford 1998). Varón confirms that Albornoz’s manuscripts are invaluable because they contain lists of towns visited, names of takiongos punished, and names of huacas destroyed. However, Varón argues that when analyzed with a more critical approach, “we should have in mind that the document is abundant in exaggerations, and, like real life, many of the affirmations of the witnesses are inexact” (Varón and Albornoz 1990:334). Varón essentially argues that if at

all possible, Albornoz's works should be compared with other sources such as Molina, in order to arrive at a more nuanced and truthful understanding of the movement.

A second major issue identified by Varón is the vagaries of the practices of Taki Onqoy, and the way these practices and motivations are described by Molina and Albornoz. Both Molina and Albornoz affirm that Taki Onqoy's main manifestation was a frenetic dancing inspired by contagion or huaca possession. The two authors also describe the movement as "a resurgence of Andean huaca worship"—Varón, however, suggests that this supposed resurgence "did not have the characteristics of a homogeneous cult practiced in all of Peru" (Varón 1990: 343). That is, the main behaviors associated with Taki Onqoy, and with prehispanic huaca worship in general, varied from province to province. Varón argues that there was no unified type of worship during either prehispanic times or Taki Onqoy, and that thus the generalized idolatry described by Molina and Albornoz is likely not completely correct.

Varón's most striking argument hypothesizes that Taki Onqoy was the product of intra-order disagreements and rivalries between secular clergy (like Cristóbal de Albornoz) and the Dominican Order (Mumford 1998). Varón suggests that Jesuit religious officials sought to evangelize in the Huamanga region, which was already occupied by Dominican religious officials. At this time, Dominican religious clergy were being criticized for their accommodationist tactics—instead of asserting one particular "correct" way to practice Catholicism, Dominicans allowed local Andeans to continue with their dancing, singing, and other traditional practices (Mumford 1998: 162; Varón 1990: 402). Thus, Varón attests that the tension between lax Dominican conversion practices and the stricter methods practiced by secular contemporaries may have prompted the exaggeration of Taki Onqoy.

In 1992, Juan Carlos Estenssoro followed up on Varón's conclusion and expanded on the rivalry between religious orders in his "Los bailes de los indios y el proyecto colonial" (Estenssoro 1992). Using Taki Onqoy's central practice of dancing as evidence, Estenssoro situates the Taki Onqoy movement in a larger contention between Dominicans and secular priests. From the start of conquest, Spanish policy in the New World had questioned indigenous traditional practices—singing, dancing, ritual, etc.—and more importantly, whether or not these practices were allowable during the era of conversion (Durstun 2007; Estenssoro 2003). For example, Estenssoro cites González de Cuenca, a personal contact of Juan de Matienzo, who wrote in the 1560s regarding politics and public administration: "Item. That the Indians do not do dances nor get drunk and if some of the dancers wanted to spend the day in parties, that they do so in public places where the Corregidor or priest of the valley or doctrina would warn them that these dances would be punished by shearing" (Estenssoro 1992: 363).³⁴ In this work from 1567, we see that dancing was considered a problem even before it was discussed by Molina or Albornoz. It is especially telling that González de Cuenca refers to dancing specifically as "takis" and makes a point to differentiate between dancing in public and dancing in private.

In general, indigenous dancing—both in secret and in public—was heavily debated in the sixteenth century. While some thought this native practice was not harmful and was in fact a promising way to learn new traditions, others thought that dancing was inherently idolatrous. Inspired by the teachings of Bartolomé de las Casas, which were sympathetic to indigenous traditions, the Dominican order allowed Andeans to continue their local practices (Estenssoro 1992; Las Casas 1986; Mumford 1998). However, secular clergy who were practicing in the

³⁴ Translated from "Yten. Que los yndios no hagan taquies ni borracheras y si algunos bailes quisieren hazer sea de dia y en fiestas y en lugar public donde lo pueda ver el Corregidor del valle y el sacerdote de la dotrina con apercibimiento que haziendo los tales bayles de otra manera sean tresquilados" (Estenssoro 1992: 363), translation mine.

sixteenth century in Peru resented the Dominican order for allowing these behaviors, viewing them as openly and unambiguously idolatrous. Estenssoro argues that rather than a symbol of nationalist revival or Andean psychological torment, Taki Onqoy may have simply been a strategic way to discredit Dominican clergy. As Estenssoro suggests when discussing Toledo's role in Taki Onqoy, "One of the institutions that Toledo openly attacked was the powerful Dominican order, which was disconnected from episcopal management" (Estenssoro 1992: 366). That is, Toledo had an open goal to discredit and attack the Dominican clergy. Thus, if Albornoz *did* exaggerate Taki Onqoy, it was not in a vacuum of the dreams of one man, but rather may have reflected broad, governmental attempts to disgrace Dominicans at the time. Taki Onqoy was discovered by two secular clergy in Dominican-controlled regions in Huamanga. These clergy could have exaggerated the threat of the movement in order to shame their Dominican colleagues.

Finally, in the most categorical denial of the existence of the movement, Gabriela Ramos argues that Taki Onqoy was never an actual movement. Instead, it was a false creation by Cristóbal de Albornoz, which he exaggerated in order to advance his own career and receive a promotion to bishop or archbishop from the Spanish Crown. In her "Política eclesiástica y extirpación de la idolatría: Discursos y silencios en torno al Taki Onqoy," Ramos manipulates existing historiography about both Molina and Albornoz. She suggests that Molina's *Relación* was actually written and published at a later date than the agreed-upon 1574, which has since been affirmed by several historians (Bauer 2011; Mumford 1998; Urbano 2008). Specifically, Ramos writes that Molina's final chapter on Taki Onqoy was clearly an addition to the text, rather than having been included in the first version of the account (Ramos 1992:162). In addition to this claim, Ramos relies on the information from Albornoz's 1569 *Información*—

since he neglects to mention Taki Onqoy some four or five years after it started, Ramos thus finds fault in all of Albornoz's claims (see Ramos 1992: 150 for further explanation). With such doubt regarding both Molina and Albornoz, Ramos inevitably concludes that Taki Onqoy never existed, but was completely created in the head of Albornoz in order to get his promotion. As stated in the opening pages to her article, "In the first place, Taki Onqoy and the affirmation of its existence was a matter which was progressively built, the pair were increased aspirations of the cleric Cristóbal de Albornoz in an attempt to climb the hierarchy of the church" (Ramos 1992: 149). Thus, utilizing the same two sources, Gabriela Ramos instead puts forth a scathing revision of Taki Onqoy, in which she discredits Molina, Albornoz, and several other secondary scholars who have studied the movement. She concludes by suggesting that new sources must be found and studied before any agreement can be reached on the motivations of Taki Onqoy, and indeed, on its very existence.

In 2002, Jaymie Heilman published a response to Gabriela Ramos, entitled "A Movement Misconstrued? A Response to Gabriela Ramos's Interpretation of Taki Onqoy" in which she refuted Ramos's claims. While Heilman agreed that Albornoz had sole control over his *Informaciones*, she instead justified the gaps and silences in Albornoz's accounts as intentional or at the very least, explicable. For example, while Ramos uses Albornoz's failure to note Taki Onqoy in his 1569 *Información* as evidence that he only created the movement when it became beneficial to him, Heilman instead suggested that this was a reasonable omission—having just arrived in Peru in 1567 and only traveling to Huamanga in 1569, it is plausible that Albornoz had not yet established himself in the region (Heilman 2002:128). Furthermore, as an extirpator of idolatry, Albornoz would have been responsible for punishing not only the Andeans who

practiced the movement, but also the Spaniards who turned a blind eye. As such, he was in a predicament, caught between the Spanish clergy and the Spanish Crown.

Since Albornoz had only recently begun his tenure as *visitador*, and additionally, since he was already combating the somewhat negative perception of the secular clergy in Huamanga, Albornoz was forced to tread lightly. He could not condemn all other clergy and Spanish encomenderos in the region from the instance he arrived in Huamanga. As Heilman writes, “to proceed hastily with mass punishments against priests, encomenderos, and average Spaniards would risk angering and alienating a huge proportion of Huamanga’s Spanish population” (Heilman 2002: 129). As such, Albornoz’s first letter to the Crown was restrained—Albornoz thought he could earn a promotion based on his own merits at the time. When he failed to earn these positions, Albornoz revised his second (1570) letter, this time lengthening the text and now including his role in combating Taki Onqoy. Heilman goes on to convincingly explain several of the problems Ramos raises regarding Albornoz’s texts, the silences among them, and the contrasting strategies Albornoz may have used when constructing his letters.

Finally, Heilman looks to other sources in order to support her counter-argument that Taki Onqoy was a real movement in the 1560s. For instance, in his correspondence to the crown in 1570, Viceroy Francisco de Toledo mentions the links between failure to convert Andeans and their possession and dancing (Heilman 2002: 134). Heilman also refers to Guaman Poma, who assisted Cristóbal de Albornoz in his 1569-1571 visita, affirming that the native author mentions Taki Onqoy and condemns the movement. Heilman makes a similar argument to the one I make here—through the two major primary sources on Taki Onqoy, scholars have arrived at radical interpretations regarding nearly every aspect of the movement. When the same words on a page

can be interpreted in so many different ways, it is both impossible to determine who is “correct” and also crucial to investigate the movement in other ways.

Models for an Archaeological Study of Taki Onqoy

In the previous sections, I have given a history of the conquest of the Inka, described some of the early problems for Spaniards during conversion, outlined the primary sources on Taki Onqoy, and given an extensive account of the current state of the field in the secondary literature. Until my 2015 field research, there had been no systematic investigation into Taki Onqoy. In fact, general archaeological studies centered on revitalization in other regions (see Liebmann 2008, Fry 1985) have been sparse and difficult to replicate. It is clear, however, that the Taki Onqoy movement was predicated on the entanglements between Andean and Spanish things, practices and places. In my own materials-based study of the movement, then, I have avoided asking totalizing questions which mirror those themes discussed above—it is impossible to address those themes in a cohesive manner, since Taki Onqoy was defined by its contradictions and the variable nature of participation in or adherence to the movement. Instead, my hypotheses are grounded in the study of things, materiality, animacy, and entanglements defined at the beginning of this chapter. Given the particularities of the practices associated with Taki Onqoy, I relied largely on Molina and Albornoz to generate archaeological hypotheses in my own investigation. Building on primary accounts of Albornoz (1990 [1570, 1577, 1584]) and Molina (2011 [1574]), previous archaeological research and theoretical debates on revitalization movements, and archaeological research on colonialism in Peru, my fieldwork investigated the following hypotheses (which are discussed more thoroughly in Chapter 5):

1. If Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of Spanish things, they will be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic or Spanish things in new ways or hybrid forms of material culture.
2. If Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq were violent, they will be marked by destruction of huacas in public arenas and/or physical punishment of takiongos in public spaces.
3. If the inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic traditions in burial practices in favor of those supported by the Taki Onqoy movement, then interments will reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of position and burial goods.
4. If Taki Onqoy performances were an explicit revitalization of prehispanic cultural traditions, then their associated materials would reflect practices common in the region prior to Spanish invasion.
5. If Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement, its material and spatial signatures will be uncovered in private areas away from central religious spaces. If there are public spaces of Taki Onqoy, these will be located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices.

More broadly, my project investigated instances of incorporation or rejection of Spanish objects in indigenous households, as well as spatial distinctions between the distributions of these objects.

Finally, I will speak briefly as to the notion of rejection. Throughout the primary sources, the secondary literature, and the previous discussion in this dissertation, I have referred to “rejection” as a uniform action. However, “rejection” can take many forms and is likely related

to specific aspects or practices, rather than culture as a whole. For example, *why* did Andeans reject Spanish Old World foodstuffs and vessels? It is plausible that since Andeans had fallen ill after the arrival with the Spaniards, they considered ingesting Spanish items as a very dangerous activity (for more research on body and consumption, see Conklin 2001). More generally, what aspects of Spanish objects or religion denoted them as “Spanish” or “Catholic”? These sorts of questions are critical for a more nuanced understanding of Taki Onqoy, one that builds upon the traditional “Did Taki Onqoy exist or not”? In the following two chapters, I will provide the regional background and methodology for my archaeological research. In the final chapters of this dissertation, I will return to answer these questions, armed with archaeological data.

CHAPTER 3

AN ANDEAN ARCHAEOLOGY OF REVITALIZATION

Revitalization movements can be defined as “calculated, methodical efforts to reform culture and society that frequently occur in colonial situations” (Liebmann 2012:14). These types of movements have been documented across time and space, and are common in colonial or imperial situations (Adas 1979; Linton 1943; Worsley 1957). However, the ubiquity of revitalization movements in situations characterized by extreme power differentials should not reduce the unique aspects of Taki Onqoy into the diluted explanatory category of “revitalization” as a means of “resistance.” From the Spanish perspective, participation in the 1560s Taki Onqoy movement was an organized threat to the Spanish Empire in the New World. Andean individuals and communities were intentionally disregarding religious and Spanish mandates in favor of a return to local prehispanic huaca worship.

This chapter proposes a theoretical framework for understanding the Taki Onqoy movement as heterogeneous and multivocal, and historically situates the defining practices of the movement. First, I discuss Taki Onqoy as a revitalization movement, demonstrating how nativist beliefs and Catholic practices intertwined to help shape the movement’s structure and goals. Taki Onqoy preachers explicitly described their beliefs as a “resurrection of the huacas,” yet these preachers had also existed under Spanish rule and evangelization throughout their lives (Albornoz 1990; Molina 2010). Some of the practices deemed as “prehispanic” by these preachers, then, were actually reminiscent of or structured by religious practices performed by Spanish clergy. Next, I consider performance theory in archaeology to posit how covert performance disseminated the movement’s ideological tenets. Then, utilizing conceptions of modern forms of “weapons of the weak” (Scott 1985), I suggest the means by which Taki Onqoy

would have played out on-the-ground, considering the different social groups and cultural interests which clashed with one another in the 1560s. Finally, I will briefly address the secondary debates regarding Taki Onqoy: specifically, whether Taki Onqoy was its own phenomenon, or if it was one example in a series of religious uprisings in the Andes which should not be afforded its own significance.

A strong theoretical framework is necessary in implementing archaeological investigation of Taki Onqoy. By using a practice theory approach to ground study of the material aspects of Taki Onqoy, I avoid merely engaging in “text-aided archaeology,” and contribute new questions and new methods and materials for the study of this movement. In doing so, I partake in a growing dialogue amongst archaeologists who study colonial encounters—archaeology can “furnish kinds of evidence that are qualitatively different from and independent of the colonial texts that constitute the vast bulk of evidence available to historians...archaeology offers access to the *material dimension* of the encounter and to the processes of daily life through which the colonial situation was experienced and worked out by ordinary people” (Dietler 2005: 50, emphasis original). Though archaeological data sources have their own respective indices of bias (such as preservation and the types of questions which can be asked), the study of materials promotes understanding of those themes, peoples, and practices rarely discussed in colonial texts.

In this chapter, I argue that the presence of Spaniards intent on converting local individuals to Catholicism was mitigated by local spaces and practices in which those who “resisted” the new religion could subvert Spanish teachings in private spheres. However, it would be a broad generalization to suggest that *all* of the local and Inka residents of Iglesiachayoq participated in Taki Onqoy—it is likely that many individuals went about their

daily lives negotiating and interacting with both religious traditions. While some Andeans likely identified as full Catholic converts, others actively rejected Catholic teachings and Spanish cultural materials. Still a third group likely existed in between these two poles of religious orientations—these individuals may have appreciated both Catholic and Taki Onqoy belief systems, and called upon the practices of either or both depending on their needs. Through a discussion of revitalization and everyday forms of resistance, I take an intersectional approach to demonstrate how Taki Onqoy was understood, practiced, resisted, or forced on different aspects of the population.

The Utility of the Resistance Concept

Anthropological and archaeological literature on the topic of European colonialism has recently broadened from an initial tendency to understand colonial processes as artefacts of European hegemony (Given 2004; Gosden and Knowles 2001; Stein 2005), to a variety of more nuanced perspectives which center native experiences or actions and the importance of local sociopolitical schema (Brown 1996; Dietler 2005; Liebmann and Murphy 2011; Ortner 1995; Wernke 2013). Initially, literature studying colonial encounters viewed domination as essentially an all-encompassing form of institutionalized power, while resistance was thought of as any sort of opposition to this power (Du Bois 1945; Fanon 1952; Memmi 1965; Said 1978). Much of this dichotomy was derived from a biased body of documents written by the “victors,” such that colonial powers were seen as unflinching and all-encompassing, and that any undesirable or rebellious behavior challenging this power was categorized as “resistance.” While the terms “resistance” and “domination” still have utility as blanket terms, scholars have expanded and clarified these concepts in recent decades.

The terms “domination” and “resistance” are each problematic as analytical tools in studying colonialism. One issue with the notion of colonial “domination” is its tendency to imply a one-way transfer of colonial structures onto colonized societies, thereby reaffirming the structures of colonial documentation. “Domination” as a concept is all-encompassing because it signifies an implicit power structure, one in which the colonizing group is *already* positioned as the one with agency and control. The very notion of “domination” thus frames interpretations of colonialism as responses *to* domination, and is insufficient in allowing for interpretation of new cultural frameworks generated by colonialism. In the late twentieth century, ethnohistory became a field in its own right and historians began to explicitly focus on native groups during colonial encounters (Spicer 1961; Wachtel 1977). However, the domination framework still swayed interpretations such that “they often perpetuated a view of indigenous peoples as passive subjects caught in a process of acculturation that they had no ability to shape” (Liebmann and Murphy 2011: 6). In the 1980s, historians began to challenge perceived one-way processes of domination by explicitly searching for forms of native resistance in the historical record (Spalding 1984; Stern 1993 [1982]).

The term “resistance” is a useful retort to models of colonial domination in that it affords native communities agency, and recognizes that the historical record teems with examples of native populations pushing back against their European colonizers (Deagan 2004; Silliman 2001; Van Buren 2010; Wernke 2011). It also contradicts the stereotypical “myths” created by colonial documentation which assert that the Europeans were “powerful exceptional men” and “superior” to indigenous peoples (Restall 2008). The term itself can be applied to any power differential throughout time and space—initially, “resistance” was used in both history and archaeology to categorize highly visible, often armed militaristic responses to colonialism (Liebmann and

Murphy 2011; Wernke 2011). More recently, concurrent with the spread of household archaeologies and theoretical perspectives from feminist theory, “resistance” has applied to the minute acts of daily subversion, most famously categorized in Scott’s *Weapons of the Weak* (Scott 1985, 1990).

While the resistance concept has been useful in recognizing the array of responses to colonialism, the ubiquitous application of the term in anthropology and archaeology has been criticized as being overused (Brown 1996; Ortner 1995). Sherry Ortner’s 1995 article “Resistance and the Problem of Ethnographic Refusal” argues that conceptions of domination and resistance are “thin” and uniform because the ethnography required to understand these power struggles is not thorough. In order to avoid reaffirming the binary division of “domination” and “resistance,” it is critical to not only consider the broad politics between these two sides, but also the *internal* strife between classes, ethnicities, and genders within each side. As Ortner writes:

If we are to recognize that resisters are doing more than simply opposing domination, more than simply producing a virtually mechanical *re*-action, then we must go the whole way. They have their *own* politics—not just between chiefs and commoners or landlords and peasants, but within all the local categories of friction and tension: men and women, parents and children, seniors and juniors; inheritance conflicts among brothers; struggles of succession and wars of conquest between chiefs; struggles for primacy between religious sects, and on and on. (Ortner 1995:177).

It is only by studying both the internal divisions and politics of both superordinate and subordinate groups that we can fully understand *how* and *why* forms of control are levied, and *how* and *why* subject groups push back against these forms of control. Ortner goes on to argue that both individual and unified resistance practices are not universally supported, and that the

internal divisions within subaltern groups often cause resistance acts which are “conflicted, internally contradictory, and affectively ambivalent” (Ortner 1995:179).

Building on Ortner’s essay, Brown’s 1996 article “On Resisting Resistance” suggests that cultural anthropologists have over-utilized the concept of resistance such that it has lost its analytical value. Brown even argues that cultural anthropology has narrowed its focus so that the common framework of study is the dominance versus resistance model, instead of acknowledging the wide range of social settings in which humans actually exist (Brown 1996:734). Although still a growing field, archaeological studies of resistance have followed trends in anthropology, such that archaeologists often invoke “resistance” to categorize native responses to conquest (Liebmann and Murphy 2011:10). The problem with explaining material patterns as evidence of resistance is that these sorts of explanations flatten behaviors and use resistance as a conclusion rather than a starting point. With anthropological and archaeological criticisms of the resistance concept in mind, I strive to consider how Taki Onqoy was not merely a response to Spanish conquest, but also to demonstrate how it was nativistic, generative, creative, and how it outwardly promoted alliance amongst politically and ethnically diverse Andean groups. I argue that Taki Onqoy was one of many resistive responses to Spanish colonialism, a religious revitalization movement.

Revitalization Movements

Revitalization movements are intentional efforts to create rapid cultural, political, or social change, often occurring in colonial situations. In 1956, Anthony F. C. Wallace published his landmark paper “Revitalization Movements” which was an overt attempt to create a framework for explicit “innovations of whole cultural systems” (Wallace 1956:264). Wallace

documents various millenarian movements that were undertaken by subjugated peoples, suggesting that “the persons involved in the process of revitalization must perceive their culture, or some major areas of it, as a system; they must feel that this cultural system is unsatisfactory; and they must innovate not merely discrete items, but a new cultural system, specifying new relationships as well as new traits” (Wallace 1956: 265). In contrast with steady, often subconscious culture change over time, revitalization movements are *deliberate* attempts at change by subordinate groups. Wallace writes that revitalization movements are very common, and are often the impetus for establishing new religious communities.³⁵ Revitalization movements have been documented across time and space, and are often compared to similar types of movements known as cargo cults, millenarian movements, utopian movements, messianic sects, or apocalypticism (Adas 1979; Linton 1943; Worsley 1957).

Wallace’s article is important in that it popularized the term “revitalization” and provides a framework for understanding the basic characteristics or practices of these types of movements. He argues that while there are different names for these movements—messianic movements, revolutions, reform movements, cargo cults, etc.—in reality, all are examples of revitalization movements that are only characterized differently due to disciplinary variation. Rather than a natural change of a culture over time, Wallace insists that revitalization movements are *deliberate* attempts at change by subaltern groups (Spivak 1996; Wallace 1956). Wallace suggests that all of these types of movements follow the same processual structure, and then creates a five-stage teleological path which he argues is present in all revitalization movements *if they are successful*. The first stage is the “steady state,” which represents the population existing in prolonged, but manageable levels of stress. While the cultural situation is not ideal in this

³⁵ Wallace discusses Christianity, Mohamedanism, and Buddhism as examples of revitalization movements (1956: 267).

stage, it is tolerable for the majority of the population. The second stage is called “the period of increased individual stress,” and is characterized by a number of years or experiences which cause severe stress in the culture. Here, Wallace lists examples such as epidemics or political subordination as elements which cause stressors to the cultural balance. The third stage is “the period of cultural distortion” in which the prolonged stressors begin to create anxiety within individuals in the population. Stage four is the “period of revitalization”: here, the society is faced with either dire events such as population death or the end of traditional ways of life unless the society undergoes the revitalization movement. The last stage is the “new steady state” in which cultural transformation has occurred and a new set of schema is established.

Wallace’s five stages are very basic, and are plausibly applicable to any process of cultural change. However, he delves more deeply into stage four, the period of revitalization, and suggests that revitalization movements which are religious in nature *must* undergo six further tasks (Wallace 1956: 270). The first task is the “mazeway reformulation,” or, the idea of a more idealized society. For Wallace, the conception of this idealized society often originates as a prophecy in one charismatic individual—this is certainly the case for the Pueblo Revolt, whose prophet Po’Pay preached his visions to the extended population (Liebmann 2008). In the case of Taki Onqoy, there was not one lone prophet, but rather multiple individuals who roamed the countryside to spread their message (Molina 2010 [1574]). The second task is “communication,” in which the prophet spreads his revelations to the rest of the population. The third task is “organization,” which represents the goals of the leader to convert his/her followers. The fourth task is “adaptation,” where Wallace suggests that the movement inevitably receives resistance from either a powerful group within the society, or an external dominant group. In the case of Taki Onqoy, this phase represents the extirpation campaigns of Cristobal de Albornoz,

undertaken from the 1560s to the 1580s, as well as the Toledan *reducción* resettlement, instituted in the 1570s. The fifth task is “cultural transformation” in which the population or society accepts the new status quo. Finally, the sixth task is “routinization” in which the movement “maintains responsibility only for the preservation of doctrine and the performance of the ritual—it becomes a church” (Wallace 1956: 275).

While the phases and tasks Wallace introduces are useful for comparative purposes, they are also restrictive. Wallace acknowledges that “the outline of stages is properly applicable to a revitalization movement which is completely successful” (1956: 278). However, Wallace is unclear as to what constitutes full success or complete failure. I would argue that casting movements as either “successful” or “failing,” replicates the same problems with dichotomies like “dominance” and “acculturation.” That is, I do not see a purpose in categorizing movements as successful or failing, but rather suggest that movements and events should be analyzed on their own merits according to the practices which constitute them. Even if the Taki Onqoy movement was ultimately “unsuccessful” in that it did not entirely reverse Catholic religious indoctrination and overthrow the Spaniards, the threat of its success prompted Spanish authorities to make major governmental changes in the 1570s. Furthermore, there are lasting effects in regards to religious beliefs such that many people in the highlands today still make sacrifices to the apus while simultaneously attending Catholic churches. In sum, while I do view Wallace’s revitalization model as useful in interpreting Taki Onqoy, I find problems with his rigid stages and tendency to cast revitalization movements in a dichotomized binary.

Historically, revitalization theory was a product of its time—it relied on a linear model of social progress which “attempted to account for the entire range of human behavior with reference to one or two driving principles” (Harkin 2004: xviii). Additionally, the model

attempted to *explain* human behavior rather than *interpret* this behavior—the stages were strict categories within which humans moved in a consistently forward and linear matter, and were unable to account for struggles or reflexivity within these stages. Furthermore, Wallace’s model was based on the idea of “equilibrium” within a society. His idealized state for a society is a “steady state” which is true for the “vast majority” of the population—however, Wallace fails to define his version of a society or what constitutes the “vast majority” (Siikala 2004). Jukka Siikala argues that Wallace’s system-based model “presupposes harmony among its elements” and writes that “the collective coherence of individual incoherences is attained through culture” (2004: 89). That is, although the actions of individuals are discordant, their desired goal is identical.

Beyond problems with the model itself, there are also an array of difficulties facing anthropological interpretation of *past* revitalization movements. First, like broader problems with studying colonial encounters, many of the documents which describe religious movements were written by colonizing populations. Christian European authors often were the people recording the movements, and their cultural and religious beliefs surely shaped the interpretations of the people participating in these movements (Brown 2004, Harkin 2004). Second, as Brown argues, “in searching for effective ways to formulate and conceptualize prophetic movements in terms considered effective and intelligible within our academic disciplines, we risk exoticizing them, distancing ourselves from the people involved, and neglecting the historical and cultural perspectives they could offer” (Brown 2004: 104). That is, as researchers or theorists, we risk perpetuating the same process of “othering” created by the original authors. On the reverse side of this point, attempts to create better societies are often idealized by scholars, who cannot resist

heralding native resilience or utopian societies, even when the attempts to create these societies may be detrimental to some aspects of the population.

Despite the problems discussed above, the concept of revitalization is still a useful theoretical tool, albeit with some necessary manipulation. To complete my model, I build upon Michael E. Harkin's 2004 chapter entitled "Revitalization as Catharsis." In this chapter, Harkin suggests that while Wallace's model is problematic in its teleological, linear model which ends in a new cultural norm or failure, the more plausible interpretation is that "many such movements were not in the end about 'revitalization,' that they were not centered on the restoration of vitality to a cultural pattern" (Harkin 2004: 144). Rather, revitalization movements can serve a different purpose—to "offer emotional release from the dreary reality of death, disease, starvation, and acculturation" (Harkin 2004: 157). Revitalization movements, then, and the practices which are manifested during these movements, replace individual suffering with collective rites and actions, which can serve to construct new senses of community rooted in past notions of tradition.

Revitalization Theory and Taki Onqoy

Although there are several problems with revitalization theory as put forth in 1956 by Wallace, the concept itself is extraordinarily useful in devising a framework for analyzing these types of movements in a global setting. Primarily, revitalization theory is accurate in explaining the format of cultural transformation—however, I argue that Wallace's conception of "stages" is not useful, and is restrictive in its false boundaries. I will now create a model of Taki Onqoy borrowing both from Wallace's original model and from some of the critiques and reformulations (Harkin et. al 2004). Wallace's model begins with a "steady state" in a given

society—I see this state as restrictive and not applicable to Taki Onqoy. Taki Onqoy did not arise in a time of relative psychological contentment and satisfaction in the Andes. Those who practiced Taki Onqoy had likely known only a life of controversy, having existed under protracted Spanish rule, or having experienced Inka imperialism followed by Spanish takeover. When Taki Onqoy was visualized and practiced in the 1560s, its practitioners were fully disillusioned from promises of Spanish benevolence, and had endured plagues and violence-induced deaths of thousands of Andeans in the first half of the sixteenth century. For those living in the 1560s, this disillusionment had been occurring for some time, such that many of those who believed in Taki Onqoy likely had never experienced a “steady state” in their lifetimes. Indeed, this lack of steady state matches with some criticisms put forth by Harkin et al. 2004 wherein Wallace’s basic conception of the first stage is flawed. It is not necessary to first have a state of relative comfort prior to a stage of disillusionment—the stories and oral histories of this state of wealth and abundance are sufficient enough to prompt dissatisfaction. For example, Taki Onqoy practitioners likely did not live during the time of Inka rule—or if they had, they were children during this time. However, oral histories put forth of prehispanic religious traditions and self-governance were enough for those takiongos to create a movement which preached a return to this time.

Colonial encounters themselves are times of great discordance, with two distinctive cultures interacting and those living through these times forced to find ways in which to both shape and survive the emerging governance. I argue that Taki Onqoy begins in Wallace’s conception of Stage Two—a prolonged period of increased individual and cultural stress, exacerbated by the extirpation of many indigenous lifeways and the devastation of deadly epidemics which wiped out large swaths of the Andean population. Stage two and stage three are

very similar in Wallace’s model, with Wallace’s third stage being the “period of cultural distortion.” I do not see a need to differentiate between stages two and three according to Wallace—for the sake of Taki Onqoy, they can be subsumed into one another such that the movement arises in a time of prolonged cultural stress on a communal level. There was not necessarily a specific “trigger” or “loss” for takiongos—rather, the movement emerged as a mechanism for countering restrictive and extractive Spanish governance. My model for Taki Onqoy begins here—indigenous people were living through a period of ever-increasing stress and demands, such that they needed to develop a way to “fight” or at least endure these stressors in a non-violent way. Andean peoples did not have the technologies, strength, or numbers in the second half of the sixteenth century to put forth a feasible combative rebellion or resistance. Instead, they invented an ideological defense mechanism to confront the colonial environment.

Although the initial stages of Taki Onqoy do not align with Wallace’s model, the stage four “period of revitalization” provides some explanatory guidance. For Wallace, this period is denoted by several sub-stages related to spreading the vision of a prophetic individual. For Taki Onqoy, Albornoz (1990 [1584]) and Molina (2010 [1574]) both suggest that the ideals of the movement are spread through several wandering preachers. The leaders and most emphatic preachers are identified by both Albornoz and Molina—in his 1584 *Información* document, Albornoz records the testimony of Cristobal de Molina, whose account affirms that the “most guilty were two natural Indians and one indian named don Juan Chocne or Joan Chocna” (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 225). In his 1570 document, Albornoz records a witness saying that some of the leading women may have been called “Santa Maria and Santa Maria Magdalena” (Albornoz 1990 [1570]). Through these two documents, we are given the names of the leaders

(and likely prophets) of Taki Onqoy. Much like the leader Po'Pay of the Pueblo Indian Revolt, these three individuals were responsible for much of the spread of the movement.

With Wallace's notions of "mazeway reformulation" accounted for in the promises of a return of the huacas put forth by Taki Onqoy leaders, these traveling preachers then "communicated" their message through conversion and persuasion throughout the highlands. Attested to by both Molina and Albornoz, these preachers traveled through the highlands and convinced indigenous peoples to participate in the movement through dramatic performative rituals. These rituals involved purification, intoxication, and huaca possession, such that prehispanic Andean huacas were believed to have inhabited individuals, who danced and sang to rid themselves of Spanish-induced illnesses. Taki Onqoy participants spread the ideals of the movement (aligning with Wallace's notion of "organization") so that the wandering preachers could convert a few individuals in each town, who would in turn spread their propaganda to the rest of the local inhabitants.

Wallace's principle of "adaptation" is somewhat of a misnomer—in this stage, the movement faces resistance by a dominant population. For Taki Onqoy, the resistance faced was a two-pronged attack led by the Viceroy Francisco de Toledo, and the extirpator of idolatry Cristóbal de Albornoz, who visited numerous towns in the highlands where he destroyed huacas and punished Taki Onqoy adepts. Those Andean peoples who were punished faced humiliation and pain through public whipping and shaving of heads, while all the while being forced to attend church functions and help construct the churches in certain towns. The destruction of huacas may have not seemed as catastrophic as one might think for Andeans—in the sixteenth century conceptions of huacas, the prehispanic gods were mobile and could inhabit various living organisms. As such, the destruction of portable huacas may have signified the huacas inhabiting

people, other rocks, or other natural features (Albornoz 1990 [1584]; Gose 2008; Molina 2011 [1574]; Stern 1993).

Viceroy Francisco de Toledo's *reducción* resettlement campaign was a much more active and aggressive attempt to stamp out Andean idolatrous practices. This resettlement involved the deliberate and mass relocation of about 1.4 million Andeans to some 840 nucleated, planned towns across the Andes (Mumford 2012). By removing Andeans from their original settlements, Toledo severed ties between Andeans and their local huacas, and also created more "visible" settlements for the Spanish. That is, Spanish authorities were better able to control and convert Andean peoples through these planned towns. The Viceroy Francisco de Toledo clearly designates the purpose of *reducciones* as "to extirpate idolatries, sorcerers, dogmatizers so that the Evangelical teaching would fall well-disposed upon ground where it could bear fruit" (Toledo 1986:36). Toledo's clearly-stated goals of reforming idolatrous practices indicate the worries Spanish religious authorities had regarding the Taki Onqoy movement. Furthermore, the establishment of *reducciones* followed a strict format wherein the church and central plaza were the literal center of these towns. The gridded streets expanding from the center allowed Spanish officials to ensure church attendance in a timely manner.

Taki Onqoy participants never fully went through all of the stages conceived of by Wallace. His conceptions of "cultural transformation" and "routinization" are neither formally nor fully fulfilled. With the implementation of Toledo's *reducción* resettlements in the second half of the sixteenth century, Andeans had little formal recourse in their religious practices. However, Taki Onqoy should not be considered as a "failed" revitalization movement. There are several lines of evidence which attest to the lasting importance of Taki Onqoy as a religious revitalization movement. First, Taki Onqoy served as the initial example in a long line of

revitalization movements or resistances put forth in the Andes which all had similar frameworks. Although Taki Onqoy struck fear into the hearts of concerned Spanish religious authorities, its beliefs were not revolutionary or rare. Jamie Heilman's 2002 response to Gabriela Ramos's denial of Taki Onqoy's existence cites similar instances of "religious recidivism or indigenous peoples" throughout New Spain, including the Yucatan, Chancay, and the parish of Atenango (for primary discussions of these movements see Clendinnen 1987, Silverblatt et al. 1993, and Taylor 1996).³⁶ With respect to Colonial Peru, Heilman cites several further examples of religious idolatry that paralleled Taki Onqoy which took place nearly a century after Taki Onqoy's rise. She writes that "if Albornoz in fact invented many of the details of the Taki Onqoy movement, he proved incredibly prescient in his imaginings of what an Andean religious rebellion would look like" (Heilman 2002: 125; see also Gose 2008). Thus, if we are strictly adhering to Wallace's account of revitalization movements, the Taki Onqoy movement was a complete failure because it did not create an upheaval of the Spanish religion and a new church. However, by examining the ramifications of Taki Onqoy throughout Peru and greater New Spain, I suggest that Taki Onqoy *did* create a model movement from which many local cults derived their motivations. If Taki Onqoy held little impact on future Andean movements, then the similarities in the shapes of these movements is very coincidental.

Second, local religion in the Andes continued to reflect ideals of the Taki Onqoy movement. While many scholars suggest that the movement permanently ended in the 1570s, when Toledo's resettlement program was instituted, the movement (or parallel practices) likely continued to exist well into the seventeenth century (Gose 2008). As Urton attests, "into the early

³⁶ Heilman writes "From Diego de Landa in the Yucatan to Juan Sarmiento de Vivero in Chancay to Hernando Ruiz de Alarcon in the New Spain parish of Atenango, colonial clerics found themselves in a continuing struggle against the religious recidivism of indigenous peoples" (Heilman 2002: 125).

seventeenth century, as the clergy moved into remoter regions of the Andes, it became increasingly clear to them that the native peoples in these scattered mountainous settlements were continuing the worship of mountains, ‘pagan’ creator deities, and ancestral mummies, as well as the sun, moon, and stars” (1999: 69). That is, in the early 1600s, there was documented evidence of indigenous idolatry in the Andes, even as the *reducción* resettlement program was taking place. In Gose’s 2008 analysis of Taki Onqoy, he argues that the legacy of the movement continued, but no longer as a “bounded and internally consistent entity,” but instead as “an array of initiatives, some of which continued to orient a more diffuse and emergent colonial indigenous culture” (108-109). While the narrow preachings of the Taki Onqoy prophets no longer flourished under the name of Taki Onqoy, the practices and prehispanic religious movement continued across the Andes. While the conception of Taki Onqoy as an *activist* movement waned in the 1570s, its ideological providence has held politico-religious ramifications until today.

The prolonged paranoia of Spanish religious officials prompted by Taki Onqoy and further idolatrous practices led to a wave of more directed extirpation campaigns, often centered on the priest Francisco de Ávila (Charles 2010). In 1609, Ávila traveled to Lima bringing Checa religious objects and mummified ancestors and presented the display to the viceroy. Soon after, Ávila, accompanied by hundreds of the city’s Spanish and Indian residents, “denounced from the pulpit the crimes of idolatry and superstition that still endured eighty years after the Europeans’ initial invasion” (Charles 2010: 132). Ávila’s descriptions of the motivations behind this idolatry are identical to those of Albornoz and Molina written nearly 40 years earlier—Ávila viewed the indigenous people as practicing “revitalized pre-Columbian beliefs and practices in defiance of the Church...attributed the survival of autochthonous beliefs and models of identity to native

resilience in the face of Spanish colonial authority” (Charles 2010: 133). Like Albornoz’s and Molina’s descriptions of Taki Onqoy in the 1570s, Ávila’s positions on indigenous idolatry in the 1600s viewed this idolatry as intentionally antagonistic. Rather than simply a failure to “fully” convert Andean peoples on the part of the Spanish religious authorities, Ávila saw ongoing idolatry as a deliberate defiance to Spanish authority.

It was the discovery of idolatrous practices related to burial and treatment of the dead which prompted Ávila’s extirpation campaign in the early 1600s (Gose 2008; Mills 1997; Salomon et al. 1991). The following harsh wave of anti-idolatry campaigns from 1609 to 1622 was designed to eradicate any remnants of Taki Onqoy (Duviols 1971). Pablo Jose de Arriaga’s *La extirpación de la idolatría en el Perú* (1999 [1621]) is a pinnacle treatise on extirpation, written by a Jesuit priest as a manual in the findings and actions of the campaigns at this time. Arriaga’s 1621 work would provide information and suggestions for later campaigns. The second wave of extirpation campaigns was undertaken from 1649 through 1671, and consisted of a search for the remnant superstitions and beliefs of Andean peoples (Cobo 1956 [1653]). Many of these campaigns focused on specific “sorcerers” and “illicit arts” rather than blatant idolatry. Mills (1997) affirms that the second round of anti-idolatry campaigns found mostly syncretic instances of a distinctly “Andeanized” Christianity rather than a direct threat to Spanish notions of religion. Further studies of idolatry extirpation affirm that the 1660s were a transformation for Andean spirituality, such that most documented instances of deliberate idolatry peter out by the end of the seventeenth century (Burga 2005 [1988]; Cock Carrasco 1980; Duviols 1967, 1971, 1986; Kubler 1946; MacCormack 1991). Thus, while there was no cultural “revolution” as conceived of by Wallace, Taki Onqoy did promote native religious practices which lasted for a century after the movement was supposedly quashed. While most of our information about these

practices is written by Spanish religious *visitadores* who were working to extirpate these idolatries, their affirmations that so-called pagan practices were still embraced throughout highland towns indicates that the practices associated with Taki Onqoy were still performed in community settings.

A final *visible* practice which ties to Taki Onqoy practices is that of the “danza de las Tijeras,” or “scissors dancers” in the highlands of Peru. In the past fifty years, many scholars have connected the modern dance directly to Taki Onqoy dancing. As Bush (2012) writes, “once repudiated by colonial and national elites precisely because it embodied the irrationality of indigenous ritual practices, this cultural form is now a celebrated emblem of Peru’s cultural diversity and the perseverance of Andean spiritual values in the modern world” (Bush 2012: 2). In its modern form, the scissors dance is performed in the regions of Ayacucho, Huancavelica, and Apurímac, some of the poorest departments in Peru, and is “a masculine Andean ritual dance that originated in Pre-Columbian rituals of the Chanka region in the south-central Andes of Peru” (Bush 2012: 9, for references see Barrionuevo 1988; Millones and Tomoeda 1998; Vivanco 1976). The scissors dance is seen as an authentic representation of indigenous identity in which dancers hold two metal blades in their right hands and make a metallic sound while dancing. The festivals in which the scissors dance is performed last from five days to a week, during which the dancers perform without rest (Bush 2012). This prolonged exhaustive performance emulates the dances which would have been performed during Taki Onqoy, where dancers would fast and go without sleep for days on end in order to achieve a highly-praised trance state. Furthermore, scissors dancers compete in physical acts of valor and make offerings to the apus during their dances, again reminiscent of Taki Onqoy practices (Bush 2012). Bush’s 2012 thesis on scissors dance relates the links between the dance and the Taki Onqoy movement, suggesting that the

strongest link identified between the two involves the trance-like states (Barrionuevo 1988; Bush 2012, Castro Klaren 1990, Vivanco 1976). A second parallel relates to the ritual cleaning of houses and spaces performed by Andean peoples who viewed takiongos as “agents of purification” (Molina 2011). For the scissors dancers, domestic locations where they are housed during festivals are ritually cleaned *after* the festivals are over, suggesting a potential reversal of this belief from the sixteenth century (Bush 2012: 55-56). In the area in which I work, scissors dance is performed on a regular basis, and Taki Onqoy is commonly discussed as a proud religious rebellion of which the ancestors of local people were a part.

While under Wallace’s model, Taki Onqoy would be considered as a “failed” movement, I instead suggest that the movement held critical ramifications for Andean religious practices—while the significance of these practices is debated, Taki Onqoy cannot only be considered within the strict 10-15 year period in which it is typically bracketed. Arising out of a time of confusion and consternation, the movement was put forth and spread by local preachers and prophets, resulting in the deliberate Toledan reforms which were an attempt to stamp out this perceived idolatry. The performances and idolatrous practices attributed to Taki Onqoy inspired and shaped further idolatrous practices in the Andes and the greater New World. There is documented evidence of prophetic individuals preaching a return to huaca worship throughout the seventeenth century (Gose 2008; Heilman 2010; Mills 1997).

In the study of revitalization movements, then, I propose a few changes which broaden the scope of these movements and refrain from bracketing certain stages in a teleological fashion. Using Taki Onqoy as an example, revitalization movements can be thought of as deliberate attempts to change challenging socio-political environments. They are spread by a prophet or prophetic individuals, and they encourage the participation of local peoples in the

quest for a more healthy and fruitful existence. Inevitably, these movements are challenged by the dominant or dominating power who view them as a threat to established norms. Tensions eventually come to a head when the colonizers view these movements as untenable to their governance or when the movements gain enough support to overthrow the existing establishment and begin a new way of life (as in the case with the Pueblo Revolt, Liebmann 2012). However, there is not a need to classify revitalization movements as “failures” or “successes” based strictly on the establishment of a new church. Rather, these movements should be studied as to *how* they were practiced through a practice theory approach.

Archaeology of Revitalization

Revitalization movements have been documented throughout time and space and are a remarkably common occurrence,³⁷ but there is a conspicuous absence of documented revitalization movements in archaeological contexts. As Liebmann affirms, “the lack of identified instances of revitalization in the archaeological record is fueled in part by the assumption that the core characteristics of these phenomena—charisma, revelation, and prophecy—are immaterial and therefore archaeologically invisible” (2012:16). However, cultural transformation manifests itself through the *practices* of all groups, and material media were central to the practices of Taki Onqoy. Thus, by studying the materiality of Taki Onqoy practices, we can ask questions unanswerable in texts. While there are many ethnographic studies of revitalization movements, (specifically in regard to Ghost Dance³⁸ or cargo cults in the South Pacific³⁹), there have only been three examples of archaeological investigations of

³⁷ For example, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints all initially started as revitalization movements (Wallace 1956).

³⁸ For work on Ghost Dance see (Andersson 2008; Du Bois 2007; Kehoe 1989).

³⁹ For work on cargo cults in the South Pacific, see (Christiansen 1969; Worsley 1957).

revitalization movements: Fry's 1985 work with the Lowland Maya in the Postclassic and archaeology of the southwest, including the seventeenth-century Pueblo Revolt (Liebmann 2007, 2008, and 2012) and the thirteenth-century depopulation of the Central Mesa Verde Region (Glowacki 2011).

In his 1985 article about revitalization in the Postclassic Lowland Maya, Robert E. Fry outlines potential archaeological correlates for revitalization movements, and posits how rapid cultural change might be identified in the archaeological record. For example, Fry suggests that followers of the new revitalization movement could show distinctive patterns of dress or practices in public and private contexts. These patterns of dress and behavior are often "reversals of 'acceptable dress style...and may involve syncretism of traditional styles with those exhibited by members of the superordinate culture'" (Fry 1985:127-128). Furthermore, revitalization movements may manifest themselves in the intentional destruction or erasure of aspects of the dominant cultural framework, as is seen with the destruction of crosses and bells in the Pueblo Revolt and deliberate rejection of Spanish culture during the Taki Onqoy movement. Fry hypothesizes that revitalization movements have not been largely explored in archaeological contexts due to the rapid nature of change inherent in these types of movements—revitalization movements often have a timescale corresponding with years rather than decades, and so these brief flashes of time are often invisible in the archaeological record.

Revitalization movements also take many forms and can be primarily ideological or political—there is no universal set of archaeological correlates of "revitalization." Fry posits that an archaeology of revitalization would demonstrate the razing or dramatic alteration of public buildings if the movement is successful (Fry 1985: 129). Taki Onqoy's ultimate inability to produce drastic reversal of Spanish lifeways and religion suggests that destruction of existing

visible norms on a large scale would not be present in the sixteenth-century Peruvian highlands. However, while Taki Onqoy did not produce a dramatic overhaul of Spanish religion, it was a contributing factor to Toledo's mass resettlement project in the 1570s (Gose 2008; Toledo et al. 1986). In this sense, it is possible to argue that Taki Onqoy did, in fact, play a part in creating a mass change in societal norms—just not by those who practiced the movement. Furthermore, although Taki Onqoy may not have produced the dramatic material destruction seen in Fry's or Liebmann's archaeological projects, aspects of the movement are still seen today in a variety of entangled religious practices and native dances. While Fry uses revitalization to explain archaeological evidence of rapid change after excavation, Taki Onqoy was instead a known revitalization movement whose very existence is debated, and so for this dissertation, the goal is not to “find” revitalization or Taki Onqoy in the archaeological record. Instead, I combine archaeological remains and historical documents to consider how the people at Iglesiachayoq would have enacted and experienced daily and religious life during the time of Taki Onqoy.

Liebmann's study of the seventeenth-century New Mexico Pueblo Revolt has many commonalities with Taki Onqoy, as both movements sought to throw off the yoke of Spanish colonial oppression in favor of a “return” to prehispanic cultural traditions. Like Fry, Liebmann utilizes the construction of new architectural styles as an example of revitalization. He argues that the two Jemez settlements constructed after the Pueblo Revolt mirror prehispanic settlement layouts rather than Spanish-style sites. As Liebmann writes, “nativism (defined as the elimination of foreign elements) was here manifested through the rejection of the dispersed architectural plan of the mission pueblo, and conversely revivalism (the introduction of cultural practices thought to have been characteristic of previous generations but not recently present in a social group) was materialized through the return to aggregated, compact village forms”

(Liebmann 2008:364). That is, the Pueblo constructed new settlements in the forms of perceived past settlements, much like the takiongos developed practices of huaca worship based on an imagined set of prehispanic practices.⁴⁰ Liebmann also provides a critical caveat, affirming that not all Pueblo settlements constructed after the revolt utilized the same prehispanic architectural forms. Instead, Liebmann's work emphasizes that revitalization movements are not monolithic nor do they reflect identical responses from all inhabitants of a region. I would take this argument even further, and suggest that not all inhabitants of a single *site* will demonstrate uniform reactions to revitalization movements, and that participation in these movements is often partial.

Liebmann suggests that revitalization movements do not necessarily completely revive previous traditions, but also that they are innovative in terms of practices and material culture. Liebmann writes that after the revolt, indigenous artists ceased the production of prehispanic Black-on-White pottery, instead embracing new ceramic types which incorporated traded goods and glazewares (Liebmann 2007). Furthermore, the potters created a new type of pottery called "Historic Red." Liebmann argues that the integration of Black-on-White pottery during Spanish control resulted in several Spanish forms or schemas which were introduced to this pottery, and eventually became conflated. This conflation led to the association of Black-on-White pottery with colonialism rather than with prehispanic art forms. One of Liebmann's major contributions is the assertion that revitalization movements—though their explicit motivations may indicate a return to pre-colonial traditions—actually produce novel, new cultural traditions. We see these new traditions in Taki Onqoy through the preaching and performance of huaca worship, the

⁴⁰ Most of those takiongos practicing in the 1560s had not yet been born when the Spanish arrived in Peru, and certainly none of them were alive prior to Inka takeover. Thus their avowal to practice local huaca worship in the way of the ancestors was derived from stories of the ancestors combined with aspects of Catholicism.

emergence of personal huaca possession, and the diversity in burial practices in the central church at Iglesiachayoq. Furthermore, like the Pueblo conflated aspects of colonial tradition with prehispanic tradition, Taki Onqoy practitioners were reviving a *perceived* idyllic past—however, those at the forefront of the Taki Onqoy movement were not actually alive in this past, and so much of their “anti-Spanish” practices are heavily influenced by Spanish presence.

Finally, in the most recent iteration of the use of revitalization theory in archaeological investigation, Donna M. Glowacki argues that thirteenth-century innovations in settlement, architecture, and pottery in Central Mesa Verde indicate revitalized religious practices. Glowacki writes that “these changes came on the heels of a difficult time with severe drought, violence, and a breakdown of key aspects of the Chaco system. Even though revitalization is not an inevitable outcome of crises, periods of crises, both natural and social, do create disjunctions that are often addressed through religious change and revitalization” (2011: 78). Glowacki’s article is a step forward in utilizing cultural models to understand rapid change, rather than deferring to common interpretations such as environmental crises or violence. In investigating *why* societies changed rapidly, it should be acknowledged that these changes may have been directed and intentional rather than a response to external stimuli.

Taken together, the works of these authors highlight several very important points. First, the material changes associated with revitalization are not uniform, and the archaeologist cannot create a “blueprint for revitalization” as one might for the identification of cooking, warfare, ceramic production, etc. Second, participation in revitalization movements is not uniform or monolithic. Finally, the authors provide evidence to suggest that archaeologically documented instances of rapid change may not necessarily be due to outside forces (such as environmental

catastrophe or imperial conquest), but rather can be driven from internal strife or intentional creations of new cultural practices.

Divided Religions, Entangled Practices: The Utility of Considering Taki Onqoy as a Revitalization Movement

Taki Onqoy was one response to Spanish conquest and conversion in a milieu of local confusion and ambivalence to Spanish control in the sixteenth century. In this section, I will first discuss the competing internal factions and overall goals in the Taki Onqoy movement and then demonstrate how the “return to prehispanic huaca worship” was developed in an era of religious turmoil. Although the leaders of Taki Onqoy claimed to preach a separatist, prehispanic message to their followers, these leaders personally and outwardly assumed aspects of Catholicism in their identities and in the practices of the movement.

Internal Divisions of Taki Onqoy

The leaders of the Taki Onqoy movement proclaimed a foreboding cataclysm in society, such that all local individuals needed to resist Spanish religion and culture (Chapter 2), yet the movement was not uniformly practiced. Taki Onqoy could not ease longstanding preexisting conflicts between local groups or classes, and Andean peoples were hesitant to jeopardize tenuous alliances with Spanish officials. As Stern writes, “Taki Onqoy exacerbated the moral crisis of Indian society precisely because at a moment of severe disillusion and misgiving, it condemned strategies, adaptations, and traditions which, in practice, too many natives would find difficult to renounce” (Stern 1993:62). That is, by encouraging Andeans to actively reject aspects of Spanish culture and religion, Taki Onqoy leaders discouraged ingrained survival strategies such as appealing to multiple deities and allying with powerful leaders. In some cases when it

appeared Spaniards would be dominant for the foreseeable future, Taki Onqoy leaders *themselves* even went in search of benevolent Catholic saints who would hear their appeals. As Stern writes, in a population of some 120,000 people, 8,000 were identified as participants in Taki Onqoy, indicating that the majority of the people in Soras and Lucanas actually were not practitioners.

Just as tensions between local groups were not eased by the Taki Onqoy movement, the popular support of Taki Onqoy exacerbated the tenuous relationships between kurakas and the general population. Non-elites put obvious pressure on community leaders to support the movement, but it was these leaders who had the most to lose if they supported a movement that was ultimately unsuccessful. Community leaders also could not control the popular outbursts of the local people, thereby challenging traditional power structures in religion and governance. Since non-elites often relied on kurakas and community leaders to navigate favorable tribute deals and relationships with Spaniards, the ambivalence portrayed by these leaders inevitably weakened the movement (Stern 1993:66). Albornoz inadvertently affirms this ambivalence in his 1584 *visita*, casting the kurakas as “complicit” or “hiding” the movement, rather than actually participating in it in most cases.

The complicated relationship between native Andean religion and Spanish Catholicism is apparent in the contradictions and entanglements that shaped Taki Onqoy. Although clearly designed to be a “revitalization” of prehispanic huaca worship, the movement itself—whether consciously or otherwise—adopted aspects of Spanish Catholicism in its everyday practice. The very notion of exclusionary religion was an artifact of Spanish religion, and fully contradictory to traditional Andean practices of polytheism. That Taki Onqoy preached full rejection of all aspects of Spanish religion was anathema to local peoples—had the movement been a

revitalization in its purest form, then worship of multiple deities would have been embraced. The entanglement of Catholicism with Taki Onqoy also reverberated in more overt ways which were often related to gender differences in local groups. Stern's quantitative analysis of Albornoz's accounts finds that of 500 takiongos amongst the Soras, 55% of these were women (Stern 1993:223).⁴¹ Albornoz also names several women as leaders of Taki Onqoy. Perhaps women took an active role in the revitalization movement, seizing the opportunity to resist Spanish rule in a covert and nonviolent way.

Albornoz affirms that several of the female takiongos did not deny the power of the Catholic deity, but rather utilized this inherent power to declare themselves "saints." Taki Onqoy preached *rejection* of Spanish religion, but also reaffirmed the power of God—this God had to be strong in order to have aided the Spaniards in their victory over Andean peoples. Takiongos were thus weary of fully rejecting God. The self-declared Taki Onqoy female "saints" utilized the powerful reputation of God and the Catholic saints, and deliberately adopted versions of the names "Mary" and "Magdalena" (Stern 1993:66).⁴² Although they still argued for an overthrow of the Catholic God, these female prophets allied with female Catholic saints, whom they viewed as part of a broader pantheon. Perhaps most importantly, at the height of Taki Onqoy's breadth and strength, some leading takiongos (including two female leaders Santa Maria and Santa Maria Magdalena) publicly confessed that the movement was a fraud (Albornoz 1990: 181, 225; Gose 2008:115). Both Stern and Gose attribute these sorts of confessions and the tendency for takiongos to revert to practicing Catholicism to true ambivalence within the leaders of the movement. Taki Onqoy was thus not perpetuated as a fraudulent movement, but rather was a

⁴¹ My own research on the participation of women in Taki Onqoy is ongoing and will be presented in forthcoming publications.

⁴² Though I cite Stern here, there are several passages recorded by Albornoz which explicitly discuss this trend.

survival tactic put forth by the subjugated Andeans in the face of Spanish conquest and conversion and its subsequent consequences.

Discussion

Although Taki Onqoy was definitively heralded as a return to prehispanic huaca worship, the movement itself was not purely nativist in its adoption of Catholicized practices. The emphasis on possession and the need to exclude the Catholic god were both practices influenced by Catholicism, and their adoption ironically undercut Taki Onqoy's explicit goals. Andean peoples were ambivalent about rejecting the Catholic deity, as he had demonstrated his power during the conquest and its aftermath. Similarly, takiongos viewed Catholicism as a pantheon rather than a monotheistic religion—the lower saints could be worshiped in their own right, and many takiongos would look to these saints in times of crisis. By adopting the names of popular female saints, women takiongos were analogies to both the nativist revival and the new Catholic religion.

While undoubtedly a form of preserving local culture against a powerful, superordinate power, Taki Onqoy was not devoid of factionalization, which broke down the unity of the movement along preexisting tensions amongst various groups. Local groups which were at odds with one another remained at odds, although they may have superficially united in the Taki Onqoy movement. Perhaps the biggest, most damaging rift remained between kurakas and elite leaders and common Andeans—since these leaders had the most to lose if Taki Onqoy failed, they were often ambivalent at fully embracing Taki Onqoy in order to preserve their relationships with Spanish officials (Stern 1993). Taki Onqoy was thus not a uniform, united

front as some Spanish officials would indicate to the Crown, but rather suffered from its own fractious politics which ultimately weakened the movement.

I do assert that the revitalization concept is a useful framework for investigating Taki Onqoy: first, the framework explicitly considers chronological time and material culture. Second, although revitalization movements have been rarely archaeologically investigated, they are common occurrences throughout history. Revitalization movements are documented to have occurred globally in all types of societies and thus have the potential to shape modern society, despite the brief time scale in which they form. If historians are able to identify revitalization movements in texts, so should the archaeologist consider revitalization as a concept in explaining rapid change in various archaeological contexts. Third, revitalization movements are prevalent in colonial encounters—these movements often erupt in eras of ambivalence and “cultural distortion” (Wallace 1956:269), where longstanding cultural practices (such as huaca worship) have been changed or abandoned. Finally, by analyzing Taki Onqoy as one of the first documented revitalization movements in the Andes, we can begin to understand how future movements were influenced by Taki Onqoy.

Taki Onqoy as Performance

Taki Onqoy was a popular outburst which was disseminated through intricate performances involving cleaning, fasting, drinking heavily, and dancing for days in order to create a fervency which spread throughout the highlands. Taki Onqoy consisted of both performances—presented and acknowledged acts which followed standardized cultural scripts—and performatives, or “the class of semiotic acts that do or can make a change in the world by their execution and reception” (Chase 2016: 48; see also DeMarrais 2014 and Inomata and

Coben 2006). By dancing, chanting, and falling into trances, takiongos were not just *acting* like huacas, they *were* huacas. Following Inomata and Coben's 2006 introduction, I agree that "public events and theatrical performance are important for the operation of any society, and they had critical implications and consequences for the development of centralized polities" (Inomata and Coben 2006: 3). Performance and spectacle are integral not only to the creation and maintenance of political relationships, but also to the subversion of political norms, as is the case with Taki Onqoy. As a spectacle, Taki Onqoy would have drawn the attention of local participants and observers, and it was deemed radical enough to worry Spanish authorities.

Performative acts are shaped by cultural structures, and also have the ability to alter these structures through changes in presentation and reception. At the broad end of the spectrum, performance has been defined as "all the activity of an individual which occurs during a period marked by his continuous presence before a particular set of observers and which has some effect on the observers" (Goffman 1959:22). By this open definition, performance plausibly consists of any social interaction in everyday life. Conversely, on the opposite side of the spectrum, performance is defined in a narrower sense so that it "encompasses highly circumscribed and prescribed acts in formalized theaters, in which the performers and audience are consciously concerned with the theatricality of the acts and settings" (Inomata and Coben 2006:8). Within these more specific performative settings, the audience and the performers can take on different roles so that they are at various times acting as observers or participants. I suggest that Taki Onqoy should be considered in the narrower sense, as an explicit type of performance in which both participants and observers understood the theatricality and goals of the enactment.

According to Schechner, performance and ritual share several guiding characteristics including predictable ordering of time, imbued value of material objects, non-productivity (as goods), and rules (Schechner 2003). Performative acts have distinctive scripts and arenas and are inherently related to politics, power, and hegemony. Moreover, performances are generally instances of *transformation*. Victor Turner's 1974 work discusses how social crises can be countered through performances. He writes that these sorts of performances are enacted in conflict situations and that:

They have four main phases of public action...these are 1. Breach of regular, norm-governed social relations...2. Crisis during which there is a tendency for the breach to widen...each public crisis has what I now call liminal characteristics, since it is a threshold between more or less stable phases of the social process...3. Redressive action to resolve certain kinds of crisis or legitimate other modes or resolution, the performance of public ritual...Redress too, has its liminal features, its being 'betwixt and between,' and, as such, furnishes a distanced replication and critique of the events leading up to and composing the 'crisis.' 4. The final phase...consists either of the reintegration of the disturbed social group or of the social recognition and legitimization of the irreparable schism between contesting parties. (Turner 1974:37-41)

Turner's explication of crisis or conflict situations mirrors Wallace's discussion of revitalization movements in its creation of multiple teleological phases in order to explain a particular human phenomenon. However, aspects of this set of stages are useful when considering the conquest of the Andes. Employing Turner's model, Taki Onqoy performances were enacted in order to resolve the crisis of Spanish conquest and conversion. These performances themselves were a liminal space in which takiongos were able to critique the problems of Spanish presence through the bodily possession of huacas. Takiongos thus changed social norms *through* their dramatic dance performances—by ritually transforming their physical bodies, the performers existed in another time and place. The transformation of the performers, then, was also experienced by the spectators—the dances completed by takiongos would have been awe-inspiring and at least a

temporary resolution (or at least an agentive and strategic strategy) to combatting the problems of Spanish conquest.

Performance can be difficult to study archaeologically—the event itself is often ephemeral. Yet, “because performances are usually subjunctive, liminal, dangerous, and duplicitous, they are often hedged in with conventions and frames: ways of making the places, the participants, and the events somewhat safe” (Schechner 2003:xiv). That is, performance has the ability to both establish and transform social orders and can affect change in both secular and religious realms. Performance is therefore a form of communication, and archaeology can delineate aspects of this communication through “understanding of a ritual space or theater and the ways that its layout affected the relationships between performers and an audience” (DeMarrais 2014). Archaeology is well-suited to consider how architectural space would have structured movement and affected bodies. Perhaps most importantly, archaeology can be used to understand the past practices of performances—since archaeology cannot presume to understand past belief systems, studying the performances and practices can shed light on how culture changed during colonial encounters.

Performance is often used as a medium through which individuals are more able to converse with deities or the supernatural. However, performance can also be used to portray or put forth specific messages and meanings to both observers and participants. An explicit goal in the archaeological study of performance, then, should be to consider *how* these practices communicated and signified meanings, but also to think of how meanings may have varied to the individual observers. If each Taki Onqoy performance is considered its own event, then one must try to account for the undoubtedly multiple reactions to this event, and the meanings for individual participants.

Taki Onqoy's message and its practices were clearly delineated in the works of Albornoz and Molina, and will be discussed in depth in the next chapter. Here, however, I want to theorize how Taki Onqoy practices would have functioned as performances, and what sorts of messages they may have conveyed to observers and participants. Taki Onqoy is a Quechua phrase meaning "dancing sickness," and its primary performative aspects were uncontrollable singing and dancing, in which the takiongos became prehispanic huacas. Those possessed by the huacas would have seizures and emerge "purified" of the sickness, preaching a message of overt rejection of the Spanish God and broader Spanish culture. Takiongos often performed in specially-designed circular enclosures where they would fast, drink, dance, and feast (Albornoz 1990:191). These enclosures became the stage for elaborate Taki Onqoy performances, during which takiongos supervised the performances and simultaneously received offerings from those participants (Stern 1993:53). In Bartolomé Álvarez's (1998 [1588]) account of Taki Onqoy, he writes that adepts "danced in groups, raising and lowering their legs and arms in a vigorous stationary march with clenched fists, moving their heads from side to side with each step and making a high-pitched sound: 'u, u, u, u'" (Álvarez 1998 [1588]: 124-125).⁴³ These performances went on for days, and participants abstained from food, drink, and sleep such that some eventually collapsed or even died. Álvarez suggests that those performers who pushed themselves the furthest were the most respected and revered.

⁴³ Álvarez (1998[1588]) writes: "Es la fiesta que, juntos dellos la cantidad que se conciertan—y a veces uno o dos solos que quieren hacer la cerimonia—comienzan a cantar un cantar que no es palabras, ni razones ni sentencias ni cosa que se pueda entender que dicen algo. Sólo suena "u, u, u, u": es menester oírlo y verlo para entenderlo, que es tal que no se puede excribir. Y con este canto muy alto están de pie, dando de pie y mano, alzando un pie y abajando otro, y asimismo haciendo con las manos, los puños cerrados, meneando la cabeza a un lado y a otro, de suerte que con todo el cuerpo trabajan. Y paran en este canto tres o cuatro días ocn sus noches, y mas: lo que las fuerzas les duran, que no cesan si no es que les venga necesidad de hacer cámara o de orinar, que a esto salen, y luego vuelven a la tahona del demonio" (125).

Consider the spectacle as an outsider: groups of native peoples chanting loudly in Quechua, and performing dances in unison which went on for days. The endurance of these performers must have been astonishing, and their ability to continue for extended periods without food or drink might even have made them seem as though they had supernatural abilities. The respect and reverence given to those who collapsed or even died would have reinforced the role of these individuals as spiritual leaders. The destruction of Catholic symbols—a practice sometimes performed during these dances—would have alarmed and threatened those Catholic converts. Spanish priests—when in residence at Taki Onqoy towns—could have experienced Taki Onqoy performances as an overt expression of idolatry; however, the dramatic length and exertion required to participate in these dances likely would have prompted a more visceral response in Spanish observers. The fact that these performances often took place in special enclosures away from church spaces would have made the dances more surprising, as they were located in spaces away from the sanctity and protection of Catholic realms. Spanish officials were perpetually concerned about the unpredictability of Taki Onqoy—it could strike anyone at any time, regardless of age, gender, or class. Confining the spread of Taki Onqoy was thus challenging and unrealistic for the Spaniards, as they could not predict who would be “afflicted” by the dancing sickness. Additionally, Spanish religious authorities had limited resources at this time—it is likely that Taki Onqoy performances were practiced when the Spanish church authorities were not physically present in certain towns—and thus felt powerless to halt the spread of the idolatrous practices. It is unsurprising that Taki Onqoy greatly alarmed the Spanish officials—the eerie performances had existed for some years before the Spanish were alerted to them, and the literal popular outbursts were unpredictable and apparently, had spread rapidly.

Taki Onqoy performances likely had very different meanings for Andeans, whether they were priests, performers, observers, or abstainers. Taki Onqoy was clearly not a uniform front practiced by all local peoples against the Spanish: Albornoz divides the idolaters he identifies into several categories depending on their degree of involvement with the movement. The most powerful takiongos were the “maestros,” or leaders of the movement—the punishment levied on these individuals included flogging, shaving their heads, and often exiling them to work in the churches or hospitals of Huamanga. These leaders were in charge of the feasting and fasting associated with Taki Onqoy, and also utilized these opportunities to preach their message of revitalization. Taki Onqoy preachers would have been the major performers of the ritual dances—in order to gain respect, these preachers would have gone to dramatic lengths to outlast other performers, and maintain their fatigued trance for days. For the preachers, the performances took on multiple meanings: first, they were intended to draw people into participating in the movement. The dramatic and sensory experience of the performances would likely have impressed observers, and the preachers would have utilized the dancing to spread their message. In a more practical sense, the Taki Onqoy preachers utilized these performances to control portions of the population and increase their own personal wealth. Participants and observers would often bring gifts to the preachers, as these individuals had already proven themselves to have been cleansed by huaca possession. Thus, for these preachers, performing in Taki Onqoy dances served both a public and a private purpose: publicly, the preachers could spread the message of the huaca revival, and privately, these leaders were gaining wealth and prestige within the Taki Onqoy movement.

A second category of people associated with Taki Onqoy were known as accomplices and/or participators in the “mala seta apostasia” (Albornoz 1990:260). These individuals were

those who either were caught dancing or were complicit in hiding the movement from Spanish officials. Like the preachers, punishment included shaving of the head and flogging, as well as forced labor demands to help build the churches of the region. In some cases, those deemed participators were also mandated to meet with the Catholic priests three times a week in order to be instructed in Catholic doctrine. As participators in Taki Onqoy performances, these individuals likely were affected by the religious fervor, such that they were willing to bring gifts and tribute to the preachers leading these events. These individuals also could have used Taki Onqoy performances strategically in order to increase their own status within the movement. For those considered accomplices, or observers, the performances may have prompted an ambivalent response. By watching the performers but not participating, observers could plausibly argue both support for Taki Onqoy and support for Catholic doctrine—they may have employed very different public and private transcripts in order to navigate the shifting politics at this time.

A third and final category of people who were punished by Albornoz were the kurakas, who also took a variety of positions relative to the Taki Onqoy performances. As discussed briefly above, kurakas had the most to lose if Taki Onqoy ultimately failed—their tenuous alliances with Spanish officials were at risk. Most kurakas thus took a position of ambivalence toward the movement and the performances. Some were punished for being “complicit” or “concealers” while others were punished for outright practice and support of the movement. For these kurakas, dancing events may have been wrought with stress—concealing the movement would protect the individuals whom they supervised, but also jeopardized their standing vis-à-vis Spanish authorities. However, the reverse was also true—by reporting the performances, kurakas put their own people in danger of punishment, and also risked losing authority by not backing the popular uprising.

Thus, there was a diverse array of perspectives from different groups who would have either participated in, observed, or concealed Taki Onqoy dance performances. What purpose did these performances serve in general? Public spectacles and performances “tolerate a degree of internal resistance and indifference among the participants, while requiring their external consent...it grounds and displays a sense of community without overriding the autonomy of individuals” (Inomata and Coben 2006:16-17). By the lists and witness testimonies provided by Albornoz, it is clear that not all highland individuals were participating in Taki Onqoy. However, by defining the movement through fervent, multiday performances, takiongos brought people together to witness the spectacle. Publicly, the movement could have appeared as a united front—peoples’ external support could easily have masked their internal confusion, ambivalence, or indifference.

I suggest that in the 1560s in highland Peru, there were parallel performative religious practices which served opposing goals. For the Spanish, the forced conversion of Andean peoples and their subsequent participation in church sermons, teachings, and rituals, served to integrate Andeans into a formalized Catholic discourse. Practiced for centuries, these church rituals and performances were put forth by the state and Spanish religious authorities, and their explicit goal was to teach Catholicism to Andean converts. At a time when the Spanish lacked the physical capabilities to oppress new subjects, “one cannot overemphasize the importance of performance in establishing, affirming, manipulating, and maintaining power relations between elites and nonelites” (Inomata and Coben 2006:18). That is, the Spanish utilized religious performative ceremonies to create new, blended communities and reaffirm newly established power differentials in the sixteenth century. Since Andean and Inka peoples could not read or write in Spanish or Latin, music, songs, and public practices were often used to transmit these

religious teachings (Abercrombie 1998; Durston 2007; Estenssoro 2001, 2003, Gose 2008, see also Chapter 2).

While many Andeans undoubtedly publicly ascribed to these Catholic performances, Taki Onqoy was an opposing, yet parallel performance-based movement whose goal was to subvert the dominant Catholic ideologies. From 1558-1561, the Corregidor del Cuzco, Juan Polo de Ondegardo y Zarate, sought to destroy Cuzco huacas and mummies—during this time, he also outlawed “public and solemn drinking sessions” yet allowed drinking “within private houses” (Acosta, as quoted in Abercrombie 1998: 48). Abercrombie posits that this new law was derived from Spanish opinions of public drunkenness, and that it was associated with worshipping idols. This new policy subverted the previous dictum which allowed kurakas to manage their people however they desired: “priests and colonial officials permitted idolatries, drunkenness, and other sins in exchange for satisfaction of their economic interests” (Abercrombie 1998:216). In forbidding dancing and drinking in public spaces, Polo effectively removed the kuraka’s ability to watch over the activities of his kin, inadvertently encouraging private spaces such as households to be used for native traditional practices such as drinking and dancing, while Spanish spaces were delineated as being located in the public sphere.

Inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq and other highland sites in Soras and Lucanas were thus enmeshed with two competing performance-based religious ideologies. Local peoples were also ill-equipped to put forth a successful violent rebellion, so the Taki Onqoy movement served to subvert Catholic teachings and promote the past prehispanic huaca worship. Although Spanish authorities claimed that Taki Onqoy presented a somewhat united front which could afflict anyone at any time, these authorities were also assessing the movement as to its public performative aspects rather than the private beliefs of the takiongos. In reality, Andeans were

likely situationally moving between these two religious traditions—though they may have publicly participated both in a way which provided external consent and support, their private beliefs may have been laced with ambivalence and fear. At this time, Andean popular religion was transactional in nature: Andeans would provide gifts to different huacas or to the Catholic God in order to gain protection, good harvests, health, etc. They thus would have been unlikely to fully renounce a powerful deity which had demonstrated its dominance.

In this section, I have tried to elucidate the shifting practices, beliefs, behaviors, and transcripts which were overlapping and intertwining at Iglechiachayoq in the sixteenth century. Instead, I situate how Taki Onqoy could have been practiced simultaneously with Catholicism, and how ambivalent Andeans likely navigated these two extremes. Just as the ethnohistoric analysis must be nuanced, account for factions and internal conflict, and propose multiple interpretations of events, so too the archaeology must embrace this ambivalence. As Silliman continues, “the difficulty in recognizing Indigenous people in distinctly colonial settings of the past lies in the fact that artifacts and spaces in colonial worlds are fraught with ambiguity, alternate functions, and multiple users” (Silliman 2010:32). This perspective is even more complicated during Taki Onqoy, as the goal is to understand how Andeans actively navigated, participated in, and shaped both realms.

Do Taki Onqoy Practices Constitute a Novel Response to Spanish Presence?

In the final section of this chapter, I will address the problem of Taki Onqoy as a novel movement. Much of the secondary literature views Taki Onqoy as the creation of Spanish authorities, who could have invented the movement for their own benefit (Chapter 2). They suggest that Taki Onqoy practices were not distinctive, and that they merely consisted of the

same indigenous resistive practices which had been documented throughout Inka and Spanish conquest. The question thus becomes, was Taki Onqoy merely a continued set of Andean practices utilized in times of stress? Or was Taki Onqoy a unique movement, one which was created and practiced in direct response to Spanish religion and rule? To fully consider the possibilities, I turn the 1550s *Relación de los Agustinos de Huamachuco*. In the remainder of this section, I will clarify which aspects of the Taki Onqoy movement were novel and newly developed, which practices were explicit reinstitutions of general prehispanic Andean traditions, and which beliefs continued to influence future revitalization movements.

Taki Onqoy Practices as a Revival of Prehispanic pan-Andean Tradition

One of the earliest documentary sources regarding Andean religious practices during Catholic evangelization is the 1550-1560 *Relación de los Agustinos de Huamachuco*, written as a somewhat ethnographic study of Andean peoples in the Huamachuco region (Castro de Trelles 1992). Though brief, the *Relación* is critical for the research presented here because it details a suite of Andean religious responses to Catholicism *prior* to the generally-accepted time period assigned to Taki Onqoy (1560-1580). Though little is known about the author of this *Relación*, he seems to be one of the first twelve Augustinian priests who arrived in Peru in 1551 (Castro de Trelles 1992: XII). The author of the *Relación* is clearly frustrated with the idolatrous practices of the people in Huamachuco. He often complains that “yndios” who appeared to be “buen Cristiano” secretly worshipped the huacas (*Relación* 1551:10). For example, when describing the adoration of these huacas, he writes:

They had huge corrals with some of the walls built up very tall so that they could have their parties, and in the middle they put a stick and moved around it, and that which was to be sacrificed was placed beneath the stick dressed in white clothing,

and they killed a cuy and offered the blood...others killed sheep and threw the blood at the stick...in the walls there were many small shelves to save the relics that were left from the sheep or goat...and in these corrals they had huge parties and their sacrifices would last five days and they performed huge taquis and sang dressed in their best clothes...sometimes they did not eat aji nor salt and only drank chicha, and did not sleep with their women.⁴⁴ (*Relación* 1551: 12-14)

The Augustinian priest essentially is outlining a collection of Andean practices which are similar from pre-Spanish conquest throughout the evangelization period. Throughout the Late Intermediate Period and the Late Horizon, Andean groups often participated in rituals which involved fasting, heavy drinking, dancing, singing, and animal sacrifice. During the Taki Onqoy movement, these same actions are reported by Molina, who describes them in much the same way as does the Augustinian priest: “And to return to these times [pre-Spanish conquest], some days they didn't eat salt nor aji, nor did they sleep man with a woman, nor did they eat different colored corn” (Molina 2010: 96).⁴⁵ It is perhaps suspicious that Molina uses nearly the exact terminology to describe Taki Onqoy practices as the Augustinian priest—however, the practices being described made up many shared cultural tendencies commonly attributed to *lo andino*.⁴⁶

During the dancing events, afflicted Andean peoples ate nothing other than coca, and then drank heavily. The fasting and subsequent overconsumption are connected with the movement's ideals of purification—Taki Onqoy practitioners were attempting to rid themselves

⁴⁴ Translated from “Tenyan grandes corrales y estos tenyan por una parte la pared muy alta y tenyan dentro unos hoyos donde hincaban unos palos para hacer las fiestas, y en medio ponyan un palo y revolvianle con paja y atabanle, y el que avia de sacrificar subia encima del palo, vestido de unas vestiduras blancas, y matavan un coy y ofrecia la sangre...y otros matavan ovejas y echavan la sangre al palo...avia en las paredes munchas poyatillas para guardar las reliquias que de la oveja o carnero quedavan...y en estos corrales hazian grandes fiestas en sus sacrificios que duravan cinco días y hazian grandes taquis y cantos vestidos lo mejor que podían; hay grandes borracheras...el ayuno es que no a de comer agi ni sal, beber azua o chicha...no han de dormir sus mujeres.” (*Relación* 1550:12-14), translation mine.

⁴⁵ “Y que para bolver a ellos ayunasen algunos días no comiendo sal ni ají, ni durmiendo hombre con mugger, ni comiendo maíz de colores, ni comiendo cosas de Castilla, ni usando d'ellas en comer ni en vestir, ni entrar en las yglesias, ni reçar, ni acuda al llamamiento de los padres curas, ni llamarse nombre de Cristiano” (Molina 2010), translation mine.

⁴⁶ I am using this term here to refer to common practices which occur in geographically diverse areas at different times. I do not want to essentialize Andean groups, but I think recognizing the similarities in these practices is critical for Taki Onqoy studies.

of the sicknesses brought by the Spanish, and their bodily practices aligned with these ideals. However, as Gose argues, these consumption practices were a recycling of previous Andean traditions: Gose sites Guaman Poma and other sources as referring to Taki Onqoy as a disease, without directly linking it to the *movement* of Taki Onqoy (Gose 2008: 96). Similarly, Molina provides thorough descriptions of prehispanic calendrical rituals, many of whose practices resonated with Taki Onqoy. For example, when discussing the rituals in the month of July, Molina writes “The *tarpuntaes*, who are a group of people like priests, took care to fast from when they planted the maize until it erupted from the soil about a finger in height. And in this time they would not have sex with their wives. Likewise their wives and children would fast” (Molina 2010: 50, translation mine).⁴⁷ At times, Molina conflates Andean and Inka practices; however, since Inka conquest was founded on a shared cultural legibility with Andean groups, it is plausible that aspects of these rituals had been practiced by non-Inka Andeans in the preceding centuries. This notion of the cleansing of the homes and bodies of Andeans prepared them to symbolically renounce Spanish traditions in preparation for embodiment of huacas.

The embodiment of huacas in human hosts is similar to the Catholic tradition of oracular possession—the combination of fasting and extreme physical exertion would have created a trancelike status such that takiongos could have interpreted this trance as huaca possession. This practice of huaca possession was customary in prehispanic Andean groups, although several Taki Onqoy scholars have neglected to investigate this further. During seasonal rituals, Andean people would interact with their deceased (often mummified) ancestors. The ancestors could provide advice or consultation by speaking through living mediums (Gose 2008: 97). In the *Relación*,

⁴⁷ “Los *tarpuntaes*, que es una jente como sacerdotes, tenyan cuydado de ayunar desde que sembravan el maíz hasta que salía de la tierra como un deo en alto. Y en este tiempo no se juntavan con sus mugeres. Y asimismo ayunavan sus mugeres e hijos d’éstos” (Molina 2010)

this ancestor worship appears to continue. For example, the author argues that “these Indians had a powerful Inka captain called Condor who had been dead 43 years, and his son was the señor de Huamachuco, the Indians said at the time that they had destroyed and burned his body...this body they had hidden in some heaps of corn where they said the preservation was better—their clothes were well-preserved” (*Relación* 1550: 30).⁴⁸ During Taki Onqoy, these practices were somewhat transformed in that landscape huacas (as opposed to the ancestor cult) were thought to have become mobile, flown through the air, and inhabit various individuals. Like the common Andean practice of speaking with the deceased for advice, in the 1560s all huacas were possibilities for possession and subsequently, consultation. A second potential explanation for the new mobility and possession of huacas was that early Spanish extirpation attempts destroyed many of these landscape huacas, breaking them into numerous pieces which then became mobile.⁴⁹

In any case, oracular possession and speaking with the huacas both had precedents in the broader suite of pan-Andean practices. It is striking, then, that several secondary scholars neglected to trace this tradition’s lineage. By omitting the Andean roots of this practice, secondary authors could more easily argue that Taki Onqoy was a creation by Spanish authorities rather than a truly Andean movement. For example, in Millones’ 1990 influential work on Taki Onqoy, the contributor Rafael Varón discusses the Andean antecedents of Taki Onqoy, yet omits

⁴⁸ “Tenyan estos yndios un gran capitan del ynga que se llamava Condor con un hijo suyo el qual era senor de Guamachuco, que avia que murio quarenta y tres anos, digo al tiempo que se hallo y quemó su cuerpo. A esta mochaban los indios, adoraban y hazian grandes fiestas; a estos cuerpos o por mejor decir, a el demonyo en ellos hazian grandes sacrificios quemando coca, mais, y las otras cosas. Estos dos cuerpos los tenyan escondidos en unos montones de mayz que dizen que allí se conservaban mejor; tenyanlos bien compuestos de ropa y otras cosas...” (*Relación* 1550: 30), translation mine.

⁴⁹ Here, again see the *Relación of Huamachuco* because it has several passages regarding the destruction of huacas. The priests report that the Andeans would worship destroyed huacas, saying that the dust rose to the sky and stayed with their deities (*Relación*: 17; Arriaga 1620).

the theme of ocular possession (Varón and Albornoz 1990).⁵⁰ More significantly, in her denouncement of the existence of Taki Onqoy, Gabriela Ramos negates the practice of oracular possession prior to Spanish presence and instead suggests it is an “invention” of Catholic beliefs regarding demonic possession (Ramos 1992: 153-154). Ramos thus casts this practice as a new tradition brought by the Spaniards in order to bolster her argument that Taki Onqoy was a great creation and/or exaggeration by Spanish religious officials.

The foundations of Taki Onqoy, then, can be linked to prehispanic Andean ritual practices throughout Peru. Numerous documented rites and seasonal celebrations had observed the same fasting, cleaning, dancing, drinking, and singing popular during Taki Onqoy. Similarly, sacrifice of rams and cuyes and the use of red pigment to paint faces were also common traditions in Andean ritual. In building on these specific Andean ideas about ancestral authority, cleanliness, and performance, the Taki Onqoy movement was legible to Andean groups in its delimiting practices. However, in its response to Spanish religious conversion and conquest, Taki Onqoy was a specific sociopolitical movement designed to thwart this control. Despite all of the revitalized practices from the prehispanic period, the Taki Onqoy movement also preached dictates which would have been at odds with native beliefs. Specifically, the exclusionary nature of Taki Onqoy was in direct contradiction with the inclusive nature of Andean religion prior to Spanish arrival.

Taki Onqoy Messaging: Anti-Spanish but Shaped by Spanish Teachings

With the introduction of monotheistic, exclusionary religion at the cost of destruction of local huacas, Spanish Catholics thrust local religious practices into turmoil. Andeans interpreted

⁵⁰ Although he omits thorough discussion of ocular possession, his chapter and analysis are brilliant.

the destruction of their huacas as a *bodily sickness* (Brosseder 2014:75). This interpretation was not just a figurative one—Andean groups perceived the destruction of their ancestors and their landscape deities as the *cause* of the ailments in the second half of the sixteenth century. It was in this antagonistic milieu in which Taki Onqoy developed, and it is why Taki Onqoy’s central tenet was to worship those huacas who had been destroyed. In the Andean religious framework, individuals could worship both their traditional idols while simultaneously acknowledging the power of the Catholic god. *Yet, these Andean takiongos also must have been influenced by the very teachings of the Catholic Church in that* the most novel practice associated with Taki Onqoy was the rejection of all things Spanish. As Stern affirms, “the huacas and takiongos expressed the gnawing anxiety that natives who assumed Hispanic styles of religion, clothing, food, and custom were becoming enemies tied to colonialism and Christianity” (Stern 1993:59). Taki Onqoy preachers were insistent that those Andean peoples who had actively embraced “Hispanic” orientations were thus enemies of the native communities. In order to regain the alliances and trust of their fellow Andeans, those who practiced Catholicism had to renounce these beliefs and instead join the Taki Onqoy movement.

However, *disbelieving* in the Catholic god was not ideal for Andean individuals—this god had demonstrated his power in helping the Spaniards triumph over the Inka, and thus was a deity to be feared and admired. Taki Onqoy preachers creatively did not denounce the power of this god; instead, they affirmed the power, but preached that it did not apply to Andean peoples. While the Spanish god had given Spaniards their successes in Spain and in the New World, it was the huacas which supported the Andeans—Andean peoples had to recommit to worshipping the huacas, providing them with gifts and food, in order to win back their support which they had lost. Still, this notion of exclusionary religious practice was anathema to local Andeans—

avoiding the Catholic god would have been seen as risky to local peoples, especially since this god had clearly demonstrated his power. In practice, the rejection of the Spanish god and other Spanish traditions was not evenly supported, nor was it fully enacted by Taki Onqoy preachers themselves. As will be discussed in the next chapter, Taki Onqoy priests were known to shift to praying to benevolent saints when it seemed as though Spanish officials were going to be the ultimate new ruling body (Albornoz 1990).

While it was simple enough to preach the rejection of all Spanish-associated beliefs and objects, in practice it would have been difficult to control obtainment of these goods or hidden practices of Catholicism. Similarly, denouncing the Catholic god was risky for Andean peoples, who understood his strength and capabilities. Spanish authorities taught exclusionary notions of religious devotion—they expected Andeans to worship their god and no other deity. This very notion of exclusivity clearly influenced the on-the-ground messaging of Taki Onqoy. Taki Onqos easily could have promoted a nationalist movement and resurgence of huaca worship without also demanding rejection of Spanish culture. It is this concept of rejection that marks an incredibly novel concept in Andean religion, one that was specific to Taki Onqoy and would have an effect on revitalization movements to come.

Reframing considerations of Taki Onqoy: A Practice Theory Approach

In secondary literature, many authors take an either/or position on the practices indicative to Taki Onqoy—if these practices are deemed as “native” and “historical,” then the movement is considered a resurgence of native culture. However, this argument also allows scholars to argue that Taki Onqoy was not a “real threat” to the Spanish Crown because it represented the continuation of pan-Andean traditions rather than any new, novel movement. Conversely, other

scholars of Taki Onqoy suggest that the associated practices were new and heavily influenced by the Spanish—they use this data to claim that *Spanish* officials must have created the movement since so many of the practices mirrored Catholic practice. Both of these designations can lead scholars to the interpretations of Taki Onqoy that they themselves desire. Instead of trying to find the exact root or long duree history of each Taki Onqoy practice here, I have tried to delineate the entanglements and demonstrate which practices may have been influenced by Spanish authorities or Spanish religion.

In order to understand the performance of any typical practice in the past, scholars must not only investigate the final product, but also the structuring factors of said practice, and any ruptures in this structure which altered its realization. Event, structure, and conjuncture are useful in the study of colonial encounters because these dramatic occurrences force groups to use their own cultural frames of reference to interpret novel stimuli produced by the “other.” In reading and interpreting Taki Onqoy practices, and specifically whether they represent novel phenomena or continuations of the past, I suggest we use the concepts of structure, event, conjuncture, and “structure of conjuncture” to explain the long-term processes, short-term occurrences, and the relationship between the two (Beck Jr. et al. 2007; Ohnuki-Tierney 1990; Sahlin 1981, 1985, 2004; Sewell 2005; Whitehead 1995). Broadly speaking, cultural structures are those guiding principles which govern daily practices and interpretations of novel phenomena. Events are “that relatively rare subclass of happenings that significantly transforms structures” (Sewell 2005:100). In Sewell’s conception, structures are flexible, and are shaped by important events. In this scenario, events are attributed their own agency—they have the power to challenge the cultural constructs which govern human societies. In order for a historical event to become transformative, it must be a “ramified sequence of occurrences that is recognized as notable by

contemporaries, and that results in a durable transformation of structures” (Sewell 2005:228). In this case, the arrival of the Spanish in the New World and their rapid expansion into Peru was an indelible event which altered the previous prehispanic guiding cultural structures.

Marshall Sahlins’s theory of the “structure of conjuncture” can be applied to Sewell’s model in order to create a comprehensive theory which encapsulates structure, event, the combination of the two, and provides temporal guides for social change. Sahlins defines the structure of conjuncture as “the practical realization of the cultural categories in a specific historical context, as expressed in the interested action of the historic agents, including the microsociology of their interaction” (Sahlins 1985:xiv). Sahlins adds a specific situational context from which to interpret the juxtaposition of structures—his emphasis on “interaction” recognizes the clash of two schemas and the resulting, changed structure. The structure of conjuncture, then, would analyze the specific circumstances in which an event occurs and how this event changes basic frameworks in society. As Sewell elaborates, this “structure of the conjuncture” is reversible such that it may also be thought of as a “conjuncture of structures”: “what makes possible the peculiar dynamic that characterizes events is the conjoining in a given situation of structures that previously either had been entirely disjointed or had been connected only in substantially different ways” (Sewell 2005:221).

When the Spanish thrust Catholicism upon the people of the New World, indigenous groups would have understood this new religion from the perspective of their Andean worldview. The Spanish initially likely were seen as another imperialist group—albeit one without a shared cultural realm. Yet, the idea of the Catholic god and worshipping a novel deity were not new practices to Andean peoples. The event of the Spanish arrival, however, indelibly altered practices which were uniquely Andean—the practice of religious exclusion is the major

example of this alteration. Thus, I argue that rather than being untouched, cultural traditions dating to the prehispanic Andes, the unique practices indicative of Taki Onqoy were influenced by Spanish presence, teachings, and religious practices.

Discussion and Conclusion

In this chapter, I have tried to shift discussion of Taki Onqoy away from the ongoing debate in secondary sources—there is no utility in continuing to ask if Taki Onqoy did or did not exist or what its “true” motivations were. This debate has already been thoughtfully completed and is ultimately untenable from an archaeological perspective. Instead, through the application of theories of revitalization, performance, and practice theory, I have attempted to show how colonial power differentials, cultural forms, and active and passive forms of resistance interacted to shape the movement.

Taki Onqoy, like any other popular religion, would have been understood, implemented, performed, and resisted in different ways by individual Andean peoples. The movement exacerbated preexisting social tensions between kurakas and their subjects, Spanish and Andean groups, and Andean Catholics and Andean takiongos. Moreover, in a time of extreme stress and rapid cultural change, local individuals would have been primarily concerned with ensuring the survival of themselves and their kin. In the sixteenth century, these precautions likely were performed through participation in both huaca worship and Catholicism, as individuals would have used all of their “spiritual currency” to protect their families.

CHAPTER 4

HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF THE CHICHA-SORAS VALLEY

Introduction

The sociopolitical and geographic climate in which Taki Onqoy thrived was the culmination of over 3,000 years of prehispanic human habitation, abandonment, and resettlement. The Chicha-Soras Valley, the dividing frontier between the Departments of Apurímac and Huamanga, has been subject to human habitation since the Preceramic Period (?-1800 BCE), and was a key area in the Middle Horizon (~500-1000 CE) and Late Intermediate Period (~1000-1438 CE) for intensive agricultural production as evidenced by the extensive investment in terrace systems (Branch et al. 2006; Keeley and Meddens 1992; Kemp et al. 2006; Meddens 1985). As a desirable region for agricultural production and animal husbandry, the Chicha-Soras Valley experienced successive takeovers by both the Wari and the Inka. Yet, the valley is relatively isolated from the major cities of Cuzco and Ayacucho, and was historically a region which was difficult for Spanish authorities to reach—and by extension to control—prior to Toledo's resettlement program (Albornoz 1990; Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Today, the region remains politically isolated and encompasses some of the poorest communities in Peru. Archaeological research into the Chicha-Soras Valley (and more broadly Apurímac and Huamanga) reflects this isolation: in addition to the lack of road infrastructure and difficulties in merely traveling to the region, scholarly research stagnated in the last three decades during the rise and zenith of Maoist terrorism (Shining Path or Sendero Luminoso) and the government's response to this terrorism (Comisión de la verdad y reconciliación 2003). The people in

Huamanga and Apurímac are not *inherently* bellicose or rebellious, but the geographic and sociopolitical trends in the region have fostered a culture of governmental neglect and subsequent subversion of cultural norms.

This chapter discusses the geographic and cultural context of the landscape and people of the Chicha-Soras Valley. Through assessment of these foundational frameworks, I aim to create a background for understanding how and why Taki Onqoy was adopted in this region. In the first portion of the chapter, I outline the parameters for human settlement of the Chicha-Soras Valley, and specifically how these physiological features made the region desirable for multiple imperial projects. Next, I relate the archaeological background of study in the Chicha-Soras Valley, demonstrating how the region has been home to multiple settlements over an extended time scale. Specifically, I show how patterns of settlement and abandonment related to one another, and how the relative independence of the people in the Chicha-Soras Valley created an ideal sociopolitical atmosphere for the Taki Onqoy movement. Finally, since the Early Colonial Period is the critical time period for my study, I interweave different types of Spanish documentation (chronicles, ecclesiastical records, political visitas) to show what Spanish authorities knew about the people of the region, why Taki Onqoy thrived here, and why the first Extirpation Campaigns of the 1560s were levied in Huamanga and Apurímac.

Geography and Climate

The Chicha-Soras Valley defines the border between the departments of Ayacucho and Apurímac in the southern highlands of Peru (province of Sucre), and spans from 2,600 masl on the valley floor to 4,000 masl at the broad tableland surrounding the valley (Figure 4.1). The Chicha-Soras River flows down the valley, eventually joining the Rio Pampas, which finally

becomes a tributary of the Rio Apurímac. The rocks in the valley are volcanic in nature, consisting mainly of deposits of basalt or tuff (Keeley and Meddens 1992: 121). These deposits are very extensive, suggesting multiple lava flows which hardened over long periods of time, punctuated by shorter, more explosive events (Eastman 1980). Several of the basalt deposits are columnar in nature, indicating rapid flow and slow cooling, with volcanic activity in the region dating to between the Ordovician Age (488.3 – 443.7 million years ago) and Devonian Age (419.2 – 358.9 million years ago) (Mapa Geológico Del Peru 1975).

The Chicha-Soras Valley itself was formed over millions of years through the actions of volcanic activity, flowing water, frost, and erosion (Eastman 1980). These processes resulted in a broad, high, flat tableland or mesa punctuated by very steep valleys. The surface geology of the Chicha-Soras Valley is of volcanic origin, and geothermal activity continues today as evidenced by the hot springs near San Pedro de Larcay (Meddens and Schreiber 2010). As a result of these ancient formation processes, some 65% of the territory is made up of massive, flat pampas such as Sicuani Pampa, Qatunrumi Pampa, Soras Pampa, etc. (Mallco 2013). Conversely, 35% of the territory is made up of steeper slopes and quebradas, where the small pueblos of Chicha, Soras, Pampachiri, and San Pedro de Larcay are located (Mallco 2013, Figure 4.1).

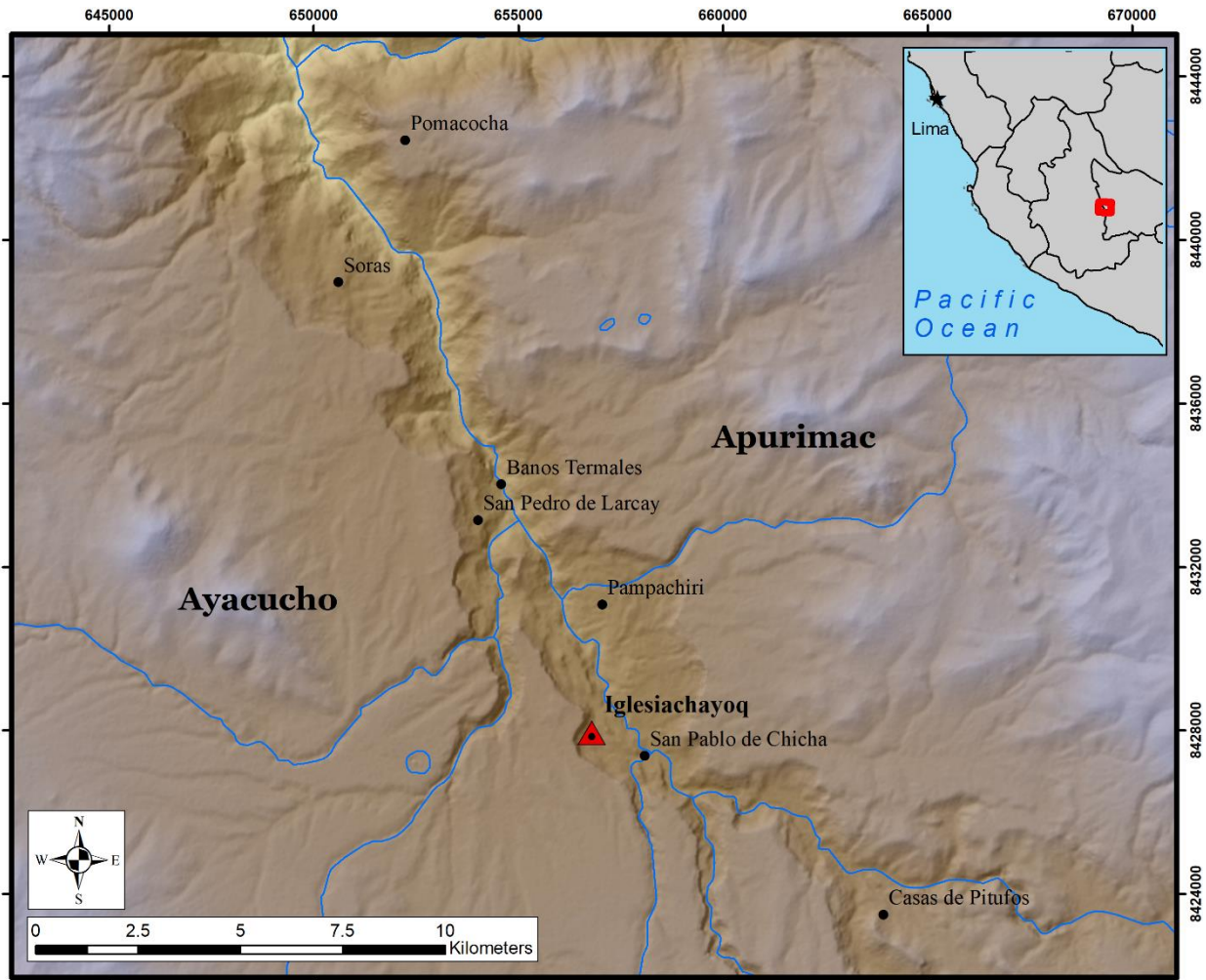


Figure 4.1. Location of Iglesiachayoq and the Chicha-Soras Valley between Ayacucho and Apurímac.

Periodic eruptions from the now-extinct volcanoes of Sotaya and Carhuarazo some four million years ago helped to shape parts of the upper valley (Mapa Geológico Del Peru, 1975). Sotaya's activity shaped Pampachiri's *Bosque de Piedras*, a very popular tourist location in the Chicha-Soras Valley (Figure 4.2). This *Bosque de Piedras* consists of numerous conical rock formations which range from six to eight meters in diameter, and some over ten meters in height (Mallco 2013). West of Sotaya and located on the upper tableland at an altitude of approximately 4600 masl, the extinct volcano Carahuarazo dominates the terrain and is considered to be an *apu*

by those who live in the region today (Figure 4.3). Carahuarazo is also the target of a proposed mining project which is currently underway in the Chicha-Soras region.



Figure 4.2. Bosque de Piedras. Source: Javier Vargas.



Figure 4.3. Carhuarazo. Source: Google Earth.

Like other locales in the western cordillera of the southern Peruvian Andes, the Chicha-Soras Valley has two major seasons, a season of high precipitation which runs roughly from November to April, and a dry season which runs from May to October. Average rainfall is around 70 mm per month during the rainy season, 3 mm per month during the dry season, and a total of 500 mm yearly average. This pattern of rainfall creates a climate system which allows for water to be provided through the natural environment, and evidence for manmade irrigation canals is scarce in the Chicha-Soras Valley (Kemp et al. 2006). The heaviest rainfall usually occurs in December, January, February, and March, and there is almost no accumulation of

rainfall between May and August.⁵¹ During this dry season, diurnal temperature fluctuations shift drastically, varying between negative degrees Celsius through temperatures as high as 18 or 20. These fluctuations can prompt frost, freezing, and snow, and thus can act as a challenge to agricultural production.

Like other regions in Peru, the Chicha-Soras Valley is concomitantly affected by the weather system known as the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) (Kemp et al. 2006). The ITCZ is the equatorial region where northern and southern tradewinds collide, capable of altering wet and dry seasons periodically. El Niño is an oceanic-atmospheric event which occurs roughly every 2-7 years in which eastern trade winds weaken, reducing surface water deflection and the upwelling of the cold water from the Humboldt Current (NOAA 2019). El Niño effects can cause both heavy rains and flooding, particularly on the north coast of Peru, while simultaneously resulting in a lack of rainfall in higher areas. Taken together, these two weather systems can alter the patterns of wet and dry seasons, creating an unreliable climate within the region (Engel et al. 2014). These weather systems have not been thoroughly studied in the Chicha-Soras Valley, though initial paleoecological studies of lakes and mire basins have begun to investigate the local effects in conjunction with human activities (Kemp et al. 2006).

Valley Divisions and Ecozones

The Chicha-Soras Valley can be divided into the upper, central, and lower sections (Figure 4.4). The upper valley begins in the Southeast near the modern town of Pampachiri and

⁵¹ Since there has been little to no intensive climate research in the Chicha-Soras Valley specifically, the values I use here are taken from Pampachiri at: <https://en.climate-data.org/south-america/peru/apurimac/pampachiri-876217/>

the *Bosque de Piedras*, and consists of the highest elevations. Here, the tableland is over 4000 masl in elevation and the valley floors are around 3600 masl. As one moves northeast into the Central Valley (broadly located between the sites of Taccarampa and Aukimarka), the altitude decreases, and the valley floor is close to 3000 masl. Finally, the lower valley is located to the northwest and is defined from the site of Aukimarka to the confluence of the Rio Chicha and the Rio Pampas. The lower valley has not been extensively studied archaeologically—the two research surveys completed in the region were bracketed by San Pedro de Larcay in the North, and Pampachiri in the South, so I will focus on the central and upper valleys in this chapter. Iglesiachayoq, the site of my excavations, is located in the upper valley.

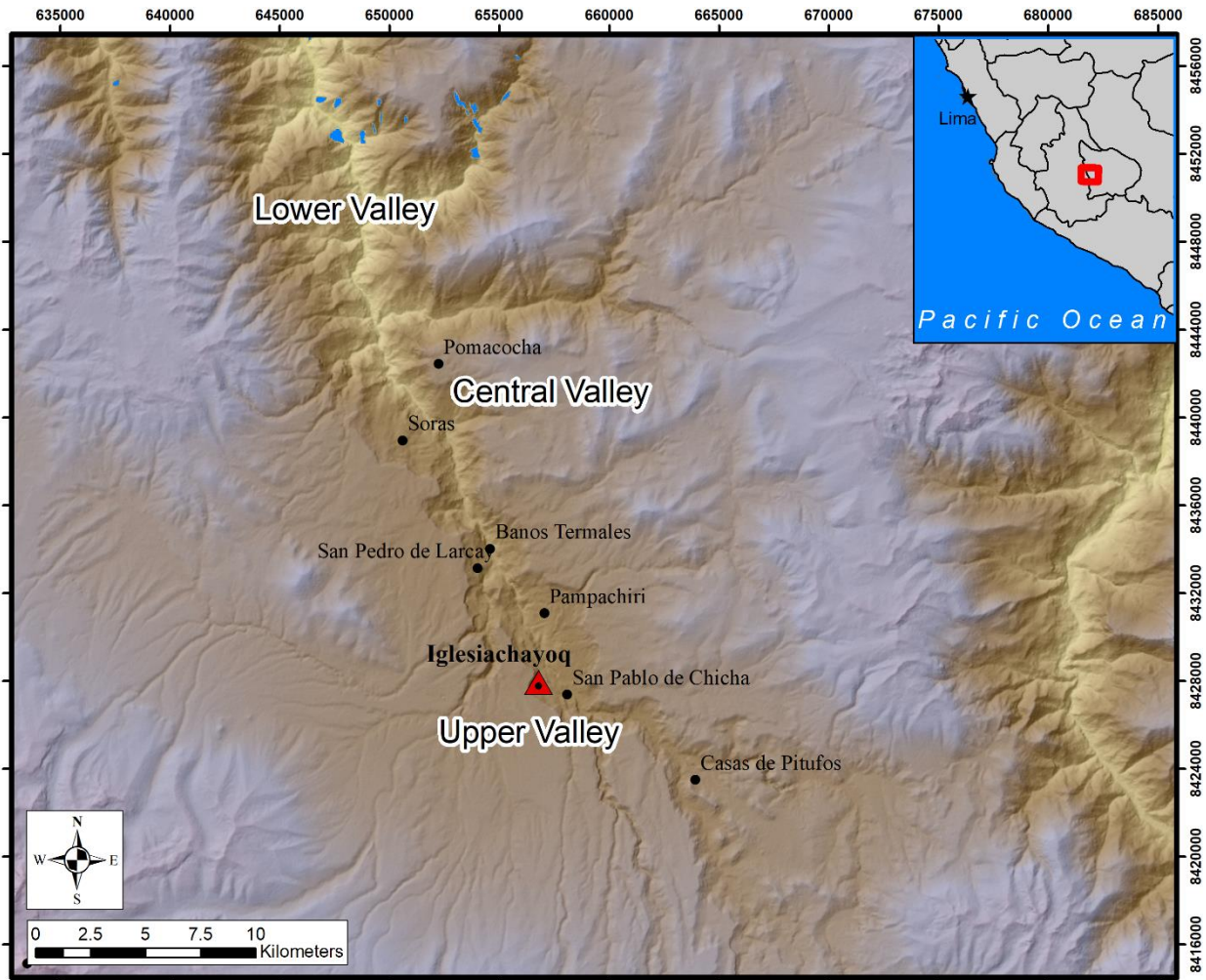


Figure 4.4. Location of the different zones of the Chicha-Soras Valley.

The upper valley consists of the high tableland *puna* zone (above 3800 masl), where the soil depths are very thin and cannot be used for agricultural activities. Instead, this flat tableland is used for animal husbandry, as the grasslands provide pasturage for llama (*Camelidae*), cow (*Bos taurus*), and sheep (*Ovis aries*) herds. The animals which are native to the region and zone include camelid, condors (*Vultur gryphus*), viscachas (*Lagidium visacia*), foxes (*Lycalopex culpaeus*), pumas (*Puma concolor*), and two types of deer (*Hippocamelus*) (Meddens 1985: 27). It is unknown when the Spanish brought cow, sheep, and goat (*Capra aegagrus hircus*) to the

region, but these animals thrive in the *puna* of the Chicha-Soras Valley (see Chapter 5 for more discussion).

The steep slopes of the upper valley below the *puna* are located within the *kichwa* zone (3300-3800 masl), which has a slightly warmer climate that allows cultivation of multiple crops. At the higher elevations of the *kichwa* (3400-3800 masl), people grow tubers (*Solanum tuberosum*) and ulloco (*Ullucus tuberosus*), while at the lower elevations of this zone, they grow predominately maize (*Zea mays*), tarwi (*Lupinus mutabilis*), and quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) (Branch et al. 2007: 7). Because of the steep grades of the slopes in the *kichwa* zone, the entire valley is heavily terraced—not all of these terraces were constructed for agriculture, others were used for leveling out areas for towns or other settlements (Keeley and Meddens 1991: 126).

Agricultural work begins when the rainy season ends, marked by an initial plowing, and agricultural fields are located on extensive terracing which lines the steep slopes of the valley. From June until August, the temperature is often below freezing at night, and the communities in the region begin to produce chuño, or freeze-dried potatoes (Mallco 2013). There is a second plowing which occurs in September or October. Minga labor, a form of group organization, is still utilized during planting and harvesting of major crops (Meddens 1985). Fields are utilized once every six years, and the cultivated fields are irrigated through natural water sources, rather than manmade canals (Keeley and Meddens 1992). Many of the residents of Chicha utilize the interior spaces of archaeological structures in order to cultivate their crops. While damaging to the archaeological remains, these sheltered areas give some protection to the vulnerable crops during the extremely cold and frosty nights.

Human Interventions in Agricultural Productivity

Since the broad tablelands of the Chicha-Soras Valley lack arable land and the *kichwa* zone is naturally steep, humans have constructed terraces throughout the valley slopes within every possible surface (Keeley and Meddens 1991: 126). The earliest phase of terracing is associated with the first part of the Middle Horizon (550-700 CE) at the site of Yako (Keeley and Meddens 1991; Meddens 1985). The northern part of the valley, which has steeper slopes and more dramatic topography, was heavily terraced during the Late Intermediate Period. Terrace systems can be difficult to date and require excavation, and to this end, Keeley and Meddens (1992), Kemp (2007), and Branch (2006) have all contributed soil studies in the Chicha-Soras Valley in the last twenty years. Most notably, excavations of these terrace systems demonstrate evidence of anthropogenic modification, or manmade soils—they contain bits of ceramic, bone, and charcoal, though pollen and other botanicals have not preserved (Keeley and Meddens 1991: 128). In all of the terraces, these manmade soils suggests the intentional use of matrices to promote water drainage. The pH levels of the soils indicate that they were not especially nutrient-rich. However, Keeley and Meddens suggest that “the amount of land under cultivation was more than could have been maintained and cultivated by the inhabitants of the place... This suggests that cultivators were brought in seasonally and that any surplus produced would have served a population outside the immediate valley” (1991: 128). That is, considering the amount of land terraced and the overall area of cultivation, the estimated yields would have been sufficient to either carry a surplus or to support pastoralists or villagers from nearby towns. Investigations into the terracing of the Chicha-Soras Valley notably found no evidence of manmade irrigation canals, suggesting that inhabitants of the Valley relied on rainfall for agricultural purposes (Branch et al 2007).

The geography and climate of the western cordillera of the Southern Andes, and more specifically, the dramatic steep slopes of the Chicha-Soras Valley, has historically created a number of challenges for human habitation. First, the broad areas of the tableland are the only naturally flat areas in the Chicha-Soras Valley, yet the shallow soil deposits and high elevations have prevented any intensive agricultural activities here. Second, though the *kichwa* zone contains the soils and elevation necessary for production, the steep slopes required intensive human intervention in order to be both inhabitable and arable. Third, although wet and dry seasons are generally distinct and reliable, periodic El Niño events can drastically shift wet and dry seasons, putting crops at risk. Finally, the rapid and extreme temperature deviations can lead to frost and snow, again putting crops at risk.

On the other hand, the Chicha-Soras Valley also had a number of factors which attracted inhabitants over the last three thousand years. First, the broad pampas on either side of the valley were an ideal location for animal herding and pastoralism, and has even been a theory behind the Wari takeover of the region (Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Second, the Chicha-Soras River which divides the valley was an important source of water and could have supplemented water supplies during unexpectedly dry months. Third, since many of the terraces were constructed during the Middle Horizon, they would have been a convenient existing feature for later groups, particularly in the extremely dry Late Intermediate Period (Bauer and Kellett 2010; Engel et al. 2014; Kellett 2010; Kellett et al. 2013; Kurin 2016). Stone is plentiful throughout the valley and used in all construction, and there are obsidian sources within a few days' walk from the Chicha-Soras Valley (Burger 2006, Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Finally, while freezing temperatures can be detrimental to crop production, they can also create an ideal atmosphere for freeze-drying goods such as chuño, which is common in the Chicha-Soras Valley today.

The geography and climate of the Chicha-Soras Valley thus presented a number of benefits and challenges to human settlement, and this geography was an ideal setting for Taki Onqoy performances. Those who practiced Taki Onqoy were accustomed to the seasons of heavy and light precipitation, and could have utilized existing agricultural systems to maintain the maize crops necessary for Taki Onqoy performances. However, the unpredictable shifts in seasonal rainfall caused by the ICTZ and ENSO could have been an instigating factor in the Taki Onqoy tenet that the huacas were angry with Andeans due to their neglect. Moreover, the valley's dramatic elevation changes and the lack of accessibility between the Chicha-Soras and other regions would have created an environment of relative independence from Spanish religious authorities, thus allowing prehispanic religious practices to flourish. Finally, the Chicha-Soras Valley provided an environment which fostered all of the materials commonly utilized in Taki Onqoy performances (see Chapter 2).

Prior Archaeological Research

This dissertation builds on previous archaeological research completed by scholars prior to and after Shining Path limited access to the region. The Chicha-Soras Valley, relatively inaccessible to governmental authorities in the sixteenth century, remains remote from any large city, and this isolation has been an additional factor in limiting the archaeological research in the region. Furthermore, the majority of archaeological inquiry in the region has been limited to survey—as a result, basic ceramic chronologies or knowledge of past daily life is still unknown. In 1978, Frank Meddens and Monica Barnes undertook the first scientific survey of part of the Chicha-Soras Valley, identifying the sites of Qasapampa, Llaku, Mullurmachay, Chicha Qasa, and Chumado (Mallco 2013). This survey was primarily designed to systematically explore and

map evidence of Wari expansion into the region. In 1980, Meddens and Barnes expanded on their early survey, excavating the archaeological sites of Chicha Qasa (located in Pampachiri, Apurímac) and Chiqna Jota (located in Larcay, Ayacucho), again with the intent of demonstrating the Wari influence in the region. In 1981, Barnes continued surveying the Chicha-Soras Valley, finding many sites with Wari ceramic (Mallco 2013). In 1982, Frank Meddens and his wife Beverly Meddens continued excavation at Chiqna Jota, confirming the presence of Wari at this site.

In 1984, the anthropologist Hector Espinoza, native of Larcay and field assistant to Frank Meddens, registered nearly 80% of the sites in Larcay (Mallco 2013; Espinoza Martinez 1984). In 1990, Frank Meddens returned to the region and excavated the cemetery of Charangochayoq, a known Wari burial cave. In 1999, Meddens returned to Chiqna Jota, finding Wari ceramic in several different styles. In 2009 and 2010, Rafael Mallco and Luis Angulo documented 28 sites with architecture, identifying several sites dating from the Middle Horizon to the Late Horizon (Mallco 2013). Sites recorded by either Meddens or Mallco and mentioned in this chapter are displayed in Figure 4.5. Since the majority of the research completed in the Chicha-Soras region was completed by either Frank Meddens or Monica Barnes, settlement pattern data and archaeological occupations in the region are taken only from a few sources, especially including Meddens' dissertation and subsequent publications.

Settlement of the Chicha-Soras Valley was punctuated by two imperial projects—the Wari and the Inka—between which the local ethnic group known as the Soras thrived during the Late Intermediate Period. In the time of Taki Onqoy, those who inhabited the region were still producing and utilizing local ceramics, and their masonry styles and forms also followed local traditions in the valley. The material signatures of Inka control are very sparse in the valley,

perhaps indicating that Taki Onqoy was levied and performed by indigenous actors of Soras ethnicity throughout the Chicha-Soras. In the subsequent sections, I discuss the habitation patterns in the Chicha-Soras Valley (as identified by Meddens, Barnes, Mallco, and Espinoza) to explore the archaeological and cultural-historical background of Taki Onqoy, as it was performed in this region.

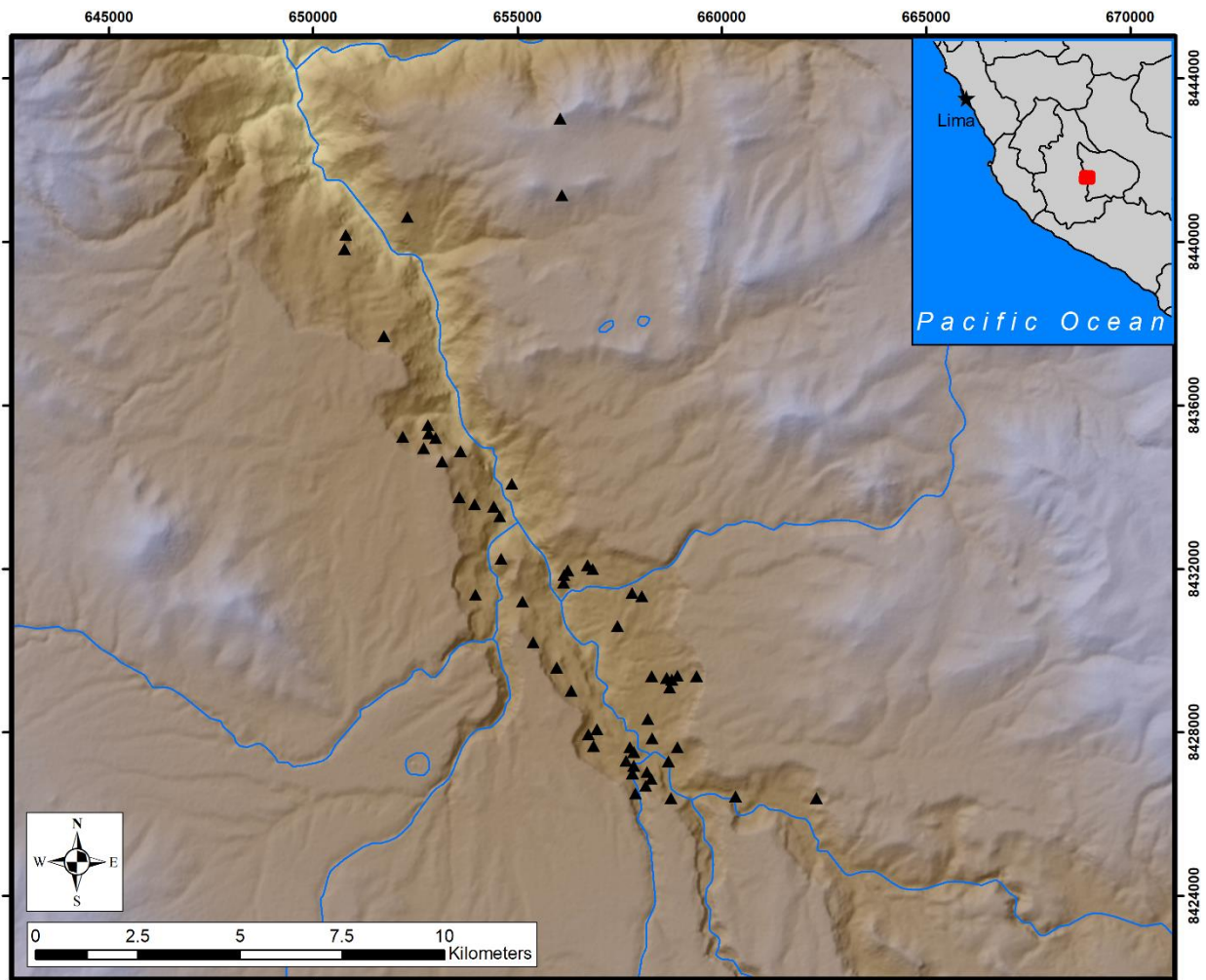


Figure 4.5. Map of all sites documented by Meddens and Mallco within the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=61.

Early Settlement: The Preceramic (?—1800 BCE), Initial (1400—1000 BCE), Early Horizon (~1000 BCE – 200 BCE), and Early Intermediate Periods (200 BCE – 550 CE)

Meddens documented a Preceramic occupation (?—1800 BCE) in the Chicha-Soras Valley at two sites primarily inhabited in later periods. At the Middle Horizon site of Chiqna Jota (Figure 4.6), Meddens studied a road cut where he found a floor covered with obsidian flakes and a high density of waste. Meddens categorized this occupation as Preceramic since the flakes showed evidence of human modification but there were no associated ceramic fragments. At the Late Horizon/Early Colonial site of Iglesiachayoq, Meddens documented basalt and andesite artifacts located about 1.5m down in a looter's pit; however in my own work at this site, we did not find any evidence of occupations predating the Late Horizon. While no *specific* Preceramic sites have been documented in the region, the presence of stone tools without ceramic artifacts indicate that the region was populated prior to 1800 BCE.

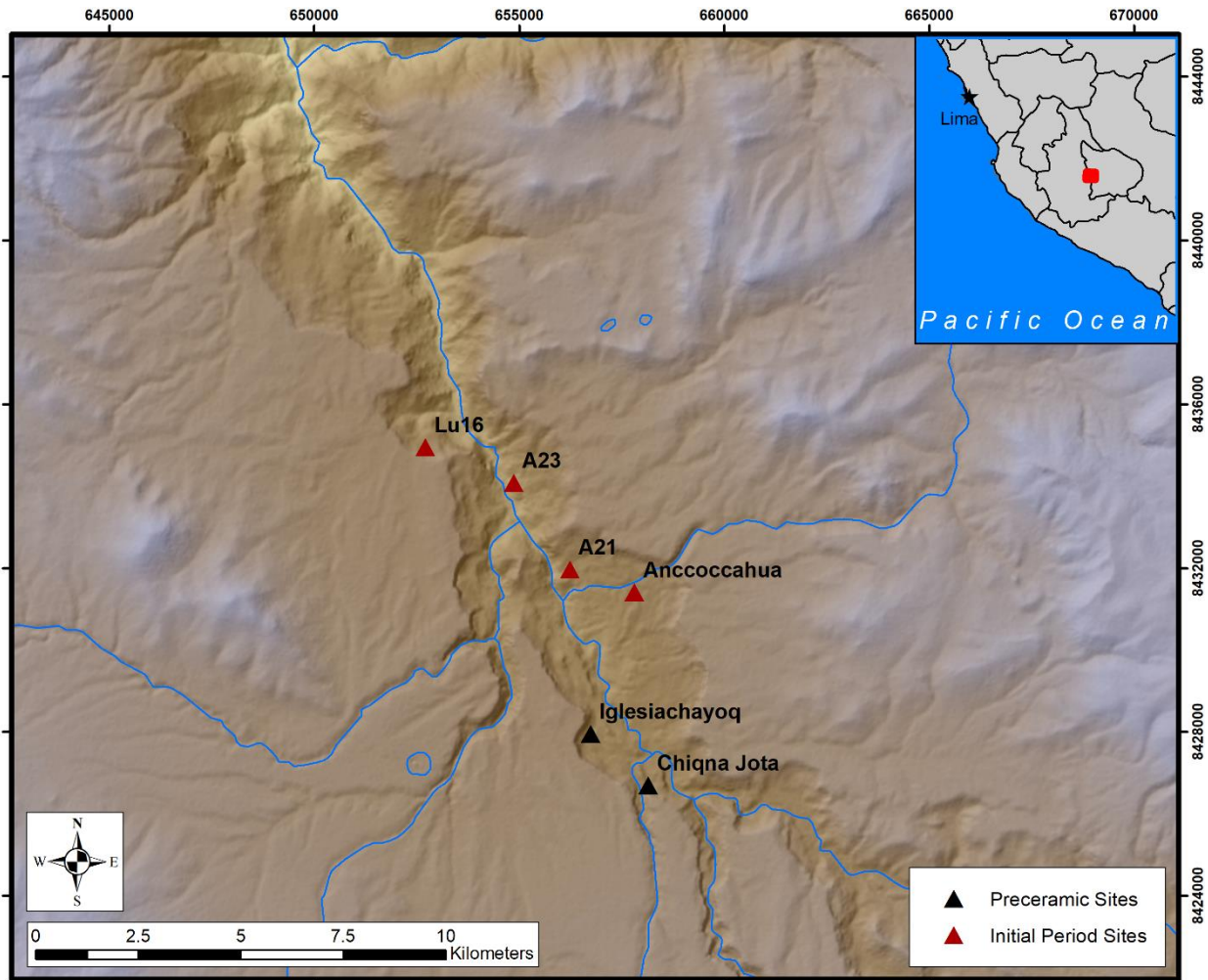


Figure 4.6. Preceramic and Initial Period sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=6.

The Initial Period (1400-1000 BCE) occupation in the Chicha-Soras Valley is manifested in four archaeological sites, dated through ceramic material (Figure 4.7). Since there have been no real targeted ceramic studies in the Chicha-Soras Valley, ceramic sequences are based on those in the Andahuaylas region. Thus, Initial Period sites were identified by the presence of Muyu Moqo ceramic pottery, as defined in Grossman’s publication on ceramic sequencing in the Andahuaylas region (Grossman 1972). The largest sample of this pottery, dating to the Muyu Moqo C-D phase (1400-1000 BCE) was found at site A 23, located on a hill east of the Soras

River. Here, stone tools and lithic debitage were recovered, although no structural remains are present at the site. Other evidence of Initial Period ceramic production was found at sites A 7 (Anccocchahua) and A 21, located east of the Chicha River. Meddens recovered only three Muyu Moqo C-D period sherds at Anccocchahua, with the majority of the site dating to the Late Intermediate Period (Meddens 1985). At site A 21, a single Muyu Moqo C-D sherd was recovered near a modern structure. Finally, site Lu 16, located west of the Soras River, contained a collection of Muyu Moqo C-D material, although like Anccocchahua, the majority of the site (including some 50 to 70 structures) dates to the Late Intermediate Period.

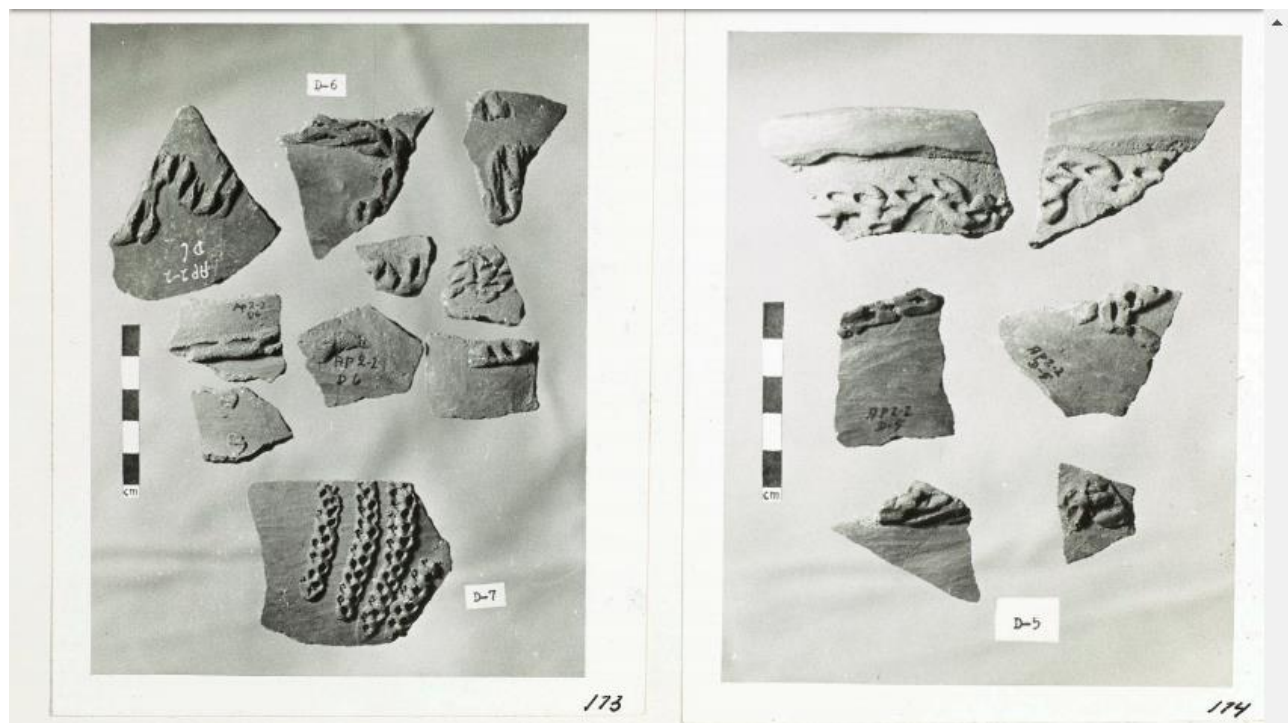


Figure 4.7. Examples of Muyu Moqo style Phase C-D pottery. Photos by Joel Grossman.

While the evidence for Initial Period occupation is sparse and dependent on a small number of ceramic sherds, the dispersion of these sherds across various parts of the valley suggests that people populated the region between 1400 and 1000 BCE. Unlike the Initial Period

ceremonial centers found in the Casma Valley (Sechin) or the Callejon de Huaylas, no evidence of these ceremonial centers have been found in the Chicha-Soras to date (Willey 1971).

However, the Muyu Moqo C-D phase ceramics share similarities with Initial Period Hacha ceramics on the south coast of Peru and have also been found at the site of Waywaka, located on a hill just south of the city center of Andahuaylas (Grossman 1972).

Like the lack of Initial Period sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, Meddens did not recover a single site dating to either the Early Horizon (~1000 BCE – 200 BCE) or the Early Intermediate Period (200 BCE – 550 CE). Meddens suggests that during this time, the valley was either uninhabited, or that its material signatures were so faint that they were imperceptible from surface survey (Meddens 1985:112). More broadly, the evidence for Early Horizon and Early Intermediate Period sites in the Department of Apurímac is scarce, also possibly caused by a lack of investigation in this region. Indeed, later work by Espinoza (1984 and 1995) and Meddens (1998) identified a ceramic style called “Chicha de color rojo” which contained lined painting and was burnished, similar to the Santa Rosa style in Pampachiri. This ceramic style dates to the Early Horizon and was found in the southern middens at Chiqnajota (Figure 4.8). Mallco affirms that these fragments are similar to the South Coast Paracas style, and were found associated with obsidian points, thus suggesting presence of an Early Horizon occupation (Mallco 2013: 253).

While initial research in the 1980s did not produce evidence of Early Intermediate occupation, Mallco’s 2010 survey produced evidence of Huarpa-style ceramic in the valley of Chicha-Soras, at the site of Tororayoq-Huahuerqa, which are cream-colored vessels with red or black designs (Figure 4.8, Mallco 2013: 255). Mallco argues that these groups arrived in the Chicha-Soras Valley from northern Peru. The site is designated by circular structures near agricultural fields, but they are not well-preserved and they are difficult to see. While more

recent findings have been described by Meddens' 1998 article and Mallico's 2010 survey, there is still very sparse evidence for a strong Early Horizon or Early Intermediate Period Occupation in the Chicha-Soras. Given the continuous occupation of the Chicha-Soras Valley from the Middle Horizon onward, the lack of Early Horizon and Early Intermediate Period sites seems odd (a time period of 1500 years), and could have been a product of survey strategy rather than a gap in habitation at that time.

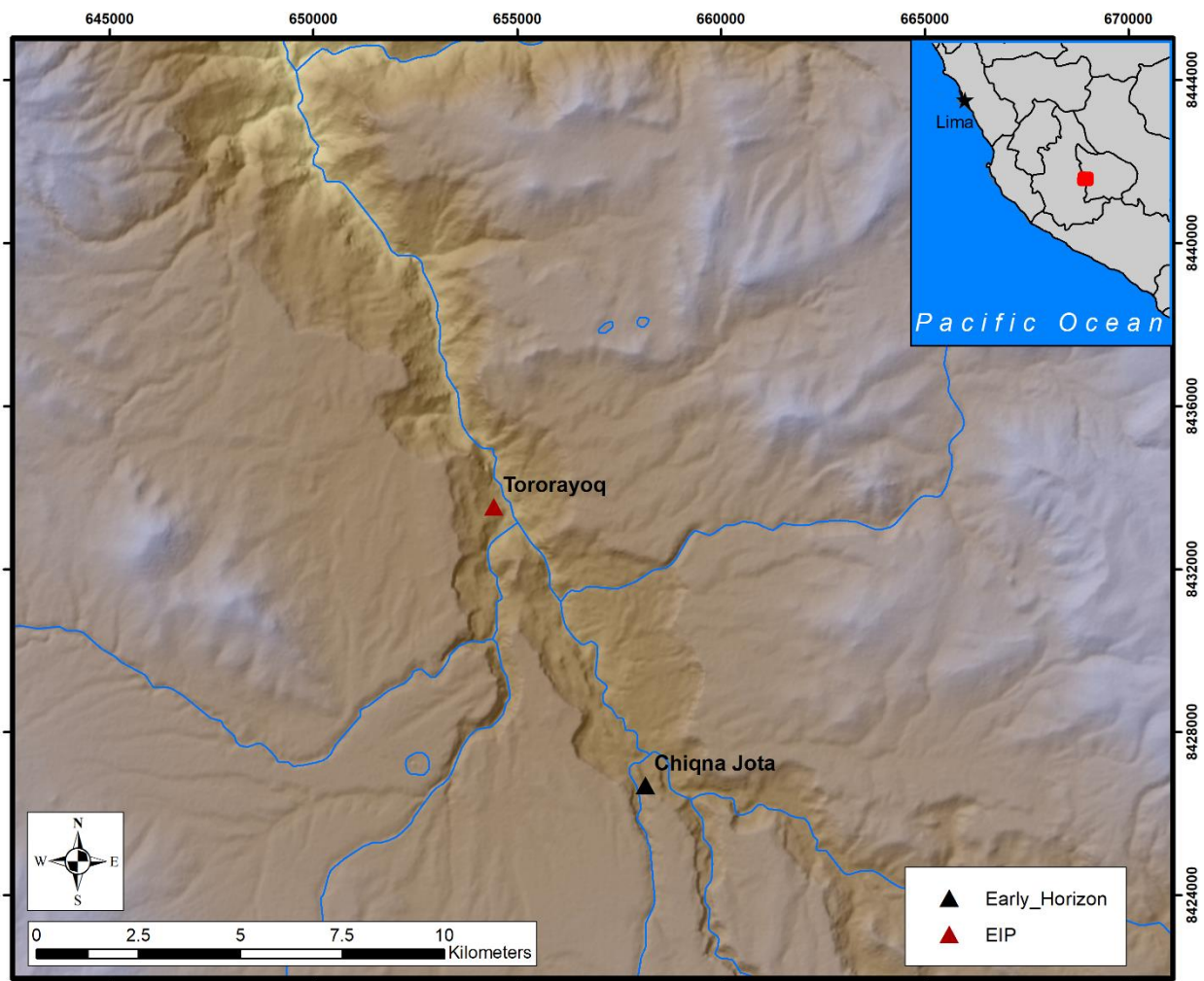


Figure 4.8. Early Horizon and Early Intermediate Period sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=2.

The Flourishing Middle Horizon (550 CE - 1000 CE)

In the Middle Horizon (550 – 1000 CE), sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley flourished and demonstrate a pattern of intense settlement by the Wari. Centered on their primary settlement at Huari in Ayacucho, the Wari are widely considered to be the first state in the Andes (Jennings 2011, Isbell 1991; Meddens 1985; Menzel 1968; Schreiber 1992). The Wari streamlined religious traditions to form a cult which emphasized sacrifice and ancestor worship (Cook 2001; Tung 2008). As the city of Huari rapidly grew (with its height at 700 CE), the subsistence needs of the Wari expanded, and the Wari transformed the surrounding valleys through canals, terraces, and storage systems (Jennings 2011; Isbell 1977). Though the Chicha-Soras Valley is approximately 150km southeast of Huari, research in the region has confirmed that the Wari expanded into this valley in order to supplement their economic intensification (Meddens 1991; Meddens and Schreiber 2010).

Meddens's work in the Chicha-Soras Valley was initially focused on identifying and studying Middle Horizon sites, so scholarly knowledge of this time period is much more thorough than of earlier or later periods. Meddens divides the Middle Horizon into four epochs: the Epoch 1 was from 550-750 CE, Epoch 2 was from 750-900 CE, and Epochs 3-4 were from 900-1000 CE. I utilize Meddens's chronology here in my discussion of Middle Horizon sites. In general, during the first Epoch of the Middle Horizon, Wari architecture consists of a broadening of administrative facilities and structures made up of large, rectangular compounds which are divided by avenues (Meddens 1985:67). The settlement pattern for the early part of the Middle Horizon in the Chicha-Soras Valley marks an increase in sites which are generally larger and contain more structures than earlier occupations.

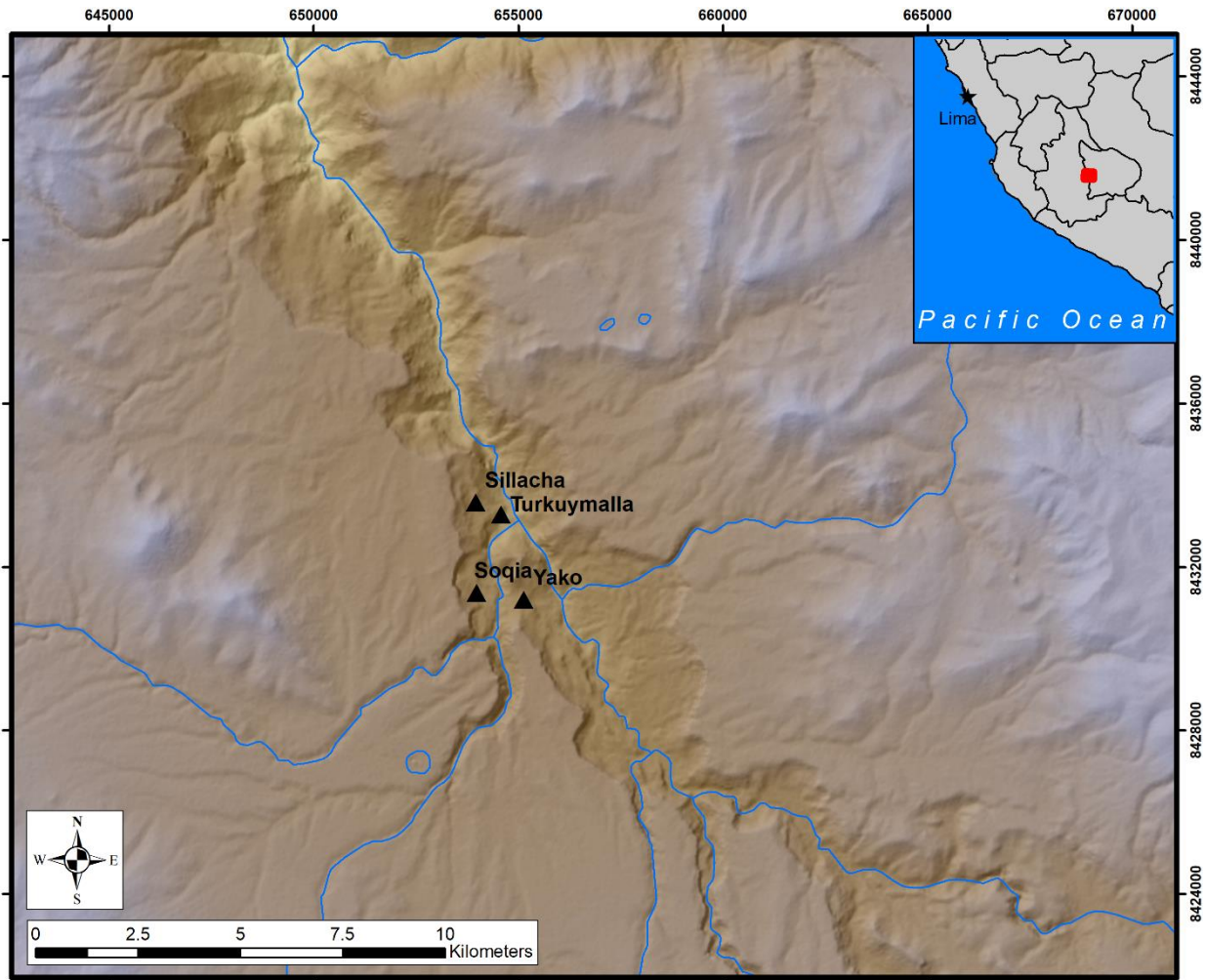


Figure 4.9. Middle Horizon Epoch 1 Sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=4.

One of the earliest Middle Horizon sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley is named Sillacha, and was identified by Mallco in his 2010 survey of the region (Figure 4.9, Mallco 2013: 255). Sillacha is two hectares in size and is made up of platforms and Wari-style ceramics. These fragments consist of bowls, plates, and cups of the styles Ocos, Viñaque, and Huamanga (Mallco 2013: 239). Mallco attests that this site was used as a habitation area where people practiced various activities including religious ceremonies, as evidenced by ceramic smashes which appear to have been intentional. The second Middle Horizon site is called Yako (Llaku),

and is also indicative of the first phase of the Middle Horizon in the valley. While only 0.65 hectares in size, there are remains of three structures on the surface (including a typical Wari D-shaped structure (Mallco 2013: 255), with an average diameter of 7-8.5m. The structures contain niches and have evidence of smooth mud plaster on the interior walls (Meddens 1985: 114). Yako is heavily terraced, although there are no associated irrigation canals, thus suggesting that rainfall or run-off from the high altiplano was the major water supply for this particular site. Meddens sampled these terraces in three different units, finding that “soil had been brought in and dressed, drainage taken into account, and rubble layers constructed to facilitate it...containing exclusively Middle Horizon Epoch 1 pottery” (Meddens 1985: 166; Keeley and Meddens 1992). Meddens also excavated a 2 x 4m unit in one of the structures, finding an offering of pottery vessels and comingled skeletal remains of at least six people, although the context of these remains is tenuous because they were clearly redeposited. Mallco identifies two other sites, Turkuymalla and Soqia, as dating to the first Epoch of the Middle Horizon. Turkuymalla contains two sectors, one which consists of poorly preserved residential structures, and the other which is made up of collective tombs deposited beneath large stone blocks. Similarly, Soqia is another collective tomb—Mallco’s survey and preliminary analysis confirmed both male and female individuals of all ages, and some with evidence of cranial deformation (Mallco 2013: 238).

Meddens posits that the central motivation for incorporating the Chicha-Soras Valley into the Wari Empire was for the Wari to obtain access to ideal environments for camelid herding and by extension textile production (Meddens 1985: 126). The agriculture and terracing would have provided camelid herders food and produce, and thus the region was ripe for herding and food production. In addition, Wari groups also clearly utilized the extensive caves and crevasses in the

rocky terrain in order to collectively inter their dead—in this way, the landscape was more than just useful for sustenance purposes, but also was able to produce and reproduce meaningful ideological spaces for the Wari.

In the Middle Horizon Epoch 2, the Wari state and its infrastructure fully developed, with Wari influence spreading on the south coast. Simultaneously, the central coast site of Pachacamac gained importance (Meddens 1985: 75). The number of Wari administrative centers also increases—in the southern highlands, Pikillacta was constructed, and was likely a garrison or a residence for Wari administrators (McEwan 1984). At the time of Meddens' completed dissertation, some 22 Middle Horizon Wari sites had been identified in the Ayacucho Valley, including seven which were characterized by rectangular enclosure compounds. Meddens and Lumbreras speculate that the motivations behind the Wari expansion may have been in order to have access to wool and cotton in order to craft specialized cloth and textiles (Lumbreras 2000; Meddens 1985).

In the Middle Horizon Epoch 2 in the Chicha-Soras Valley, Meddens documented eight sites including Lu 13, A 16, Lu 6, A 22, Lu 10, Tincoq, Charrangochayoq, and Chiqna Jota, and Mallco added the funerary site of Sullumachay (Figure 4.10).⁵² Out of these, Meddens investigates only Chiqna Jota and Charrangochayoq because the other five were very disturbed. Chiqna Jota covers nine hectares, but Meddens hypothesizes that including surrounding areas, the site may have ranged up to sixteen hectares. Meddens identified 200 structures on the surface, which date from the Middle Horizon Epoch 2 through the Late Horizon (Meddens 1985: 129). Chiqna Jota is located where the Chicha and Pachachaca rivers merge, and is very near the

⁵² Meddens also documents a site called Tincoq which is outside of the Chicha-Soras Valley proper, yet contains 70 circular structures. Mallco identifies a site called Sullumachay which also dates to MH 2. While I will not discuss either of these sites directly in the text, they are included in the map.

present-day town of Chicha, where I completed my fieldwork. Chiqna Jota is also heavily terraced, and ceramic evidence affirms that the majority of pottery at the site is of a later Middle Horizon date, therefore confirming that the site was occupied throughout the duration of the Middle Horizon (Meddens 1985: 131). Meddens argues that parts of the site appear to have been an original planned concept, arranged around three sunken plazas (Meddens 1994: 127, Figure 4.11). While part of the site was constructed in the Middle Horizon Epoch 2, the florescence of the site was in the Late Intermediate Period, during which raised pathways were constructed in order to separate the site into different sectors.

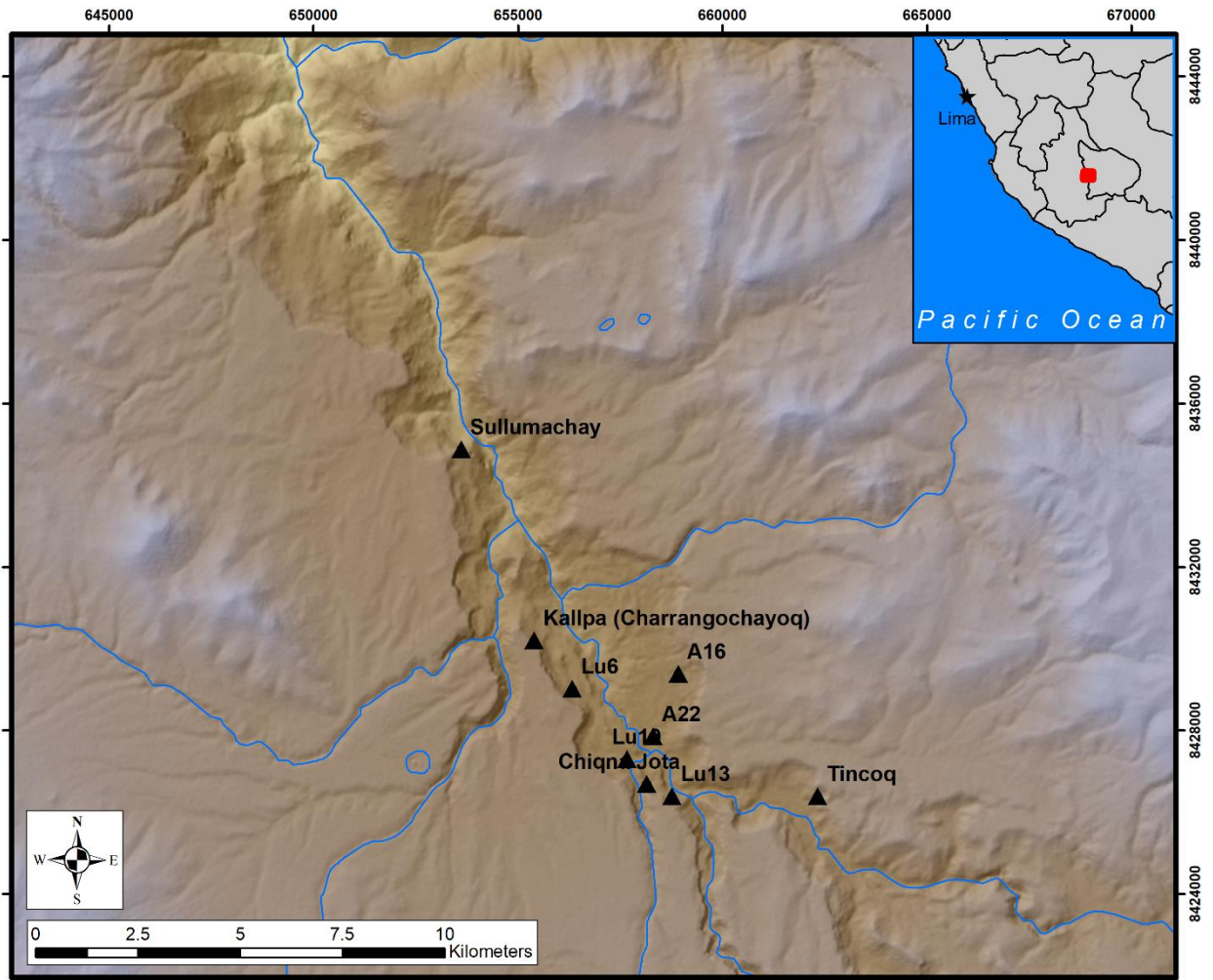


Figure 4.10. Middle Horizon Epoch 2 Sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=9.

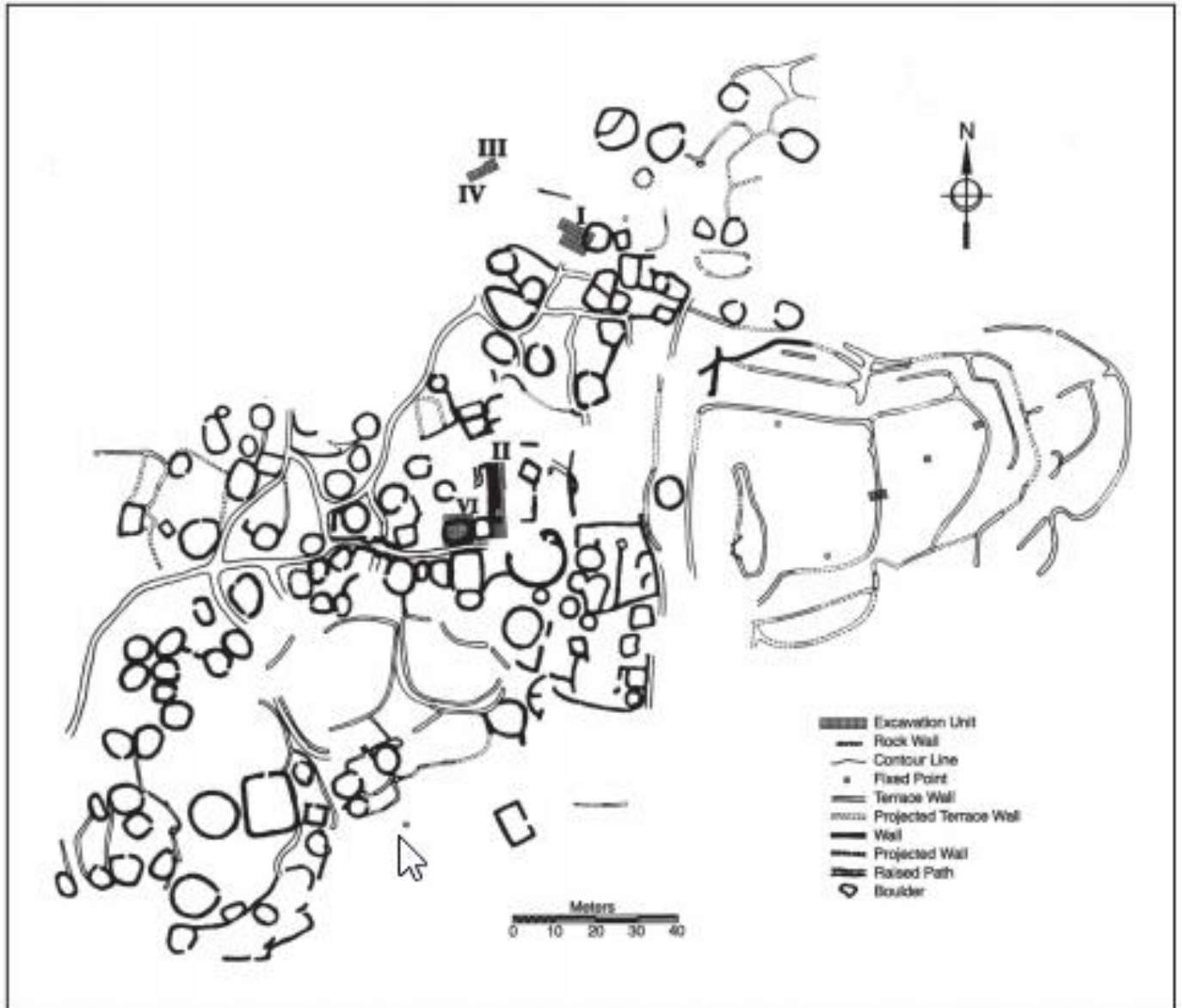


Figure 4.11. Plan map of Chiqna Jota. Map by Meddens (2010).

One other very important Wari site which dates to the Middle Horizon Epoch 2 is a burial site called Charrangochayoq (Kallpa). Charrangochayoq is a mortuary site located in a high altitude cave, approximately 3,400 m in elevation, in the bluffs of the upper regions of the valley. Charrangochayoq is a structure built of dressed fieldstone walls and topped with mud mortar, constructed within a small cave. The site primarily functioned as a burial location for Wari

groups in the Middle Horizon Epoch 2, with several small chambers and evidence of human bone covering the surface (Figure 4.12 and 4.13). There are two separate cave chambers—one of the caves is made up of circular chullpas distributed throughout the interior, which are also in a poor state of conservation (Mallco 2013: 231), while the other cave is filled with the mud mortar structures, some reaching three levels. In his 2010 survey, Mallco registered the remains of at least 64 individuals in the first cave, the majority comprised of male adults, with less of the sample made up of women and children. These human remains were found disarticulated and comingled. In the second cave, Mallco registered some 234 separate individuals, and hypothesizes that in total, Charrangochayoq could have had up to 500 separate individuals interred during the Middle Horizon (Mallco 2013: 233).



Figure 4.12. Outside facade of Charrangochayoq (Photo from Kurin 2016).



Figure 4.13. Human remains on the surface at Charrangochayoq (Photo from Mallco 2013).

During the Middle Horizon Epoch 2, Wari groups heavily settled in the Chicha-Soras Valley, as demonstrated by an increase in number of sites, and a general increase in the terracing of the valley, suggesting more investment in agriculture. Meddens suggests that the architecture of Wari sites in the Chicha-Soras would not be considered “typical Wari” for the highlands, as rectangular enclosures are largely absent and the use of circular structures continues, likely a vestige of local traditions in the region (Meddens 1985: 150). Beyond Chiqnajota and Charrangochayoq, other evidence of Middle Horizon Epoch 2 sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley were in a state of very poor preservation, and thus were not mapped nor studied by the Meddens survey (Meddens 1985: 145).

At the end of the Middle Horizon Epoch 2, the Wari state began to collapse, and areas which had once been under Wari control regained their independence, resulting in ceramic styles becoming more localized and regional. The site of Huari is abandoned at the end of this period (Menzel 1968), and overarching influence wanes. In the Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4, there has been less focus on archaeological projects in the highlands, but coastal Wari settlements which had been powerful in Middle Horizon Epoch 2 continue to decline. In the Chicha-Soras Valley, Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4 will be treated as one continuous period, because Meddens was unable to distinguish between the two types of assemblages and sites (Meddens 1985: 85).

Meddens recorded ten sites for the Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4 in the Chicha-Soras Valley (as compared to eight in the Middle Horizon Epoch 2), six having associated structural remains, and Mallco identified Obrajeria, Sullumachay, Marcalo, and Tororayoq for a grand total of fourteen sites (Figure 4.14).⁵³ Chiqnajota and Charrangochayoq are continuously occupied or utilized throughout these two periods, while new sites including Chumayoq and Chichaqasa appear, each having about 70 structures (Meddens 1985: 164). Located on the east bank of the Chicha River near Pampachiri, Chumayoq contains some 70 circular structures, situated in groups of 2-4 around open areas. However, none of the buildings appear to have been utilized for administrative functions, and the site seems to have been largely residential. Chichaqasa is southeast of the Chicha River, and was occupied from the Middle Horizon Epochs 3-4 throughout the Late Horizon. The structures at Chichaqasa are circular, rectangular, and rectangular with rounded corners, much like the variety of structures at Iglesiachayoq. In

⁵³ These sites include: Chiqna Jota, Charrangochayoq, Tincoq, Chumayoq, Chicha Qasa, A 14, A 12, A 13, A 18, A 5 (Meddens 1985: 91).

Meddens' excavations at Chichaqasa, he recovered pottery dating from Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4 into the Late Horizon. Furthermore, like other sites in the valley, Chichaqasa is heavily terraced, and it appears that some of the terraces were constructed during the Middle Horizon while others dated to the Late Horizon (Meddens 1985:169). There is a large boulder at the site, which may have been worshipped as a huaca—this idea is supported by the large amounts of drinking vessels dumped at the site (Meddens 1985:171).

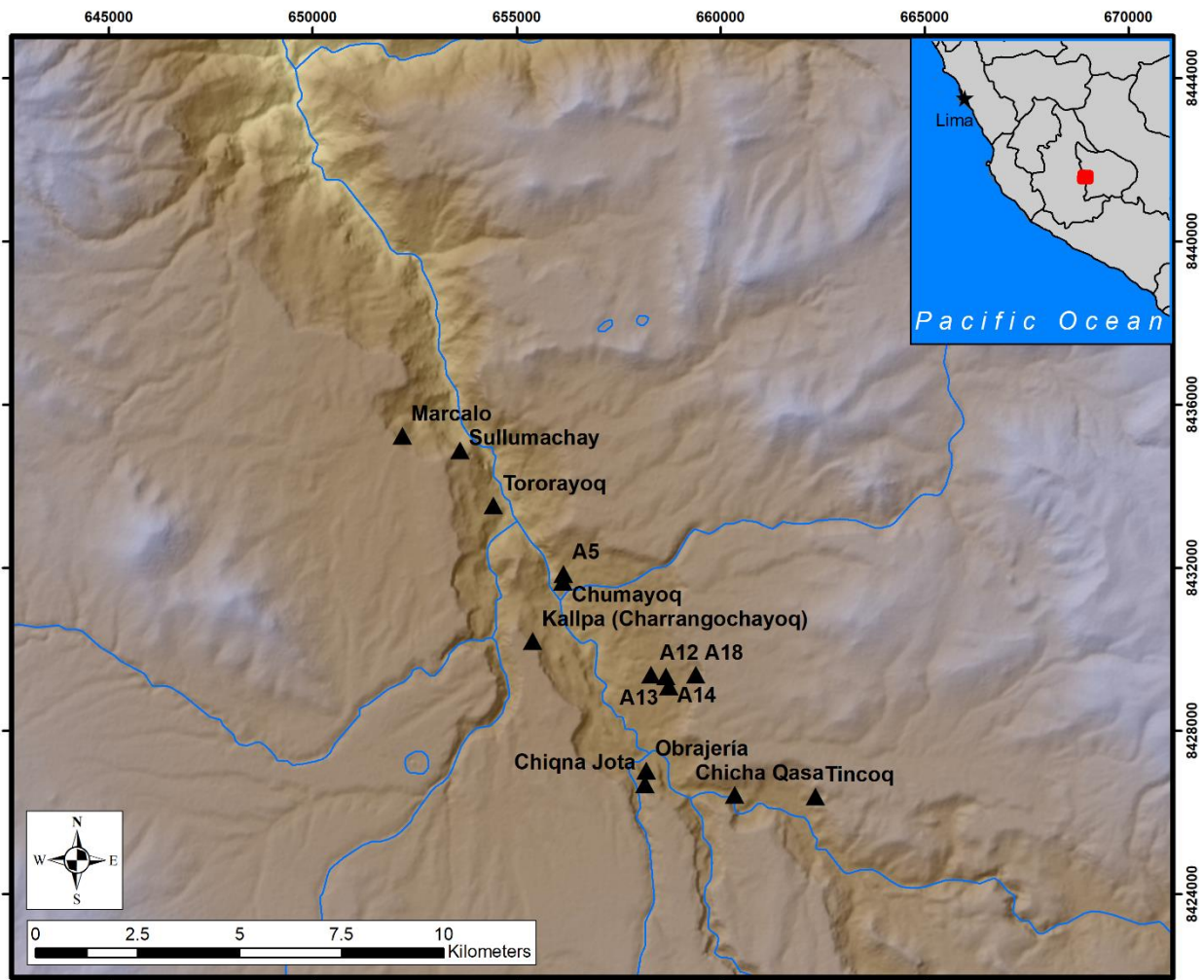


Figure 4.14. Middle Horizon Epochs 3-4 Sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=14.

In general, the Middle Horizon in the Chicha-Soras Valley was demarcated by a rise in Wari habitation, peaking during Epoch 2, and a decline in Epochs 3 and 4. During Epochs 1 and 2, the Wari heavily terraced portions of the valley, possibly to sustain their growing population in neighboring Ayacucho. These terraces would be continually revamped and reutilized in the following two chronological periods, and perhaps were responsible for the reinhabitation of the valley during the Late Horizon. There is evidence for both Wari religious and administrative settlements in the Chicha-Soras Valley, designated through D-shaped structures and sweeping sites which housed many residential structures as well (Cook 2001).

Late Intermediate Period (1000 CE - 1400 CE)

Well-documented across the Andes, the Late Intermediate Period was characterized by political turbulence and de-unification, along with the rise of small, local groups which often warred with one another, but also could align as allies (Arkush 2011). While other regions demonstrate a downfall in populated centers in the Late Intermediate Period, the Chicha-Soras Valley actually shows evidence of continuous development and occupational settlement from the Middle Horizon Epoch 1 until the end of the Late Intermediate Period. In the Chicha-Soras Valley, the Late Intermediate Period was dominated by the Soras ethnic group, which had principal regional centers at Chiqnajota, Qasamarka, and Taccarampa, with smaller settlements at Chichaqasa, Puka Orqo, Yako, Onqa, Raqayniyuq, and Karpani (Mallco 2013: 255). Many of these sites will be discussed in more detail in the next section, as the sites are continuously occupied throughout the Late Horizon and some take on more importance during this period. In general, Late Intermediate Period Soras sites are characterized by circular domestic residences distributed without planning or layout (Mallco 2013).

Meddens divides the Late Intermediate Period into two phases in the Chicha-Soras Valley, the first of which is characterized by the Chicha style of pottery (influenced by Wari styles), and the second in which the Soras style of pottery replaces the Chicha style. The Soras style is characterized by smudged yellow brown wares, most of it lacking decoration. Meddens and Mallco both document an increase in the number of archaeological settlements during the Late Intermediate Period 1, rising to 25 after the 14 collectively documented in the Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4 (Figure 4.15, Meddens 1985: 226).⁵⁴ In the Late Intermediate Period 2, Meddens and Mallco document another increase in number of sites, from 25 to 30 (Figure 4.16).⁵⁵

⁵⁴ For LIP 1, Meddens names Chiqna Jota, Charrangochayoq, Chicha Qasa, Chumayoq, A 14, A 13, A 5, A 8, Taccarampa, Lu 7/Lu 8, A 15, A 1, Lu 19, and A 31 while Mallco identifies Obrajeria, Puka Orqo, Raqayniyoq, Onqa, Pachachaka, Potongo, Sullumachay, Karpani, Laymi Qocha, Pulluhuay, and Marcalo.

⁵⁵ For LIP 2, Meddens names Chiqna Jota, Charrangochayoq, Qasamarca, Laymi Qocha, Chicha Qasa, Anccocahua, Lu 16, A 8, Taccarampa, Lu 7-8, Lu 19, A 31, Auquimarca, A 20, A 2, Lu 9, A 33, A 34, A 35, Puyka, and Lu 15 while Mallco identifies Puka Orqo, Raqayniyoq, Onqa, Pachachaka, Ptongo, Sullumachay, Karpani, Pulluhuay, and Marcalo.

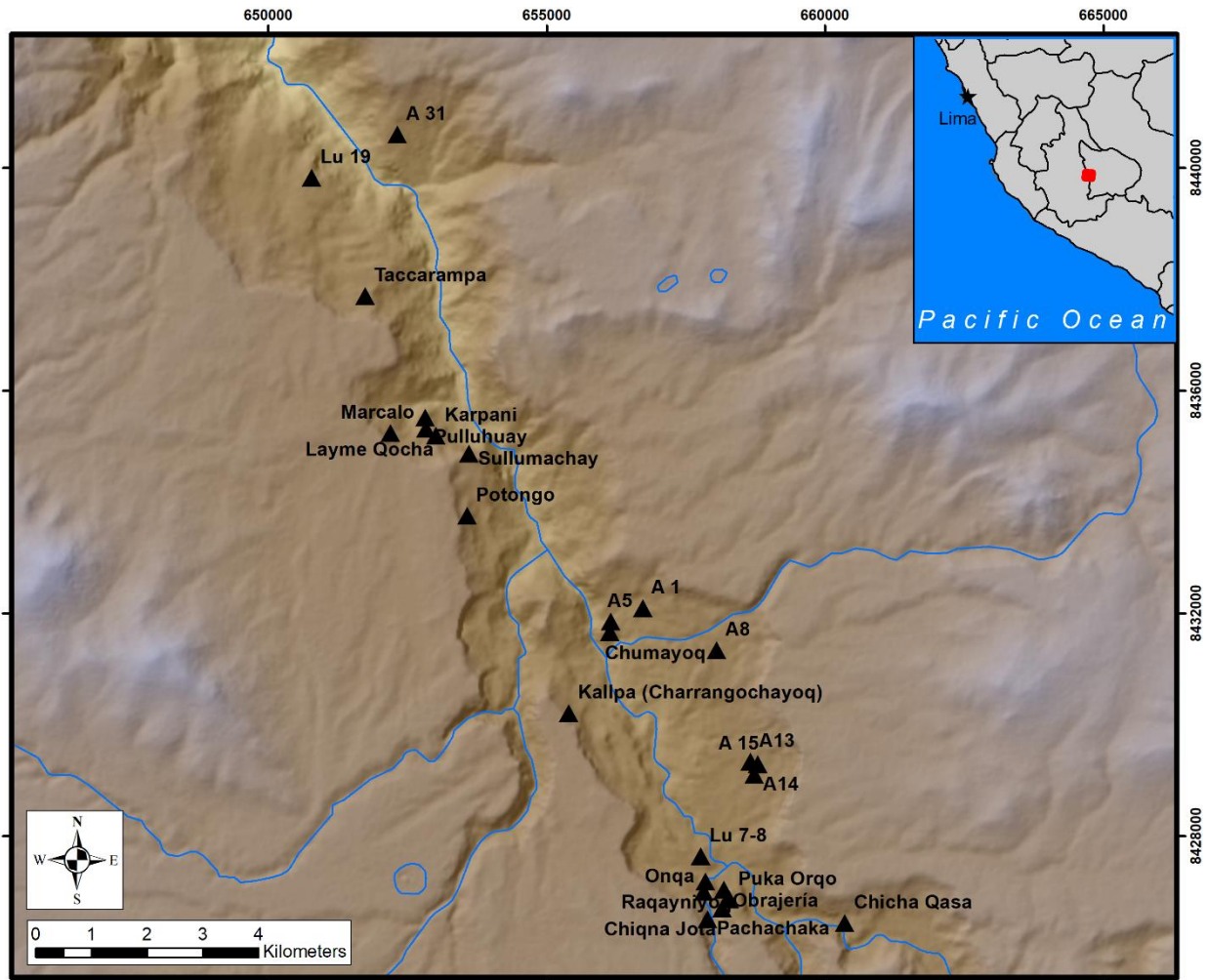


Figure 4.15. Late Intermediate Period 1 sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=25.

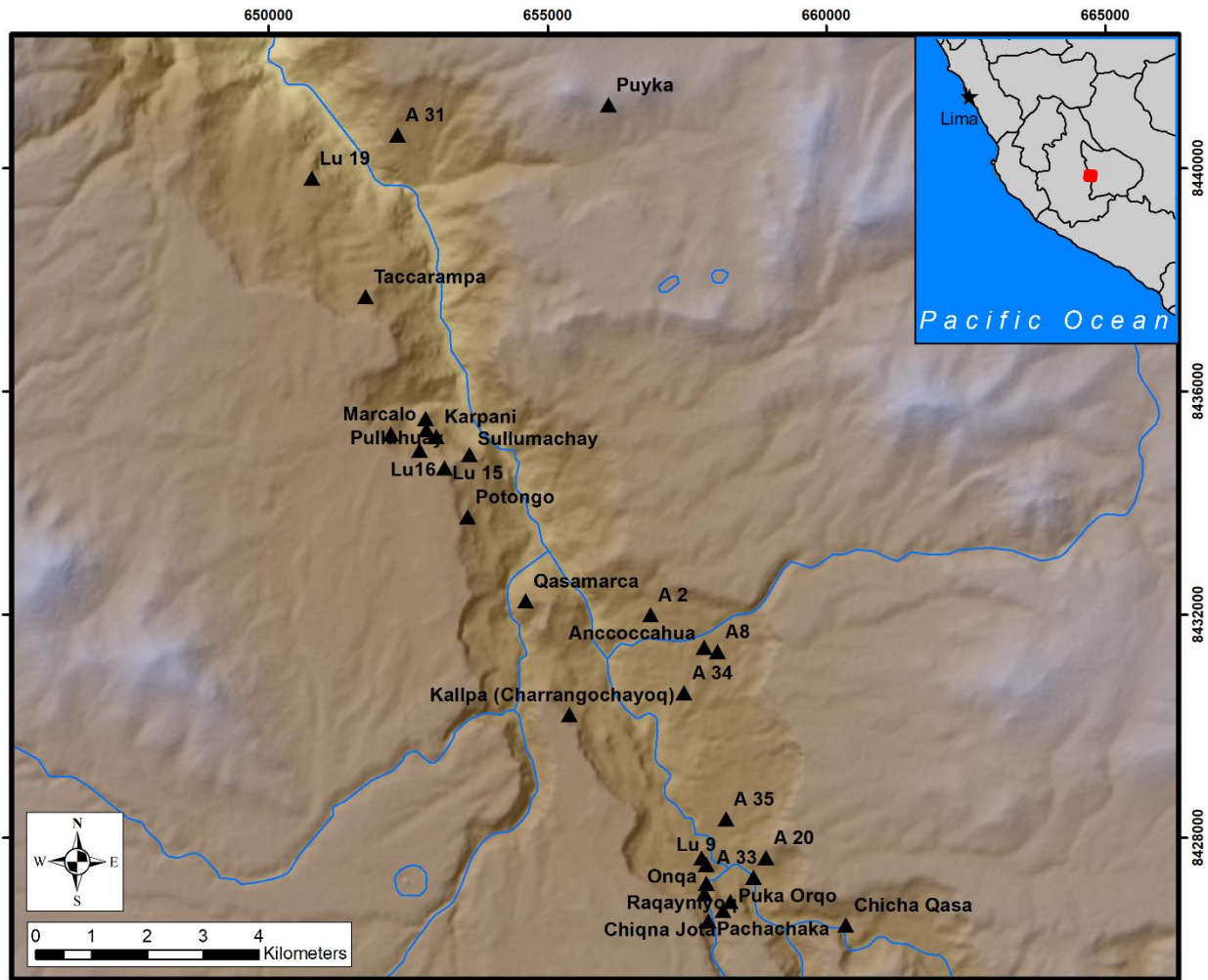


Figure 4.16. Late Intermediate Period 2 sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, n=30.

It is during the second half of the Late Intermediate Period that the site patterning in the Chicha-Soras region mirrors that in other parts of the highlands, with people shifting to defensive hilltop settlements such as Aukimarka and Puyka. Aukimarka is a high-altitude (4100 masl) fortress located on the east bank of the Soras River, and extending over 12 hectares in area. It consists of over 1000 circular and oval structures, and is protected by a series of defensive walls encircling the hilltop. Along one ridge of the hill, there are around 30 chullpas (Meddens 1985: 97). There are noticeable pathways along Aukimarka, suggesting that movement may have been

planned or dictated throughout the site, and the buildings are made up of fieldstone without mortar, which is diagnostic of both Middle Horizon and Late Horizon sites. Diagnostic ceramic found during surface collection dates to the Late Intermediate Period 2 throughout the Late Horizon, affirming that there may have been a brief Inka presence at Aukimarka as well.

One of the most important developments in the Late Intermediate Period in the Chicha-Soras Valley is the reutilization of terrace systems, and the creation of new terracing north of Larcaay in the Middle Valley. This pattern suggests that Late Intermediate Period groups were threatened by drought or increased population, such that they needed extra food sources. Moreover, the development of new terraces also is consistent with ice-core records, which assert the occurrence of a “Little Ice Age” in the Late Intermediate Period. During this time, agricultural activities specifically related to maize cultivation were levied in the Chicha-Soras Valley (Branch et al. 2007), perhaps as a means of tempering the unpredictability of the environment.

In sum, the Late Intermediate Period in the Chicha-Soras Valley seems to have been characterized by two separate phases, while the overall number of sites steadily increases. In the first phase, represented by the Chicha ceramic style, residential centers were located throughout the valley, marked by circular houses. In the second phase, small groups started to build defensible hilltop fortresses in the upper altitudes of the slopes, conforming to a pattern seen elsewhere just before the Inka incursion (for the Titicaca Basin see Arkush 2011; for Andahuaylas see Kurin 2016; for the Colca Valley see Kohut 2016). The reutilization and establishment of agricultural terraces also lends evidence that agricultural production was intensifying, perhaps in order to support the population during a time of environmental stress. More research is needed in order to understand the Late Intermediate Period occupations—this

period has lacked investigation thus far in the region. I will now describe the Late Horizon settlements in the Chicha-Soras Valley in order to set the stage of my excavations at Iglesiachayoq.

Late Horizon (1400 CE – 1532 CE)

While the overall number of sites greatly declines during the Late Horizon (going from 30 in the Late Intermediate Period 2 down to 18), many of the sites that were important in the Late Intermediate Period remain occupied or even flourish during the Late Horizon (Figure 4.17). One reason for this decrease in sites could be a result of sampling bias—Meddens only includes sites that had Inka pottery or polygonal ashlar masonry, so sites which lacked either of these aspects were not included in the overall total of Late Horizon sites despite the possibility that they could have been continuously occupied. Conversely, Cieza suggests that the Inka conquest of the region resulted in a great population loss, which could explain the decline in sites at this time (Cieza de Leon 1985: 376-377).

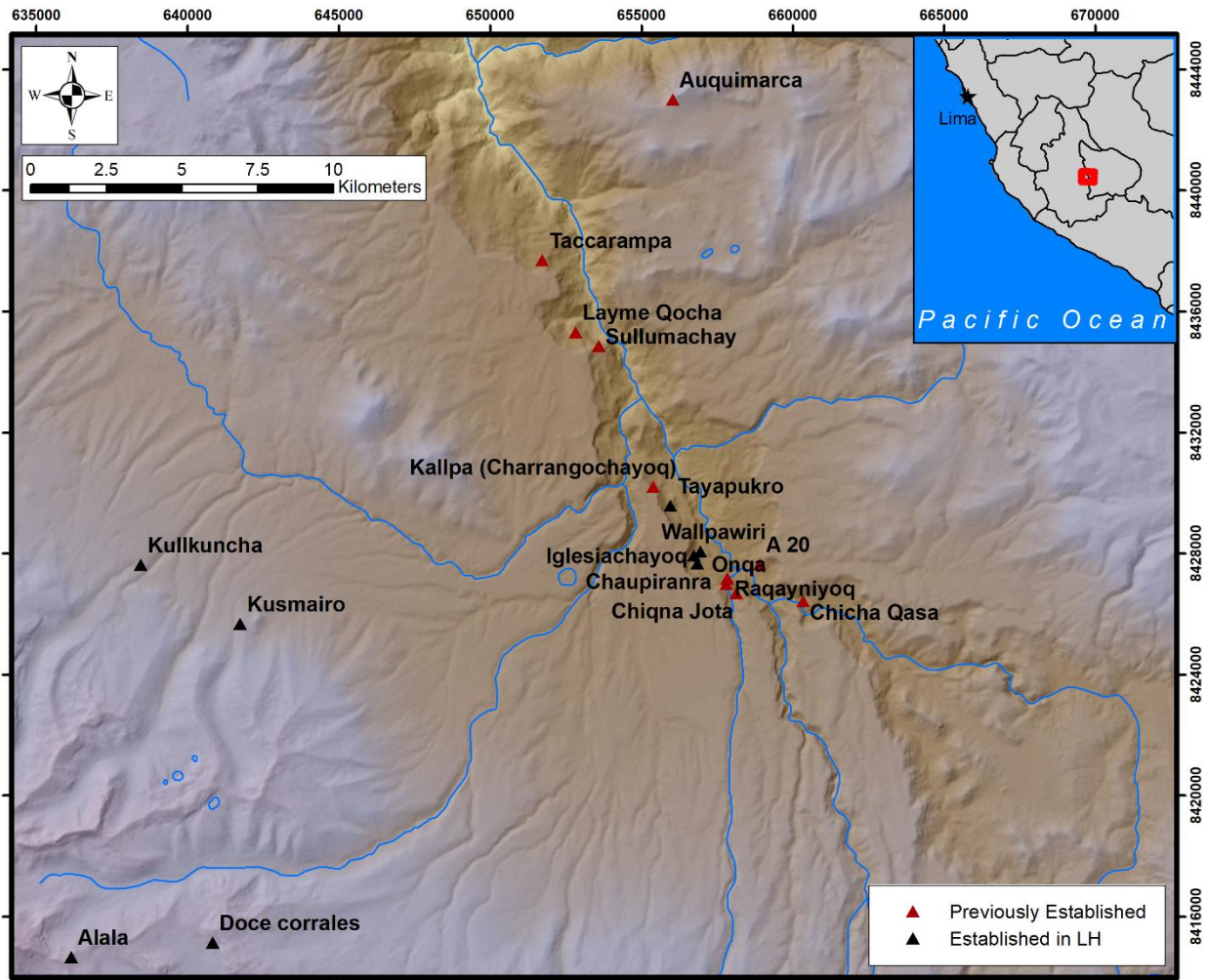


Figure 4.17. Late Horizon sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley and environs, n=18.

I will now discuss the evidence for Late Horizon sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley in relatively more detail, in order to create an understanding of the landscape at the time of the Spanish Conquest. The Middle Horizon Wari center of Chiqnajota, located at the southern end of the upper valley, grew into a bigger center in the Late Intermediate Period (some 200 houses), and was reduced in size to 80 houses in the Late Horizon (Meddens 1994, Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 140). Houses are circular, rectangular with rounded corners, and rectangular, largely constructed out of the local masonry style with few examples of Inka ashlar masonry.

There are two larger Inka buildings constructed at the southern end of the site, one which is trapezoidal, 12m long and 11m wide with an entrance on the northern façade. Inside are five trapezoidal niches and three trapezoidal windows (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 140). The other Inka structure is round, 10.5m across—Meddens and Schreiber hypothesize that these two structures may represent the temples of the sun and the moon due to their size and form (2010: 141).

The second major Late Horizon site is Iglesiachayoq, the location of my 2015 excavations. Meddens and Schreiber suggest that Iglesiachayoq (Quechua: “church over there”) was erected to take over the authority of the valley from Chiqna Jota. The site is located on the west bank of the Chicha River at 3420 masl, and can be separated into three sectors (Figure 4.18): Sector 1 houses a large rectangular structure known colloquially as the “iglesia,” and was the Early Colonial Period religious center of the site. Sector 2 is northeast of Sector 1, separated by a large hill, and is locally known as the site of “Wallpawiri.” While Iglesiachayoq and Wallpawiri are often separated as two distinct, separate sites (Mallco 2013), their proximity to one another and the similarities in architecture and masonry style lead me to confirm that both areas were occupied at the same time, are merely divided by a hill, and are thus part of the same site. Sector 3 is located on another hill south of Sectors 1 and 2, and appears to be an older portion of the site with local ovoid architecture and smaller structures. My architectural survey in 2013 and 2014 identified 91 structures at Iglesiachayoq, distributed across all three sectors. In general, structures are ovoid, rectangular with squared corners, and rectangular with rounded corners, and many of the houses are grouped around patios or small platforms. The masonry is typical for the area, consisting of roughly dressed field stone with mud mortar, with classic Inka

polygonal ashlar masonry lining the entrances of several of the structures. Many structures include trapezoidal doorways and niches.

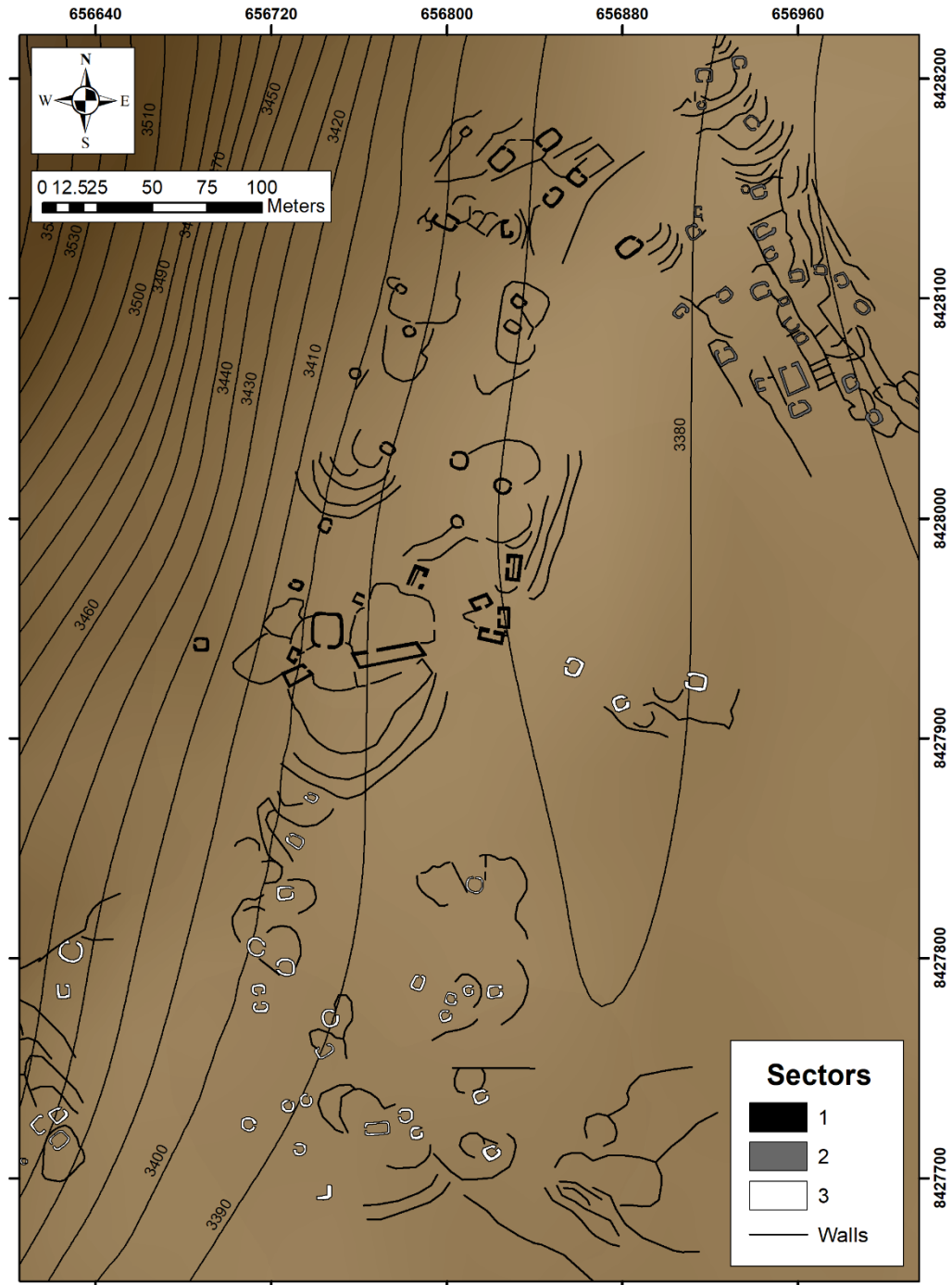


Figure 4.18. Sectorization of Iglesiachayoq.

Like Meddens (1985) and Meddens and Schreiber (2010), I identify a major center of the site in Sector 1, and a sub-center mirroring aspects of Sector 1 in Sector 2. The ceremonial center of Iglesiachayoq consists of a long, large rectangular structure in the central plaza which measures 33 x 9m in dimension and is oriented east-west. Some scholars have argued that there are two doors and several trapezoidal windows, thus leading them to conclude that the structure is an Inka kallanka (Mallco 2013; Meddens 1985; Meddens and Schreiber 2010). However, my excavations confirmed that the structure is *actually* an Early Colonial church, with its altar to the east and one doorway to the north (Figure 4.19). The windows are not trapezoidal, but rectangular in shape. There are large gables on the eastern and western ends of the church, which extend 5.5m above the normal wall height, and contain a circular window near the top. In each of the interior corners, there are two horizontal wooden posts most likely used to support the walls. The interior and exterior of the building are covered in mud plaster, with the interior western wall still containing mortar decorated with red, cream, and black pigment which may have been a mural. To the east and west of the entrance, I recovered pedestals and fragments of a benediction bowl, comparable to contemporary churches in the region. The church door faces a small, low-walled plaza which marks the geographical center of the site. Interrupting the western wall of this plaza is another rectangular building (4.5m x 3.5m) which likely served as a chapel in the Early Colonial Period (a similar pattern to other Early Colonial Period sites in Peru, such as Machu Llacta in the Colca Canyon). To the west of the church is another large building, rectangular with rounded corners, with dimensions 16m x 11m, oriented north/south. This structure was clearly constructed during the Late Horizon, as the accessway is framed by Inka polygonal ashlar masonry and there are 18 trapezoidal niches on the interior walls (Figure 4.20).

There are also three windows, one in the center of each wall which does not contain the south-facing doorway.



Figure 4.19. Church altar facing east.



Figure 4.20. Cut-stone Inka masonry, photo facing north.

The sub-center at Iglesiachayoq is located in Sector 2 (Wallpawiri), and mirrors the second structure discussed above (Figure 4.21). Although rectangular with squared corners in form and measuring 12 x 7.1m, this structure is also oriented north/south, and it contains the same number of niches (n=18) as the structure mentioned above. There are entrances on both the north and south ends of this structure which were also lined by Inka cut stone masonry. Wooden stakes are also apparent in the corners of this structure. While the three structures discussed here

contain many similarities in construction style, their uses were different and distinctive. This leads me to propose that all three were constructed by Inka populations, but in different periods (the two with niches in the Late Horizon prior to Spanish contact, and the church during the Early Colonial Period). Iglesiachayoq is a massive regional administrative center in the Late Horizon, and its sectors and changes in the Early Colonial Period will be discussed in greater detail in Chapter Six.



Figure 4.21. Parallel structure in the "Wallpawiri" Sector 2 of Iglesiachayoq, facing north.

The next site, Chichaqasa, has also already been discussed in the Middle Horizon Epoch 2 section, but was continuously occupied through the Late Horizon. Here, 70 structures were identified by Meddens in 1985, also of roughly dressed fieldstone with mud mortar. Local Soras

ceramics dating to the Late Intermediate Period and the Late Horizon have been found at the site (Meddens and Schreiber 2010). The next site is called Qasapampa, is located northwest of Iglesiachayoq, on the west bank of the Chicha River at 3490 masl (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 142). The site of Qasamarca includes a hilltop by the same name, where chullpas and circular structures, as well as defensive walls have been documented and date to the Late Intermediate Period. Some 70 circular structures have also been recorded at this site, of the same roughly dressed fieldstone which makes up most of the structures in the region. Small trapezoidal niches and trapezoidal doorways, as well as Late Horizon Inka pottery has also been found at the site, affirming its occupation in the Late Horizon.

Laymi was occupied and constructed during the Late Intermediate Period, but gained importance in the Late Horizon. Located on the western side of the Chicha-Soras Valley at 3445 masl, Laymi is defined through extensive agricultural terracing and the construction of around 60 circular structures of dressed field stone (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 143). Many of the structures have trapezoidal entrances and interior niches, and there are also square and rectangular chullpas at the site. Meddens and Schreiber suggest there is an Early Colonial Period occupation at the site, although I have not been to the site myself to confirm. Unlike earlier Middle Horizon sites in the valley there is evidence for irrigation at Laymi, consisting of a large irrigation canal which initially feeds the terracing above the site and then enters three artificial basins at lower levels. The irrigation canal is associated with cup-marked stones, which Meddens suggests had an importance for water management in the Late Horizon (Meddens 2006). At the southern edge of the site is an Inka *ushnu* constructed in at least two levels and containing one or two staircases on the northern side. Ushnus were generally symbols of Inka authority, stepped platforms which often had astrological alignment and used for performing important religious

ceremonies (Meddens et al. 2008). The presence of an ushnu at Laymi suggests that the Inka found spiritual significance at the site and that it was utilized for ceremonial purposes rather than solely residential purposes. The irrigation canal passes very near to the ushnu, and it is possible that the canal and the water it carried may have been used during these ceremonies.

The next Late Horizon site is located in the upper valley, and is simply designated as “A-20” by Meddens and Schreiber (2010), northwest of Chichaqasa at 3520 masl. Unlike the other Late Horizon sites discussed thus far, A-20 only contains one large rectangular structure (22.28 x 5.13m) which is oriented northeast/southwest, and 15 other smaller structures which are also rectangular or square in nature. This pattern is distinct from local sites in the region, which are largely comprised of circular structures in the typical Chicha and Soras styles. The large structure has a trapezoidal doorway on the east wall and a rectangular doorway on the west wall, with several trapezoidal windows in the walls. As is typical at Iglesiachayoq and other Late Horizon sites in the region, the masonry style consists of roughly dressed fieldstone with mud mortar (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 144). In the large structure, the doorways are offset from one another, which is rare in other Inka constructions (Protzen 1993: 220)—Meddens and Schreiber thus suggest that the structure may have had a religious function which emphasized Inka control.

Moving into the Middle Valley, I will discuss three more sites which date to the Late Horizon. First, Meddens and Schreiber 2010 suggest that the modern-day town of Soras (discussed by several sources, see above) was not relocated during the 1570s Toledan reforms, and possibly overlies the original local Inka center (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 145). The church at Soras was constructed to include existing Inka architecture, or Inka populations incorporated their own style into the original construction of the church. This is evidenced by a

northern entrance which is fabricated with Inka polygonal ashlar stones, and is 2.6m wide and 3.52m tall (Figure 4.22). Meddens and Schreiber argue that the doorway “was built by masons who were experienced in using Inka building technology, almost certainly sometime early in the Colonial period” (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 146). Like the construction of the church at Iglesiachayoq, the church at Soras also appears to be an Early Colonial construction, likely built by contemporary Inka groups who were experienced in building in both Local and Imperial Inka styles.



Figure 4.22. Side entrance of the church at Soras. Notice the Inka architecture lining the accessway. Photo by Kathe Schreiber 2010.

Taccarampa is on the western side of the valley at 3500 masl, and is about 2km south of Soras. Like many other sites in the Chicha-Soras Valley, the slopes surrounding the site are heavily terraced, and there are around 70 circular structures of a similar style as other Soras

structures in the valley. There are also examples of polygonal ashlar stonework at the site, and many of the structures have trapezoidal windows, niches, or doorways.

Mallco (2013) identifies several other Late Horizon sites which were developed between 1400 and 1532. Of these, four surround the peak and apu which dominates the physical landscape, Carhuarazo. These four sites—Kullkuncha, Kusmairo, Doce corrales, and Alala—are not technically a part of the Chicha-Soras Valley proper, but were instead constructed on the flat pampa between the Chicha-Soras and the greater Sondondo Valley. These sites are important because they could have been midway points on the routes traveling between these two valleys. Soras and Lucanas groups are both identified in Albornoz's accounts as participators in the Taki Onqoy movement, so the pampa sites documented by Mallco are important in recognizing the broader links between these two ethnic polities. Of the four sites, Kullkuncha is the most substantial and likely was an Inka *tambo* (way-station). Mallco affirms that Kullkuncha consists of twelve medium-sized rectangular structures, seven associated corrals, and a kallanka which measures 24m x 5.5m (2013: 246). Although not thoroughly studied, identification of this Inka tambo is critical in that it creates a model for interaction between the Sondondo and Chicha-Soras Valleys. Kusmairo, Doce Corrales, and Alala are the remaining Inka sites, and all three seem to be somewhat related to Kullkuncha. Kusmairo consists of rectangular tombs atop a small hill. Additionally, there is evidence of other types of tombs which appear to have housed collective burials.⁵⁶ Doce Corrales irritatingly consists of 14 poorly preserved rectangular structures associated with obsidian and Inka ceramics. Mallco hypothesizes that this site allowed

⁵⁶ Though these burial patterns sound similar to the Middle Horizon tombs discussed earlier, all recovered ceramic fragments were dated to the Late Horizon (Mallco 2013: 249).

for commercial exchange between social groups. Finally, Alala is the site nearest to Carhuarazo, and is made up of several corrals and was likely used by herders.

Discussion of Archaeological Investigation in the Chicha-Soras Valley

While there have been few archaeological projects in the Chicha-Soras Valley, it is clear from the extensive settlement dating from the Middle Horizon through the Early Colonial Period that the region was desirable and inhabited by numerous groups throughout its long history. In general, there is a steady increase in occupation and number of sites beginning with the Middle Horizon Epoch 1 and growing up until the Late Intermediate Period. The Chicha-Soras Valley clearly held enticed the Wari in the Middle Horizon, who settled in the region in order to increase access to agricultural resources, as evidenced by the extensive terracing in the valley slopes, as well as for access to herding lands at higher altitude. Given the proximity of Ayacucho, the center of the Wari Empire, the Wari occupation in the Chicha-Soras Valley is not surprising and was the focus of Meddens's excavations over the last three decades. Chiqna Jota was the clear center of Wari occupation in the Chicha-Soras, with a great amount of structures and evidence for religious activity during the Middle Horizon. With the conquest of the region in the Late Horizon by the Inka, the number of sites greatly decreases, with several sites continuously inhabited from the Late Intermediate Period, while the Inka also constructed the new site of Igleiachayoq as a regional administrative center from which they could control Soras populations in the valley.

At the time of the Spanish arrival in the Chicha-Soras Valley (likely sometime during the 1540s), there were two main populations coexisting: the Inka and the Soras. The region was thus populated by both Andeans and Inkas, two groups which were each implicated in the Taki

Onqoy movement. The Inka established their administrative center at Iglesiachayoq, but daily life appears to have been more or less unaltered from the Late Intermediate Period. While we have some evidence of Inka conquest in the region, the majority of knowledge of the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period is derived from a corpus of Spanish documentation, consisting of chronicles, ecclesiastical documents, and governmental visitas. In the next section, I relate how these documents allow us to understand the sociopolitical atmosphere during the rise of Taki Onqoy, and hypothesize as to why the movement thrived in the Chicha-Soras Valley.

An Ethnohistoric Perspective of the Chicha-Soras Valley

While physical remains of site settlements lend information into imperial processes in the Chicha-Soras Valley, Spanish documentary sources written in the sixteenth century provide more nuanced views of the Soras, the local ethnic group which coexisted with the Inka in this region. There are three main types of sources which I utilize here to create an understanding of the Soras, their affiliation with the archetype of the Chanka, and the religious extirpation campaigns which occurred in the region in the late sixteenth century—Spanish chronicles, ecclesiastical documents, and governmental visitas. The chronicles were written by Spanish travelers who moved through Peru and recorded Inka histories through oral interviews with Andeans and the Inka. These types of documents generally describe cultural details, albeit in stereotypical forms which reflected the political leanings and lineages of their informants. However, they can still provide evidence of cultural practices and insight into ethnic affiliations, important events, and mythohistories.

A second critical body of documentary information comes from ecclesiastical documents drafted primarily by Cristóbal de Albornoz. The benefits and problems of Albornoz's work are

more thoroughly discussed in Chapter 2, yet I will briefly highlight some of his work here because he offers so many details regarding the specificities of people, practices, and sacred huacas from both witness accounts and his personal experiences in the Chicha-Soras Valley. Finally, a third source of Spanish documentation comes from the 1586 *visita* undertaken by the Soras *corregidor* Luis de Monzón. While Monzón's description of the Chicha-Soras is useful in that it relates the post-reducción makeup of the valley, it does not provide many details about the Soras themselves, and it also does not mention the site of Iglesiachayoq (Chicha), suggesting that the site was not habited at the time of the *visita*. By placing these three types of sources in conversation with one another, I aim to consider the totality of evidence discussing who the Soras were and why Taki Onqoy was practiced in the region.

The Soras and the Chanka

In order to understand the Soras and their role in the Inka and Spanish conquests of the Chicha-Soras Valley, it is critical to first consider the Chanka and their archetypal status in Spanish chronicles. For most early Spanish authors, the Chanka represented the dynamic foe of the Inka, whose defeat predicated the Inka expansion and conquest of the other ethnic groups in the Andes. While often linked in the chronicles, the Soras and the Chanka are very different groups: the Chanka were the bellicose “confederation” located in the Apurímac/Andahuaylas region east of the Río Apurímac. The Chanka were depicted as the major foe of the Inka, whose defeat at the hands of Pachakuti marked the rise and expansion of the Inka under Pachakuti's reign.⁵⁷ While very near in geographic proximity, the Soras were a distinct ethnic group existing

⁵⁷ See Bauer et al. 2010 *The Chanka: archaeological research in Andahuaylas (Apurimac), Peru* for a thorough discussion of ethnohistoric accounts of the Chanka and the archaeological evidence to support or refute these accounts.

at the same time as the Chanka, with distinctive material culture and architectural styles.

Likewise, in the documentary record, the Soras are often described as a group similar to the Chanka, but conquered after the Chanka.

Chroniclers suggest that the Chanka rose to power after Wari collapse during the Late Intermediate Period, and that their home lands were either in Humanga, Huancavelica, or Apurímac (the three main provinces for Taki Onqoy performances). The Chanka are always cast as fierce warriors who attempted to conquer the Inka in Cuzco several times before their final defeat at the hands of Inka Pachakuti Yupanki (Bauer 2010; Cieza de Leon 1985 [1553]; Kellett 2010; Kurin 2012; Meddens and Pomacanchari 2002; Sarmiento 2007 [1572]). In their mytho-history, the Chanka, led by Uscovilca, gathered an infantry to march toward Cuzco and fight the Inka Viracocha sometime in the early 1400s. Afraid for his life, Viracocha fled from Cuzco, leaving his son Pachakuti Inka Yupanki to defend the Inka city (Betanzos 1987 [1551]). After a long, bloody battle, Yupanki was eventually supported by *purunraucas*, or large stones which were turned into mythic warriors, and was able to defeat the Chankas (Meddens and Pomacanchari 2002; Bauer et al. 2010). After defeating the Chankas, Yupanki paraded the heads of Chanka warriors on pikes and began to expand and consolidate the Inka Empire.

It is beyond the scope of this dissertation to re-litigate tellings of the Chanka-Inka War and assess how these accounts differ between Spanish chroniclers.⁵⁸ However, the Chanka are important to study of the Soras because they are often described as being allies; in fact, early archaeological studies of the Chanka argued that the Chanka ethnic group may have occupied the entire regions of Huancavelica, Ayacucho, and Apurímac (Bauer 2010; Carré 1979, 1992;

⁵⁸ However, see Meddens and Pomacanchari 2002, Kellett 2010, Kurin 2012, Bauer et al. 2010 for thorough descriptions.

Lumbreras 1959, 1974). More recent archaeological research completed by Lucas Kellett and Brian Bauer has argued for a more limited Chanka territory (only Andahuaylas), asserting that the surrounding territories were not Chanka, but rather sometimes-affiliated diverse ethnic groups (Bauer et al. 2010). One of these affiliated groups was the Soras (Meddens and Pomancanchari 2002).

In the descriptions of the Soras from early chroniclers Juan de Betanzos and Cieza de León, the Soras are often described in relation to the Chanka, sometimes as having gathered a large number of soldiers in alliance with this group (Betanzos 1996 [1557]: 85), and other times depicted as fighting against the Chankas (Monzón 1965 [1586]: 222). Although the debate over whether or not the Soras and the Chanka were allies will likely never be solved, it is still critical to understand the geographical proximity between the two groups. The Inka defeat of the Chanka was cast in all chronicles as the catalyzing event which spurred Inka conquest, and their next target was usually considered to be the Soras (Betanzos 1987 [1551]; Cieza de Leon 1968 [1551]; Sarmiento 1999 [1572]; Cabello Valboa 1951 [1586]; Garcilaso de la Vega 2000; Guaman Poma 1980 [1615]; Meddens and Pomancanchari 2002).

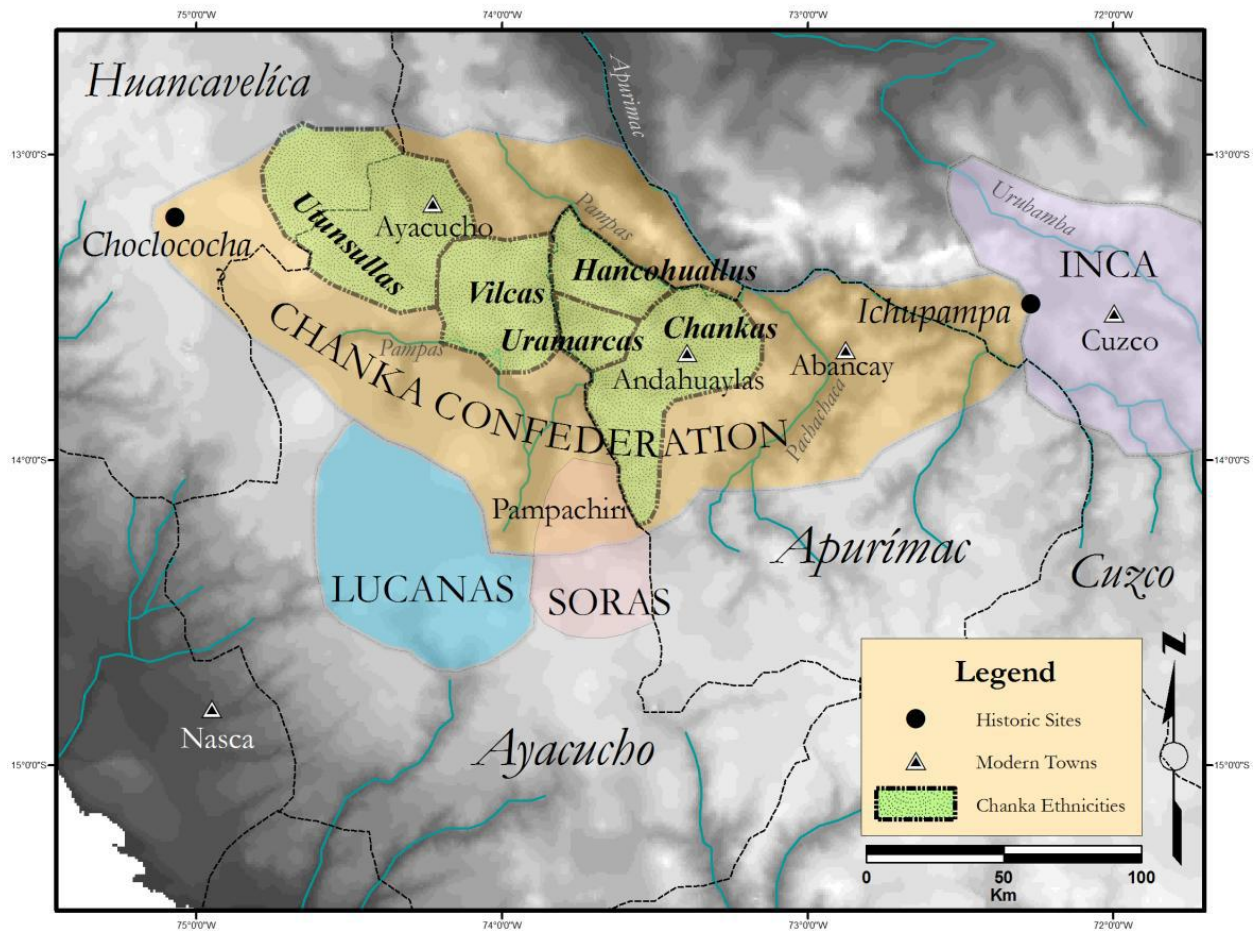


Figure 4.23. Map showing potential Chanka confederation and relationship to Soras. Map from Kellett 2010.

The Soras and the Inka

Primary sources of knowledge regarding the Soras as a distinct cultural group as well as their interactions with the Inka come from accounts of early chroniclers Juan de Betanzos and Cieza de León, later chroniclers such as Sarmiento de Gamboa, and native authors including Garcilaso de la Vega and Guaman Poma de Ayala. None of these authors specifically mention Taki Onqoy, and all are concerned with their own perspectives on the history of Peru and the Inka conquest of the Andes. The accounts of early chroniclers Juan de Betanzos and Cieza de

Leòn affirm that the Soras region was desired by the Inka, likely for its agricultural potential and its position near a major route between Cuzco and the coast (Betanzos 2015 [1551]: 203-205; Cieza de Leòn 1984 [1553]: 113-114; Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Speaking specifically about the Soras people, Cieza de Leòn affirmed that “[the soras and lucanas] bring their signs in order to be recognized and, like the way they used to do in their past, they were given to looking at signs and they were great diviners, priding themselves on telling what was going to happen in the future, in which they raved (as they still do) when they wanted to predict things no creature could know, because only God knows what is going to happen” (Cieza de Leòn 1984 [1553]: 114).⁵⁹ Here, Cieza affirms the Soras propensity to utilize divination in daily life, a practice seen as idolatrous by Spanish authorities. Cieza’s account also describes the land and people of Soras, offering that “in the headwaters of this river [Rio Pampas] is the province of Soras, a very fertile and abundant land, populated by bellicose people” (Cieza de Leòn 1985 [1554]: 253). Here, Cieza’s account supports the archaeological evidence that the Chicha-Soras Valley was desirable for agricultural activities, and categorizes the Soras as a warlike people.

The Spanish accounts of the Inka conquest of the Soras emphasize a central framework: after conquering the Chanka, Pachakuti Yupanki decided to militarily expand his empire, deciding whether to move to the west and attack Soras and Lucanas, or to the north to attack Huamanga and Xauxa (Cieza de Leòn 1985: 132 [1553]).

Having ordered this with great prudence, the King left there and went to the province of Andahuaylas, where they gave him solemn reception and he was there a few days / determining if he would go to conquer the natives of Huamanga and Xauxa or the Soras and Lucanas. And leaving from there, he went through a dispopulated area that was going to lead to Soras, who knew of his arrival and

⁵⁹ Translated from “[los soras y lucanas] traen sus señales para ser reconocidos y como lo usaron sus pasados y algunos hubo que se dieron mucho en mirar señales y que fueron grandes agoreros, preciándose de contar lo que había de suceder de futuro, en lo cual desvariaron, como ahora desvarían cuando quieren decir o pronosticar lo que criatura ninguna sabe ni alcanza, pues lo que esta por venir solo Dios lo sabe” (Cieza de Leon 1984 [1553]: 114), translation mine.

united to defend themselves. Inka Yupanki had sent captains with people from many other places to ally people to his service as discretely as he could and the Soras sent messengers about not taking arms against him, promising to meet without causing them injury or harm, but they did not want peace with servitude, but to fight without losing their freedom. And so, together with others they fought the battle, which –say those who remember it—was very close and that many died from both parties, but the field remained for those from Cuzco. (Cieza de León 1985[1553]:138)⁶⁰

Cieza de León is relating the story of Inka Yupanki fighting with and eventually overtaking the Soras. He writes that after Pachakuti's triumph over the Chanka, the Inka ruler sets out to conquer either the residents of Huamanga and Xauxa, or those of Soras and Lucanas. He decides to go to Soras, but sends out messengers first in order to tell the Soras that if they do not want to fight, they could be peacefully subsumed into the Inka Empire. However, the Soras decide to join with other groups and resist—the battle was “well-fought” and many died on both sides, with the Inka eventually triumphant.

Juan de Betanzos' account is similar to that of Cieza's, and he writes that the Inka found out that Soras and Lucanas, two very populous provinces, had heard talk that the Inka would be headed to take the lands, and thus were stockpiling weapons and warriors (Betanzos 1996[1557]:81-83). Betanzos and Cieza both describe the battle between Pachakuti and Soras, with Betanzos affirming that Pachakuti divided his forces and quickly defeated Soras, while Cieza writes that the Soras were joined by people from Vilcas and Huamanga, were “well

⁶⁰ Translated from: “Ordenado esto con gran prudencia, el rey salió de allí y anduvo hasta la provincial de Andahuaylas, adonde le fue hecho solene recibimiento y estuvo allí algunos días / determinando si iría a conquistar a los naturales de Huamanga e Xauxa o a los Soras y Lucanas. Y saliendo de allí, anduvo por un despoblado que iba a salir a los Soras, los cuales supieron su venida y se juntaron para se defender. Había enviado Inka Yupanki capitanes con gente por otras partes muchas a que allegasen las gentes a su servicio con la más blandura que pudiesen y a los soras envió mensajeros sobre que no tomasen armas contra él, prometiendo de los tener en mucho sin les hacer agravio ni daño, mas no quisieron paz con servidumbre sino guerrear por no perder la libertad. Y así, juntos unos con otros tuvieron la batalla, la cual – dicen los que tienen delo memoria—que fue muy reñida y que murieron muchos de ambas partes, mas quedando el campo por los del Cuzco. (Cieza de Leon, Segunda Parte 1985[1553]:138),” translation mine.

organized, wealthy, and proudly independent” (Stern 1993:20), and that they were able to hold off the Inka in a high altitude fortress, but still were defeated. From the works of both Cieza and Betanzos, we see that the Soras were regarded as a fierce peoples willing to stand up against the Inka. While their accounts differ slightly as to the exact details of the battle, we learn that the Soras may have allied with other groups and that the Inka were eventually victorious.

Later accounts of the Inka/Soras battle follow a similar chronology as that of Cieza de León and Betanzos. Sarmiento de Gamboa was the official recorder for Francisco de Toledo in the 1570s and was sent by royal officials throughout the former Inka Empire with the explicit goal of portraying the Inka as “unjust” and “cruel” leaders in order to justify the Toledan reducciones. Nevertheless, we can still use the information given by Sarmiento while keeping in mind that he had a strong bias and was writing through a lens refracted through several sources. Like many of the other sources, Sarmiento spends several chapters discussing the Chanka-Inka war, and then goes on to relate the subsequent conquests of Pachakuti. Discussing Pachakuti’s conquests into other regions, Sarmiento writes:

Moving toward the Soras, forty leagues from Cuzco, the natives came forth to resist them, asking [Inka Yupanki] what he was searching for in their lands, [and telling him] that he should immediately leave them or they would expel him by force. And a battle was fought over this, and at this time, Inka Yupanki subjugated two towns of Soras. The first was called Chalco and the other one Soras. The cinchi of Chalco was named Puxayco, and that of Soras was Guacralla. Inka Yupanki brought them captive to Cuzco and celebrated his victory over them. (Sarmiento et al. 2007:126-127)

Here, we can see that Sarmiento’s account mirrors the accounts of both Cieza de Leon and Juan de Betanzos. Sarmiento’s details are vague, but he confirms that Pachakuti Inka Yupanki defeats the towns of Soras in a large battle, and then brings back the leaders of the Soras to Cuzco in order to celebrate his victory.

The final group of sources which contribute to the historical and documentary background of the Chicha-Soras region and the Soras peoples were written by native authors Garcilaso de la Vega and Guaman Poma in the early seventeenth century. “El Inca” Garcilaso de la Vega was a writer born in Peru after the Spanish conquest, and was educated in Spain at the age of 21 (Mazzotti 2008). Garcilaso de la Vega was the son of a Spanish soldier and an Inka elite woman, born in the first generation after the conquest. Garcilaso provides a unique perspective on prehispanic history, having been raised in his maternal family as a direct descendant of the Inka ruler Inka Yupanki. Like Garcilaso de la Vega, Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala was also born in Peru after the conquest, the son to a noble family in Lucanas, the province just south of Soras. Guaman Poma’s famous work is a 1,189-page document entitled *El primer nueva coronica y buen gobierno* (1600-1615), which was a scathing critique of Spanish treatment of the Andean people throughout the Early Colonial Period. Guaman Poma’s work is essential to our understanding of some of the horrible crimes committed by the ruling Spaniards in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Guaman Poma also provides nearly 400 drawings depicting local life and rulers of the Inka period. These drawings are invaluable in their contributions to knowledge of Spanish and Inka dress, religious ceremonies, and architectural styles. Furthermore, given his childhood experience in Huamanga, his knowledge of the region is useful to this project. Finally, Guaman Poma served as the Quechua translator for Cristóbal de Albornoz during his extirpation of idolatry campaigns, and provides first-hand accounts of this spiritual crusade.

Garcilaso de la Vega does not mention the Soras explicitly, but instead vaguely suggests that Inka Yupanki peacefully incorporated the Aymara (east of Soras) (Garcilaso de la Vega 2000; Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Contrary to most other sources of the time, Garcilaso de la

Vega writes that Inka Roca, the sixth Inka, was the ruler who conquered the Chankas, rather than Inka Yupanki, the fifth Inka, to whom this feat is normally attributed. This discrepancy may be due to Garcilaso's personal bias due to his Inka descent.

While Garcilaso de la Vega attributes the Soras conquest to the sixth Inka Roca, Guaman Poma suggests that the Soras were conquered *with* the Chankas by the seventh Inka, Yahuar Huacac Inka (Guaman Poma de Ayala 2015: ff.104, 105, 155, 156). Of the Soras region specifically, Guaman Poma writes that “in order to sustain the Inka, the deposits of this kingdom were called colkas, of chuño, muraya, caya, charque, and lana, located in Apcara, Callco, *Soras*, and Huánuco Pampa” (Guaman Poma de Ayala 2015: ff.336[338]).⁶¹ Thus, upon conquering the Soras of the region, the Inka invested resources to construct colkas in which to store food and wool for future use. Furthermore, part of the Qhapac Ñan (Inka royal road) passed through Soras, and there was a *tambo* located in the pueblo of Soras (f. 1089 [1099] [1615]). Guaman Poma suggests that there was a major suspension bridge in the region as well (f. 357 [359] [1615]), the remains of which might be the colonial suspension bridge located between the towns of Chicha and Larcay. Additionally, Guaman Poma affirms the elevated status of the Soras in the Inka Empire, suggesting that they were converted into “honored carriers” of high-status Inka leaders and their litters, as well as exempted from other types of more manual labor which was normally levied on conquered groups (Stern 1993: 23).

From the passages cited above of the Inka conquest, it is clear that the descriptions of the Soras are rather vague and are taken from an imperial perspective. Yet, there are several critical pieces of evidence which are pertinent to my study of Taki Onqoy. First, the general descriptions

⁶¹ Translated from: “como sustentuaba el Inca, los depositos de este reino llamado colkas...de chuo, muraya, caya, charque, y lana...en Apcara, Challco, *Soras*, Huanuco Pampa” (1980 [1616] : f. 336 [338])

of the Soras region put forth by Cieza de Leon confirm the archaeological evidence of heavy terracing and Late Intermediate Period/Late Horizon settlement in the Chicha-Soras Valley. Second, that the Soras were accustomed to divination is an important observation—in the later extirpation campaigns, the Soras would be punished for these sorts of activities deemed idolatrous by Spanish priests. Third, most of the Spanish authors verify that the Soras were conquered after the Chanka, and that they were a population of “bellicose” warriors. They also all suggest that the Soras often periodically allied or fought against neighboring groups. From these overlapping descriptions, it is likely that the Soras were part of a Late Intermediate Period ethnic group which aligns with LIP groups elsewhere who had shifting and strategic relationships with their neighboring groups (Arkush 2011; Kellett 2010; Kohut 2015; Kurin 2012).

The Soras after Spanish Conquest

Understanding of the Chicha-Soras Valley after Spanish conquest is only known through Spanish ecclesiastical and administrative records—there has never been a thorough survey identifying Colonial Era sites in the region, and my research is the first project to investigate post-conquest themes at the site level. Nevertheless, the detailed accounts of idolatry in the Soras region provided by Cristóbal de Albornoz and the administrative *visita* completed by Monzón in 1586 shed light on the transformations in the Chicha-Soras Valley in the second half of the sixteenth century. In Chapter 2, I outlined the major contributions of Albornoz as his accounts specifically related to Taki Onqoy. In this section, I focus on Albornoz’s documentation on the Chicha-Soras region, and especially his work at Iglesiachayoq. At the end of this section, I will

overview the limited information derived from Monzón's visita in order to create a framework for understanding Taki Onqoy in the region.

Albornoz's letters to the King discuss his extirpation activities specifically related to Taki Onqoy, but it is his 1584 *Anexos de la informacìon: Relacìon de la visita de extirpacìon de idolatrias* which is the most useful in considering specific locations, people, and huacas related to Taki Onqoy. This *visita*, though sent to the King at the relatively late date of 1584, painstakingly details Albornoz's activities during his time as a *visitador* in Huamanga in the early 1570s. There is some overlap between Albornoz's ~1570s ecclesiastical *visita* and Monzón's 1584 administrative *visita* (Tables 4.1 and 4.2). Namely, the towns of Matara, Soras, Chiclayoc, and Quiji are found listed in both documents. More work must be completed in order to identify those towns listed as seats of the Taki Onqoy movement and eventually assess how people were relocated to planned reduction towns in the 1570s and 1580s.

| 1570s Town | Modern Town | Valley | 1586 repartimiento? | Yndios punished | Destroyed huacas | Comments |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Chinchera | Chincheros | Chicha-Soras | No | 17 | 160 | further east from the valley, Apurímac |
| Chicha | Archaeological site of Iglesiachayoq | Chicha-Soras | No | 12 | 32 | |
| Matara | Matara | Chicha-Soras | Yes | 22 | 20 | North of Soras, along Rio Chicha |
| Marquilla | ? | ? | No | 3 | 36 | possibly Morocalla, in Lucanas Valley |
| Anansora | Soras | Chicha-Soras | Yes | 12 | 20 | |
| Lurinsora | Soras | Chicha-Soras | No | 57 | 110 | Albornoz got a little lazy here and started to estimate, seems like Anansoras was less numerous than Lurinsoras in terms of idolatrous practices |
| Naupa | ? | ? | No | 40 | 112 | |
| Llamoca | ? | ? | No | | 31 | Not sure about the number of people punished |
| Yanapillo | ? | ? | No | 15 | 40 | |
| Collata | ? | ? | No | 24 | 60 | |
| Chillcayoc | Chilcayoc | Chicha-Soras | Yes | 44 | 22 | Albornoz differentiates between maestros and regular takiongos, with 19 and 25 respectively, annex of Quisi |
| Quisi | Quiji | Chicha-Soras | Yes | | 32 | |
| Caiba | ? | | No | | 60 | |

Table 4.1. Accounts of Albornoz's activities in the Soras region.

| 1586 Town | Modern Town | Valley | Comments |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| AtunSORas | Soras | Chicha-Soras | Administrative center of repartimiento |
| San Pedro de Larcaya | Larcay | Chicha-Soras | Anexo of Hatun Soras |
| Santa Maria de Matara | Matara | Chicha-Soras | |
| Santiago de Paucara | Paucaray | Chicha-Soras | Anexo of Matara |
| San Juan de Payco | Palco | Chicha-Soras | Anexo of Matara |
| San Pedro de Guacana | Huacana | Lucanas | name also appears as Guacatra |
| San Francisco de Morocolla | Morocolla | Lucanas | Anexo of Guacana |
| San Salvador de Quiji | San Salvador de Quije | Chicha-Soras | Corimayo tributary |
| Santa Maria de Chilcayo | Chilcayoc | Chicha-Soras | Anexo of Quiji |
| Santo Domingo de Queropampa | Querobamba | Lucanas | Chanta tributary; anexo of Quiji |
| Santa Maria Magdalena de Poma | Poma | Lucanas | Chonta tributary; Anexo of Guayguapata |
| San Juan de Guayguapata | Calcos/Belen? | Between Pampas and Chicha-Soras | No modern town with the old name |
| San Andres de Ocopa | Ocopa | Pampas | Anexo of Guayguapata |
| San Pedro de Carguanga | Carhuanca | Pampas | Anexo of Guayguapata |

Table 4.2. Towns of the 1586 Soras repartimiento; adapted from Meddens and Schreiber 2010.

At the regional level, AlbornoZ names six towns whose inhabitants were punished for acting as takiongos in the Soras region whose modern locations have not been identified—Marquilla, Naupa, Llamoca, Yanapillo, Collata, and Caiba. Conversely, there are seven places listed in the 1570s ecclesiastical visita which I have connected to modern locations. As discussed in the Introduction, the location where I completed my field research, Iglesiachayoq, was known to AlbornoZ as Chicha. In his visitation of this town, AlbornoZ writes that he 12 punished Indians here:

They were punished as ayras taquiongos Hernando Marca Susuma, Mateo Supa, and Joan Mollo, and another nine native indians of the town of Chicha, subjects of Joan Hachi, were bound and shorn, and ordered to serve in the construction of the major church of this town and province of AtunSORa, serve in the church as it was

necessary, and that three days a week, meet with the priest to be taught in the rules of our sacred Catholic faith (Albornoz 1990[1584]: 270-271).⁶²

Here, it is clear that Albornoz is relating his direct role in punishing the taquiungos he finds in Chicha. While he can only name a few of the Indians, he writes that they were forced to work in the construction of the major church of Chicha, and that three days a week they had to meet with the priest in order to be taught the rules of Catholicism. Albornoz goes on to name the idols he destroyed while he was in Chicha:

32 idols of the caciques of the town of Chicha. The huacas of Joan Hacha, leader of Chicha, were found and discovered and were named Supayco, Guamancapcha, Quilca, their pacarinas Coalla visa, Malloalca, Tuputa Anpalla, Vilucha, Guaova Supaico, Guman Capcha, Guamanilea, Anra, Yachi, Guachucata, Ronto, Angas Guasca, Mollomolla, Qupchiparca, Taxcarima, Apaxallaquio, Caxapi Guazmi, Ochuylla Poboznos, seven lamayllas, three mamasaras, one Vilca; almost all were sent by the Visitador [Albornoz] were publicly burned like the others, and those which were too big to be brought were burned by Juan Cocha Quispe. (Albornoz 1990[1584]: 275).⁶³

Here, Albornoz affirms that he found and destroyed 32 idols, or huacas, from Chicha. He says that he brought them to Chicha and burned them publicly, as punishment in order to eradicate, or extirpate, the worship of the huacas in the face of Catholic beliefs.

Both of these passages by Albornoz are useful for this research. In the first passage, we are given the names of the specific Indians who were punished for their participation in Taki Onqoy. Most likely with the kuraka, Joan Hachi, and potentially with other names, we have the

⁶² Translated from: “Fueron castigados por ayras taguiongos Hernando Marca Susuma, Mateo Supa, y Joan Mollo y otros nueve yndios mas naturales del pueblo de Chicha, sujetos a don Joan Hachi; fueron acotados y trasquilados, y que mientras durase la fabricacion de la yglesia mayor de este pueblo y provincial de atunsora, sirviesen en ella en lo que fue se necesario, y que tres dias en la semana se presentasen ante su cura para que fuesen enseñados en las cosas de nuestra santa fe católica,” (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 270-271), translation mine.

⁶³ Translated from: “32 ydolos de los caciques del pueblo de Chicha. Fueron halladas y descubiertas las huacas de don Juan Hacha, principal del pueblo de Chicha, las quales se llamaban Supayco, Guamancapcha, Quilca, sus pacarinas Coalla visa, Malloalca, Tuputa Anpalla, Vilucha, Guaoya Supaico, Guman Capcha, Guamanilea, Anra, Yachi, Guachucata, Ronto, Angas Guasca, Mollomolla, Qupchiparca, Taxcarima, Apaxallaquio, Caxapi Guazmi, Ochuylla Poboznos siete llamayllas, tres mamasaras, una Vilca; casi todas ellas por mandado del dicho señor Visitador fueron traídas y se quemaron públicamente según que las demás, y las que no se truxeron por ser grandes las fueron a quemar don Joan Cocha Quispe” (Albornoz 1990 [1584]: 275), translation mine.

possibility of connecting individuals with structural remains. Furthermore, with the names of the huacas, many are still features on the landscape today, known by the local people in the region. While some of the huaca names were surely idols or portable objects, many also are toponyms for specific landscape features, and will be identifiable through survey and conversing with local elders. Albornoz specifically mentions the *pacarinas* of the people of Chicha, or the places from which they descended. These should also be notable places within the landscape, which future research will identify. Albornoz's account at Chicha provides a small section of the history of Taki Onqoy, and gives us invaluable evidence in the long-term history of the Soras people in the Chicha-Soras.

The final Spanish documentary source was transcribed in 1586 by the *corregidor* of the repartimiento of Atunsoras, Luis de Monzòn, and suggests that the Soras were divided into three parts: Anansoras, Lurinsoras, and Chalcos (Meddens and Schreiber 2010: 132; Monzòn 1586). Monzòn also documents the 14 towns which made up the Soras repartimiento (Table 4.2). All of the modern locations of these towns are known today (see Meddens and Schreiber 2010), and so we are able to derive understanding of the Soras territory after Spanish *reducción*. Though the towns listed in the 1586 *visita* differ from those visited by Albornoz, reduction settlements were usually near their prehispanic precursors. Utilizing the Albornoz and Monzòn *visitas* together, it seems as though Andeans were removed from the locations where Taki Onqoy was taking place, surely a strategy during Toledo's *reducción* resettlement program in order to promote religious faithfulness to Catholicism.

Albornoz and Monzòn offer specific details about Taki Onqoy towns, people, practices, and punishments, and the resulting post-*reducción* Soras landscape, respectively. In the case of the Chicha-Soras, the majority of Andean local towns and people were resettled at the

reducciones of AtunSORas (today Soras) and San Pedro de Larcaya (today San Pedro de Larcay, Figure 4.24). If Albornoz's account is both truthful and accurate, then Albornoz visited the towns of Chinchera, Chicha, Matara, Marquilla, Anansora and Lurinsora, Yanapillo, Collata, Chillcayoq, Llamoca, Naupa, Yanapillo, Quisi, Acollecta, and Cayba. This list is noteworthy because it separates "Anansora" and "Lurinsora" as two towns, possibly indicating that the traditional Andean ayllu dualism was still vital and present in the 1560s, after 30 years of conquest. Since many of the punishments for the participating Andean takiongos included helping to construct churches either in their town or in the regional capital at Soras, it seems that Albornoz and his campaign, as well as other Spanish groups, had a presence in the region, or at least were able to coerce church construction projects. Archaeologically, Spanish presence is difficult to define, since Spanish-occupied structures were often built by local groups, thus leading to identical architectural masonry styles. Furthermore, churches like the one at Iglesiachayoq, have been identified as kallankas, or long, rectangular Inka halls (see Mallco 2013; Meddens 1985, Meddens and Schreiber 2010). This misidentification is likely due to the overinvestment in "prehispanic" occupations at the expense of investigations into the Early Colonial Period. More in-depth study of specific sites in Chicha-Soras is thus needed to confirm Spanish presence on-the-ground, in comparison to the extensive documentary record.

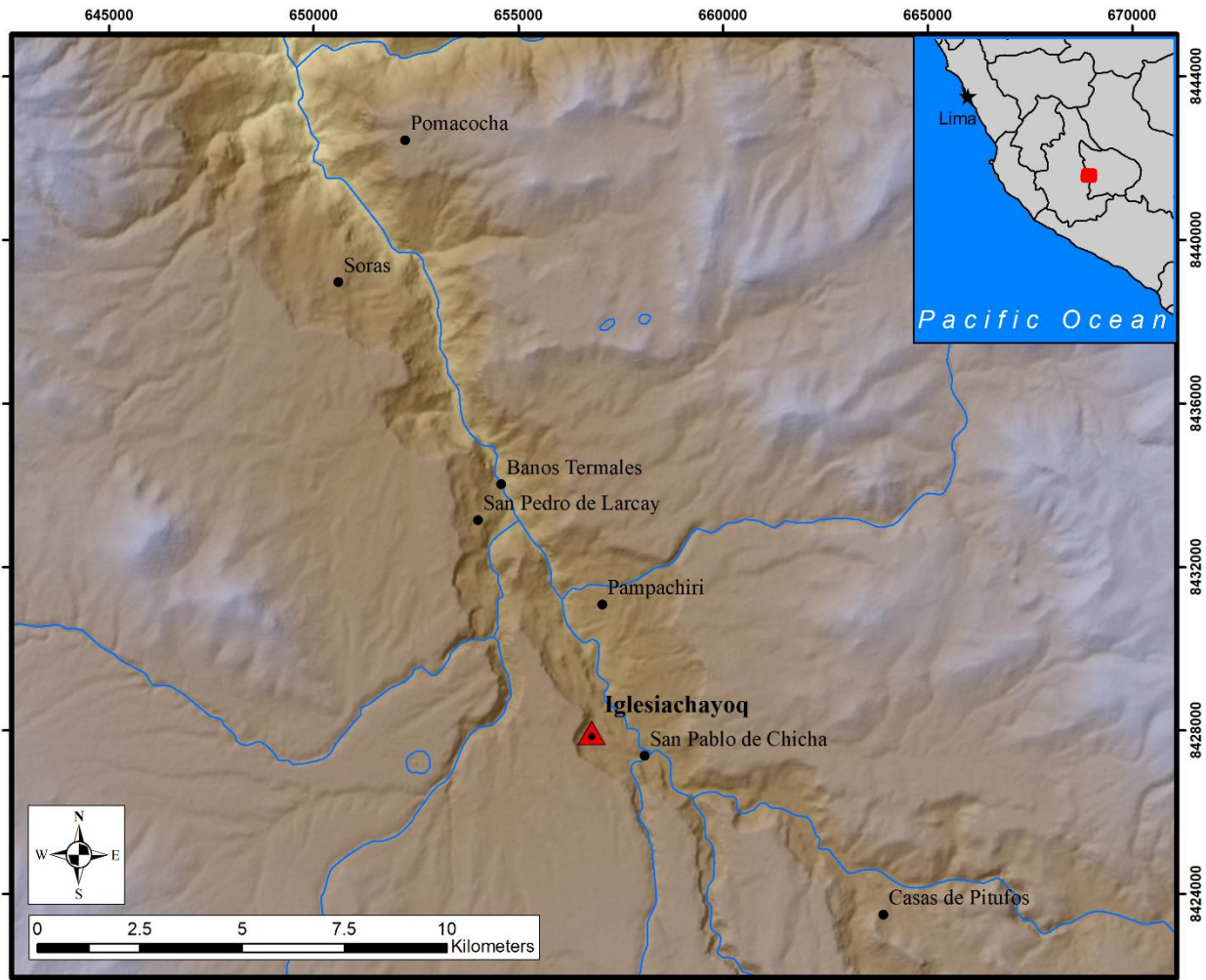


Figure 4.24. Area of research with modern towns, tourist attractions, and Iglesiachayoq. See Soras and San Pedro de Larca in the northern part of the valley.

Recent History of the Chicha-Soras Valley

Although the focus of this dissertation is the revitalization movement Taki Onqoy, present-day Peru has experienced its fair share of revitalization movements in the last 50 years. While not directly pertinent to my archaeological data and findings, I find it necessary to discuss Shining Path and its impact in the Chicha-Soras region—the violence of the movement threatened all inhabitants of the Chicha-Soras and prevented archaeological research in the here

during the 1980s and 1990s. Modern inhabitants of the Chicha-Soras region who participated in my project speak of both Taki Onqoy and Shining Path movements as markers of identity, often relating the two movements. In this section, I will first give a brief history of Shining Path's ideology and the Civil War in general. Next, I will discuss Shining Path's indirect influence on archaeology and my project in particular. Finally, I will discuss the personal narratives of close friends in the region, in order to give a modern account of how everyday Andeans were traumatized by the violence of the 1980s and 1990s.

The *Partido Comunista del Peru Sendero Luminoso*, or Shining Path, was an extreme left-wing Maoist sect which perceived the socioeconomic situation in the 1970s and 80s as a "semi-colonial country" which was dominated by imperialism (Gorriti 1999; Taylor 2006). Influenced by the work of Jose Carlos Mariategui (1928), Shining Path leaders believed that Peru's extensive natural resources (mercury and silver in the Early Colonial Period, guano and nitrate in the second half of the nineteenth century, and agricultural exports in the 1920s) had created a modern day extractive economy. This extractive economy led to an overdependence on the state, which controlled capitalist development and bureaucracy, thus alienating peasant classes and rural Andeans.

Shining Path members paired the writings of Mariategui with the work of Chinese Communist Party member Mao Zedong to develop their overall ideological viewpoint in the late 1970s (Taylor 2006). Mao was a founder of the Communist Party of China (1927), and is credited with taking China from imperialism into a modern world power. In particular, Shining Path leaders were interested in utilizing Mao's strategies for their own movement in Peru, which included both a major focus on the peasants and the theory of guerrilla warfare. Specifically, a major tenet in guerrilla warfare is the use of small, surprise attacks in lieu of the fixed battle lines

historically used in warfare. By marrying Mariategui's dystopian vision with Mao's strategy for a communist overthrow of imperial government, Shining Path officials developed their ideology in the late 1970s, based in the Universidad Nacional de San Cristóbal de Huamanga (UNSCH), located in Ayacucho.

Led by Abimael Guzmán, a philosophy lecturer at UNSCH, Shining Path began modestly in the late 1970s, strategically gathering members through Guzman's lectures and recruiting, and refining their ideological goals (Taylor 2006). For the first few years after the party's founding, they were ignored as a real threat by the Peruvian government and able to remain under the radar due to their "remote" Ayacucho location, and thus were able to solidify their infrastructure during this time. Early provincial support of Shining Path tactics was passive—local Andeans had an ambivalent attitude toward the Peruvian state and generally felt ignored or patronized by state programs. Since many Shining Path members grew up in these peasant communities before attending UNSCH or moving to Ayacucho, they were able to utilize their kinship ties to develop alliances in some of these highland communities. From 1980 through 1982, Shining Path was more of a utopian group which appeared to be interested in assisting peasant communities in and around Ayacucho (Taylor 2006).

Between 1982 and 1983, the apparent benevolence of Shining Path in highland communities gave way to a more direct control and abuse of power, with Shining Path party members attempting to oust established village leaders and replace them with Party candidates. Furthermore, Shining Path began to take an active role in community-based activities and traditions, such as religious practices and civil disagreements. At the same time, increasingly learning of Shining Path goals and actions in the highlands, the Peruvian military ramped up occupation of the highlands. While theoretically a strategic move to suppress the Shining Path,

the Peruvian national forces were woefully ignorant of Shining Path organizational structures and membership. Furthermore, the majority of Peruvian national forces who were sent into Ayacucho were not from the highlands—they did not speak Quechua, could not speak with the peasants in the villages, and did not understand the cultural practices of the people (Taylor 2006). Since the military could not parse Shining Path forces from local peasants—due to this lack of knowledge of Shining Path structures and Quechua—their strategy was to wipe out any *potential* support of Shining Path. This horrendous tactic resulted in enormous human rights abuses, the massacres of Andean peasants in numerous highland villages, and a general mistrust of governmental policy in the highlands.

In this toxic environment of the mid 1980s, peasants in the Chicha-Soras Valley were caught between Shining Path insurgents and Peruvian national forces. With reason, people in the Chicha-Soras today have a deep mistrust of outsiders. When speaking with the *comuneros* there, many would tell me that during the Shining Path reign, daily activities included posting a young child at either entrance to the village to watch out for people “foreign” to the village. Upon sighting a potential threat—Shining Path or Peruvian national force member—the child would alert the rest of the village, who would hurriedly retreat to nearby caves in order to wait out the passing of the strangers. Several community members told me that they often waited in the caves days at a time. One member of my excavation team told me that Shining Path would pass through the town one day and force town members to give them food and water at gunpoint. A few days later, Peruvian National forces would enter the town, and beat up or kill those who had given the Shining Path food. The peasants of the Chicha-Soras region were thus caught in the middle of a horrible civil war, where the very real threat of death was present on both sides and local people had no choice but to hide. The realities of the 1980s were traumatic and tragic for

the people in the Chicha-Soras—most individuals in the older generations there today lost at least two or three friends and family members to Shining Path and Peruvian military abuses.

Abimael Guzmán's capture in 1992 initiated a strong decline in Shining Path activity and Peruvian National Government retaliation in the highlands. All in all, some 69,000 people were murdered between 1980 and 2000, with over 75% of those killed speaking only Quechua (Comision de la Verdad y Reconciliación, 17). The result of the civil war not only caused a deep mistrust in foreigners and the government in the Chicha-Soras, but also prevented any sort of intensive archaeological investigation for nearly 30 years. My excavation was the first long-term project since the 1980s, and there is still much to do in the region in the future. When I arrived in the Chicha-Soras, I experienced threats and suspicion, for good reason. People were not comfortable with my presence in the town, nor were they supportive of a government-issued permit to study one of their most precious archaeological sites. The reality is that the civil war in the Chicha-Soras Valley created deep scars and greatly influences identity today. The people do not see themselves as victims, but rather look back both to Taki Onqoy and the Shining Path years as times of resistance and survival—the people in the Chicha-Soras are fighters. At the end of my time there in 2015, I had some incredible friends—the generosity and strength of those I worked with was inspiring.

Perhaps a discussion of modern terrorism is somewhat inappropriate in an archaeology dissertation; however, I find it difficult to talk about my findings without also discussing the region today. People in the Chicha-Soras link Taki Onqoy and resistance to Shining Path. They identify as fierce and independent, and often bring up the two movements in the same conversations. I will discuss identity more thoroughly in my conclusion, but here I want to end by saying that a discussion of archaeology and history in the region cannot be completed without

a discussion of Shining Path. The archaeological background cannot be divorced from its modern history, and I wanted to give a history of occupation of the valley, modern movements in the region, and modern day life in the Chicha-Soras.

Discussion: Patterns in the History and Archaeology of the Chicha-Soras Valley

The Chicha-Soras Valley is similar to other highland Andean valleys, in its ecological zones, growing seasons, and extensive terracing networks. Habitation in the region began in the Preceramic or Initial Periods, but increased dramatically in the Middle Horizon, as Wari settled in the Valley. Drawn perhaps by the agricultural and herding potential of the region, Wari invested heavily at several sites, the largest being Chiqnajota. During the Late Intermediate Period, the influence of Wari declined, and was replaced by the local ethnic group Soras, characterized by their own ceramic style and the construction of rough fieldstone circular structures. Finally, the Inka conquered the Soras and also heavily invested in the Chicha-Soras, as demarcated by the Inka occupation at several LIP sites, the construction of the new regional administration center Iglesiachayoq, and evidence for imperial investment in the ashlar polygonal masonry at multiple sites. The Chicha-Soras—either because of its economic potential or its strategic location between Vilcashuaman and Cuzco—thus was a desirable area for occupation throughout Andean prehistory.

Beyond the archaeological history of the region, however, the broad theme which characterizes the history of the Chicha-Soras region is that of revitalization. Marked by Soras and Inka participation in Taki Onqoy in the 1560s, and modern-day Shining Path presence in the 1980s, the people who live in Chicha-Soras today identify with both of these movements and consider themselves fighters, resisters, and survivors. Andean groups in the Chicha-Soras

witnessed countless horrors beginning with the Inka conquest in the 1400s. After this conquest, the Inka heavily inhabited the Chicha-Soras, likely changing local traditions and basic lifeways. Following the Inka conquest was the Spanish conquest, which brought massive restructuring of local religious beliefs and cultural practices, along with disease, death, and onerous tribute demands. After some 30 years of Spanish presence, the inhabitants of the Chicha-Soras began to reject all Spanish lifeways; they reverted to worshipping their local huacas and rejected Spanish food and dress through Taki Onqoy. While this covert movement was developed in order to intentionally subvert Spanish rule and Catholicism, its discovery by Albornoz and other Spanish authorities in the late 1560s prompted swift and severe retribution and punishment by Spanish forces. This included the burning of huacas and forcing local Andeans to construct churches, among other forms of physical penance.

Partially influenced by the anti-idolatry campaigns, Francisco de Toledo resettled Andeans in the 1570s, relocating them from their dispersed highland settlements into gridded, planned towns where they could be more easily supervised (at least in theory). For the inhabitants of Chicha, this meant moving to either San Pedro de Larcay or Soras. Finally, centuries later, those who live in the Chicha-Soras were victims of Shining Path massacres and governmental retaliation, resulting in the area being deemed a red zone for some 25 years. Likewise, in this time, people in the Chicha-Soras developed a healthy weariness of outsiders and government mandates alike, thus preventing academic research in the region for some time.

Although the archaeological and historical description I have supplied here largely casts the people of the Chicha-Soras as victims or passive receivers of horrible policies and various waves of violence, the story is not entirely one-sided. Local people found ways to manipulate policy and participate in revivalist movements in order to covertly subvert and influence those

who held control. Documentary bias written by “the victors” has dictated the history of the region from the perspective of Spanish forces (as in the case of Taki Onqoy) or government officials (as in the case of Shining Path). However, the archaeological research presented here can provide an intricate slice of material evidence for local practices in the sixteenth century, supplying an alternate history of colonialism and conquest than those found in the documents. In the next four chapters, I will present my methodology and archaeological findings regarding local practices, Taki Onqoy, and Spanish retribution in the sixteenth century.

CHAPTER 5

RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND METHODOLOGY

The Taki Onqoy revitalization movement has long been considered a marker of indigeneity and the subversion of colonial norms, and has heretofore only been studied through documentary sources. Scholars have predominantly utilized these sources to discuss immaterial aspects of the movement—what it meant to the people who practiced it, its connection with broader rebellions in the sixteenth century, and the extent to which it was an exaggeration put forth by Spanish priests. Though these debates have been critical in understanding the nuances of both the movement and the documents which describe the movement, they have not attempted to assess *how* the movement was performed, and how material media structured the movement. Thus, although Taki Onqoy was undoubtedly an Andean or Inka bottom-up revitalization, the previous methods in studying this movement have been grounded in biased documents by Spanish officials. Though this dissertation is firmly building off of the nuanced work completed by secondary scholars, a materials-based perspective can offer a new type of evidence which allows insight into how the movement was practiced at the local level.

In this chapter, I first discuss my research questions and hypotheses, and outline the archaeological correlates for each scenario. In this section, I draw heavily on my explication of materiality and Taki Onqoy in Chapter 2. Next, I describe my multi-phase research design and argue that this design was essential to answering my research questions. Lastly, I relate the methods and protocols for each phase of my research design.

Research Questions and Hypotheses

My dissertation research addressed several questions related to Taki Onqoy and the material manifestations of its performance at Iglesiachayoq. What was the relationship between those who practiced Taki Onqoy and their interaction with Spanish cultural and Catholic materials? Were Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy overtly violent? How did Taki Onqoy affect mortuary practices? Was Taki Onqoy performed in specific areas (i.e. public or private spaces, Catholic or local spaces)?

Materiality of Taki Onqoy in the Non-Religious Sphere

One goal of my investigation was to understand the materiality of Taki Onqoy in non-religious contexts and daily life. By studying how Andeans used Taki Onqoy materials and in turn, how characteristics of these materials reciprocally influenced people, we can develop a fuller picture of the movement itself and ask more specific questions than has previous scholarship. By “non-religious” sphere, I refer to activities occurring primarily within households in private settings, or public activities taking place outside of households within plazas. My hypotheses are as follows:

1) If Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of Spanish things, they would likely be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic or Spanish objects in new ways or entangled forms of material culture.

All of the documents which discuss Taki Onqoy practices (Chapter 2) aver that takiongos rejected Spanish material culture and Catholic religion. Materially, this culture manifested in two separate realms: the profane and the sacred. At the irreligious level, the material practices would include avoidance of Spanish agricultural crops (wheat), Old World fauna (cows, horses, sheep, goats, chickens), and Spanish styles of dress (Albornoz 1990; Álvarez 1998; Molina 2010). In

the religious sphere, Spanish culture included rosary beads or crosses, or other personal items indicative of Catholic religious practice. Archaeologically, if takiongos rejected daily Spanish cultural practices, I would expect an absence of Old World flora and fauna, no evidence of Spanish dress, and even the rejection of Spanish personal decorative items such as Nueva Cadiz beads, glazed or wheel-thrown ceramics, and a lack of Catholic imagery in households. There could also be evidence of overt destruction of Catholic religious objects such as crosses. Paired with this absence of Spanish goods, there should be evidence of continued Andean cultural practices, including the presence of camelid and cuy fauna, maize, and the continued worship of Andean huacas, as demonstrated through bulk chicha production, animal sacrifices, and indications of Taki Onqoy ceremonial goods including red pigments. Conversely, if the inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq did not reject Spanish goods, I would expect to find unbiased incorporation of Spanish flora, fauna, and religious items throughout domestic units.

In previous archaeological investigations into revitalization movements (namely, I am drawing on Liebmann's 2008 work with the seventeenth-century Pueblo Revolt), evidence suggests that not only do indigenous participants reject colonial cultural materials, but in some cases they repurposed them in order to transform their power and channel that significance into local belief systems. By extension, the use of Spanish goods in novel contexts could also indicate that takiongos were manipulating Spanish items to support huaca worship. Archaeologically, these practices may include new ceramic styles, the use of Spanish fauna in ritual contexts, or Catholic objects and imagery in spaces of traditional Andean worship (i.e. ushnus, huacas, etc.).

2) If Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq were violent, they would be marked by destruction of huacas in public arenas or physical punishment of takiongos in public spaces.

Albornoz affirms that he extirpated idolatry at Iglesiachayoq through the burning of huacas in the central plaza, the whipping and shaving of individual takiongos in the central plaza, and by forcing those caught practicing Taki Onqoy to labor at the central church of the site (Albornoz 1990). Archaeologically, correlates of this hypothesis would include evidence of burning in the central plaza along with elevated amounts of fragmented stone and possible indications of burned mummies or other exotic objects. Evidence of physical punishment could include embodied defense wounds or broken bones in burials recovered at Iglesiachayoq. If there were no violent responses to Taki Onqoy levied by Spanish officials in the central plaza, I would expect an archaeological assemblage which resembled other exterior spaces at Iglesiachayoq.

Taki Onqoy in the Religious Sphere

Taki Onqoy practices also had implications for the Catholic and Andean religious spheres. These spheres included the mortuary treatment of Andean individuals at Iglesiachayoq and the spatial areas and materiality of Taki Onqoy performances. Spanish Catholic practices at this time required baptized individuals to be buried in the church, while unbaptized individuals were to be kept separate from the church (Estenssoro 2003, see Chapter 2). However, Taki Onqoy leaders demanded religious exclusivity and preached for their followers to avoid churches and by extension, to inter their dead in traditional places of Andean importance.

3) If the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic traditions in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of position and burial goods.

If inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were subverting Catholic burial traditions, then I would expect evidence of a variety of burial positions in relation to the altar. There could also be

evidence of grave goods in interments, and interments could be either primary or secondary. There may have been post-death interaction with human remains (like in prehispanic Andean or Inkan traditions), and in the most risky behavior, we may find evidence of burial removal.⁶⁴ Since there has never been an archaeological investigation into Taki Onqoy, I would be prepared for a variety of diverse practices in relation to mortuary styles apart from those I have listed here.

Conversely, if Andeans were following Catholic mortuary dictates, then I would expect individuals interred in extended position, facing the altar, and without grave goods. All interments would be primary and undisturbed—unbaptized individuals were not to be buried in the church and baptized individuals had to be buried in the church. Thus, there is no scenario in which a person originally interred elsewhere should be reburied in the church. Moreover, Catholic officials were very concerned with Andean ancestor worship. If the inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were following Catholic practices, then there should be no evidence of posthumous interaction with human remains.

4) If Taki Onqoy performances were an explicit revitalization of prehispanic cultural traditions, then their associated materials would reflect practices common in the region prior to Spanish invasion.

In Taki Onqoy religious rituals, participants would gather in sanctioned spaces or private households which had been deliberately cleaned. They would drink lots of chicha, dance, paint their faces with red pigments, sacrifice rams or cuy, and chant, all practices which were common prior to Inka and Spanish invasion. The huacas were said to have inhabited individuals, who would tremble as they spoke through the huaca. Archaeologically, if Taki Onqoy performances

⁶⁴ As has been documented in later Spanish accounts, for example see Arriaga 1999, Salomon et al. 1991

mirrored prehispanic performances, I would expect to find evidence for chicha production and consumption (large ceramic vessels, feasting wares, and evidence for maize cultivation), interior or exterior spaces which had been deliberately cleaned, red pigment (either achiote or cinnabar), and sacrificed camelids and cuyes. In these ritual spaces, there would be no evidence of Spanish objects. Some of the central practices of the movement—dancing, chanting, and huaca possession—would leave no archaeological impact, and so these cannot be assessed materially.

Taki Onqoy and Catholic Spaces

My final questions and hypotheses investigate where Taki Onqoy practices were taking place. While documents name the people and practices of Taki Onqoy, there is little discussion about where these performances were invoked at the site level. Though Albornoz identifies different towns and toponyms, he omits critical information about where Taki Onqoy was practiced at each site. Moreover, Taki Onqoy practices were not universal at any one site at any one time, and specific site-level locations for these practices provided by witnesses are contradictory. While some affirm Andeans practiced Taki Onqoy at local huacas such as mountain peaks, lakes, or rivers, others suggest that these ritual activities took place covertly in domestic households. Still others affirm that takiongos constructed special outdoor, circular structures that were specifically designed for these dancing and chanting ceremonies. My final hypothesis is as follows:

5) If Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement, its material and spatial signatures will be uncovered in private areas away from central religious spaces. If there are public spaces of Taki Onqoy performances, these will be located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices.

This last hypothesis accounts for the possibility of both private and public areas of Taki Onqoy. Since punishments for Taki Onqoy practices were severe during Albornoz's ecclesiastical visita, it is likely that these performances would be enacted in places away from the direct sight of Catholic authorities. Additionally, since the movement advocated for the complete rejection of Catholic religion and Spanish practices, the spaces in which the movement were performed would logically be away from places of Catholic importance. From an archaeological perspective, if this hypothesis were true, then there would be evidence for Taki Onqoy performances in areas which were not visible from the site center (the location of the Catholic Church). Areas near the Catholic Church would be less likely to be associated with Taki Onqoy and by extension, show no evidence of Taki Onqoy practices.

Research Design

To address these research questions and hypotheses, I implemented a four-phase research plan which included architectural survey and site mapping, intensive excavation of 19 units throughout Iglesiachayoq, laboratory analysis of recovered materials (especially ceramic, faunal, and bioarchaeological study), and spatial analysis of walking paths and visibility. Each of these phases was instrumental in answering my research questions, and was also critical in learning more about Iglesiachayoq and the Soras, particularly since most previous excavation in the Chicha-Soras Valley was at Middle Horizon sites. First, the Google Earth reconnaissance and on-the-ground architectural survey were both parts of Phase One, and were completed during the summers of 2013 and 2014. The goal of Phase One was to understand the site layout, site sectors, and general architectural trends at Iglesiachayoq. Additionally, Phase One mapping helped to assess occupations at the site and was critical to selecting regions or structures for further

excavation. During Phase One, my team and I found evidence—topographic differences, variations in quality and form of structures—of three separate sectors (Figure 5.1.): Sector 1 (in red) included the central church and plaza, and a large quadrangular structure with rounded corners that may have been the kuraka house. Sector 2 was located Northeast of Sector 1 (in yellow), and Sector 3 was located southwest of Sector 1, and appeared to be the more “local” area of the site. My team and I also documented 91 structures of three different types: ovoid, quadrangular with squared corners, and quadrangular with rounded corners. Ovoid structures (n = 23) were circular or ovoid in shape, with accesses located at various angles across the site. Quadrangular structures with squared corners (n = 10) were square or rectangular and contained sharp edges on the exterior corners of the structures. Like the ovoid structures, the accesses for the quadrangular structures varied in terms of width and angle. The last type of structure was quadrangular with rounded corners (n = 58), and this type made up the majority of the structures (Table 5.1).

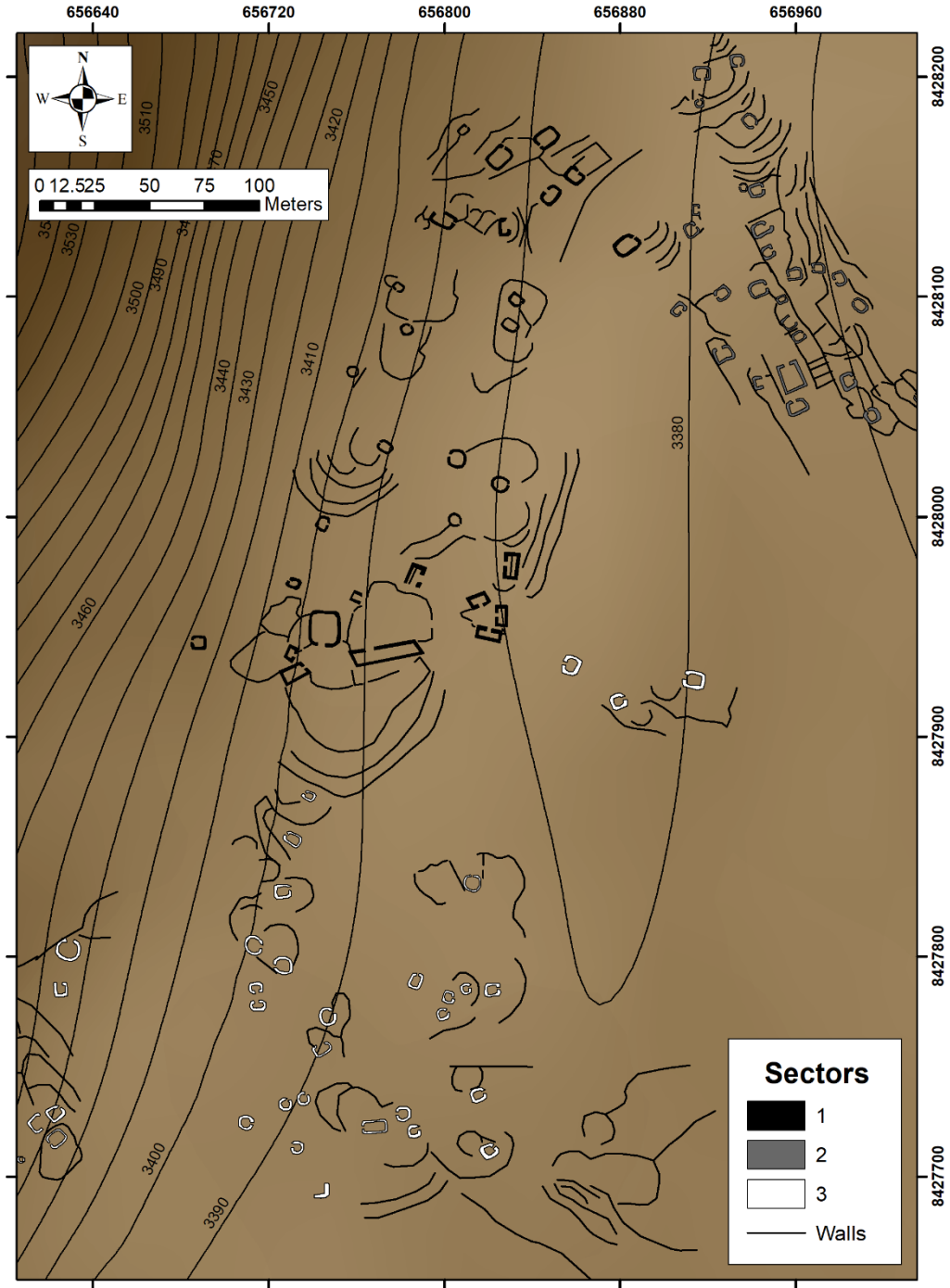


Figure 5.1. Sectorization of Iglesiachayoq.

| Sector Number | Ovoid | Quadrangular with Squared Corners | Quadrangular with Rounded Corners | Total Number of Structures |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 30 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 27 |
| 3 | 16 | 0 | 18 | 34 |
| Total | 23 | 10 | 58 | 91 |

Table 5.1. Distribution of structure forms by Sector.

Drawing on the results from Phase One of this investigation, Phase Two was completed in 2015 by the Proyecto Arqueológico de Taki Onqoy (PATO) and was marked by large-scale, targeted excavation at Iglesiachayoq. Unit selection was a mix of judgmental and systematic sampling. The 19 units were strategically placed to maximize the variety of structures and areas sampled in order to collect evidence on the range of past activities at Iglesiachayoq within the different structure forms and different sectors (Figure 5.2). The kuraka household in Sector 1 is of a different category in scale and elaboration compared to the other domestic structures at the site. Intensive excavations in this building provided a unique window into the intimacies of domestic practice, patterns of consumption, and covert ritual of a Taki Onqoy leader. In addition to this judgmentally-selected location, we followed a stratified, systematic sampling method. The three sampling strata were defined by formal differences in domestic structures: 1) ovoid, 2) quadrangular with squared corners, and 3) quadrangular with rounded corners. We excavated a total of nine structures other than the kuraka house (11.25% of the total count)—which proportionally represented the percentage of each type of structure at Iglesiachayoq. This included excavations in two ovoid structures, two quadrangular with squared corner structures,

and five quadrangular with rounded corner structures. The selected households were evenly distributed throughout all three sectors of the site in order to assess and interpret differences between and within these sectors. In addition to the domestic households, we selected five 2m x 2m units in the patios of a subsample of structures to discern activities occurring outside of the houses. We also excavated a large 5m x 5m unit in the plaza in order to target practices in the religious center of the site. Finally, we excavated three 5.5m x 2m units in the church, one at the west end, one at the east end near the altar, and one in the center of the church.

The selection of unit placement was designed to answer my research questions (Table 5.2). Hypothesis One, which proposed that “if Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of the use of Spanish material culture, they would likely be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic or Spanish objects in new ways or hybrid forms of material culture,” was aimed at addressing Taki Onqoy practices in domestic spheres. Excavations in the ten domestic structures of different forms and in different sectors in combination with the five patio units sought to address Hypothesis One. Hypothesis Two proposed that “if Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy were overtly violent, they would be marked by destruction of huacas in public arenas or physical punishment of takiongos in public spaces,” and the central plaza unit was placed to address this hypothesis. Hypothesis Three posited that “if the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic traditions in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms” and was addressed through excavation in the central church. Hypothesis Four proposed that “if Taki Onqoy performances were an explicit revitalization of prehispanic cultural traditions, then their associated materials would reflect practices common in the region prior to Spanish invasion” can be considered in conjunction with Hypothesis 5, which is related to the locations of Taki Onqoy performances. Since the site-level

locations of Taki Onqoy had never been investigated, all excavation units address both hypotheses.

| Unit Number | Sector | Size (m) | Description | Hypotheses addressed |
|-------------|--------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 9.6 x 12 | Casa de kuraka | 1, 4, 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 8 x 4 | Quad w/ squared corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 3 | 1 | 4.5 x 4 | Ovoid | 1, 4, 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 5.5 x 3 | Quad w/ squared corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 4.5 x 3 | Quad w/ rounded corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 6 | 2 | 4.5 x 3 | Quad w/ rounded corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 7 | 2 | 4.5 x 3 | Quad w/ rounded corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 8 | 3 | 4 x 3.5 | Ovoid | 1, 4, 5 |
| 9 | 3 | 4 x 2.5 | Quad w/ rounded corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 10 | 3 | 5 x 3.5 | Quad w/ rounded corners | 1, 4, 5 |
| 11 | 1 | 2 x 2 | Patio south of Unit 1 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 12 | 1 | 2 x 2 | Patio west of unit 2 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 13 | 1 | 2 x 2 | Patio east of Unit 3 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 14 | 2 | 2 x 2 | Patio north of Unit 6 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 15 | 3 | 2 x 2 | Patio north of Unit 8 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 16 | 1 | 5 x 5 | Central plaza | 2, 4, 5 |
| 17 | 1 | 5.5 x 2 | Western church unit | 3, 4, 5 |
| 18 | 1 | 5.5 x 2 | Central church unit | 3, 4, 5 |
| 19 | 1 | 5.5 x 2 | Eastern church altar unit | 3, 4, 5 |

Table 5.2. Excavated Units at Iglesiachayoc.

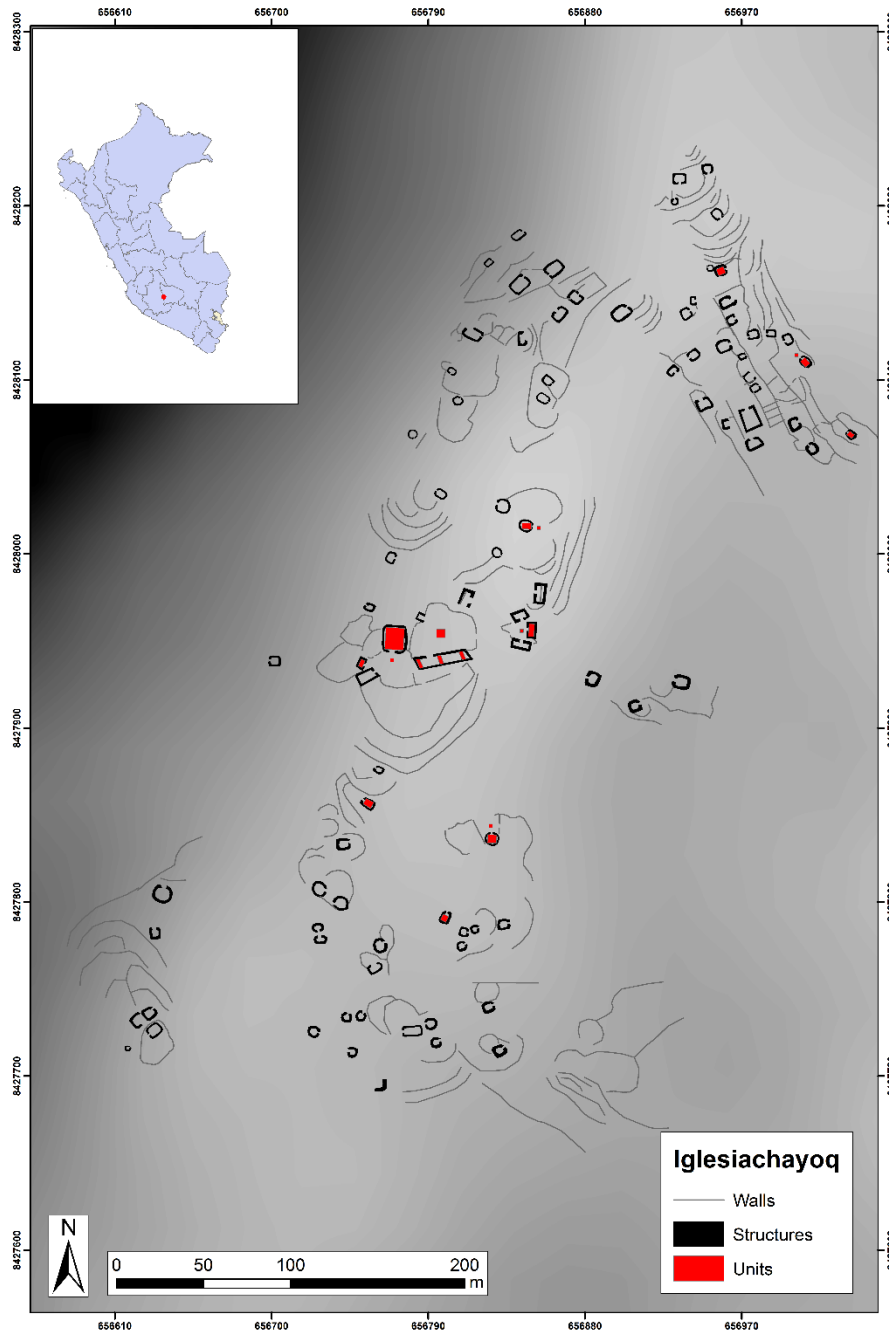


Figure 5.2. Excavation Units at Iglesiachayoq.

Phase Three of this investigation consisted of macroanalysis of ceramic, lithics, faunal remains, and bioarchaeological specimens in Peru, as well as the exportation of ceramic and

biological remains for microscopic and isotopic analyses. Phase Three thus consists of all completed in-field and laboratory analysis. Finally, Phase Four utilized GIS and spatial analysis to model walking times and intervisibility at Iglesiachayoq. Phase Four was also aimed at addressing Hypotheses Four and Five, as it explicitly considered spaces of performance at Iglesiachayoq. This mixed-methods approach which included site-level survey, site-wide excavation, and contextual analysis, worked together in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of daily life and mortuary practices at Iglesiachayoq in the mid-sixteenth century. The methodology used in this research was also highly flexible, and timelines were modified or postponed in order to work in accordance with the needs and demands of the surrounding communities, Chicha and Larcay. By excavating in all three sectors of the site, the investigation questions how space was utilized by different groups, and how the production or altering of space produced and structured hegemonic Spanish control. Specifically, the mixed-methods approach was designed to consider possible locations for Taki Onqoy activities.

In general, Iglesiachayoq is an ideal site for excavation. There is only one major occupation at the site, which dates to the Inka and Early Colonial Period (1450-1572). Since there is a maximum of 150 years of occupation at Iglesiachayoq, unit deposits were shallow, averaging 40cm of cultural material before arriving at sterile soil. The shallow depth of cultural deposits was affected by modern farming practices across the site, however. The present-day town of Chicha is located a mere 1.5 km from Iglesiachayoq, and many of the people who live in Chicha today use structures and plaza spaces as *chakras*, or agricultural fields (Figure 5.3). This modern-day disruption of soil stratigraphy may have affected findings at specific units during the excavation.

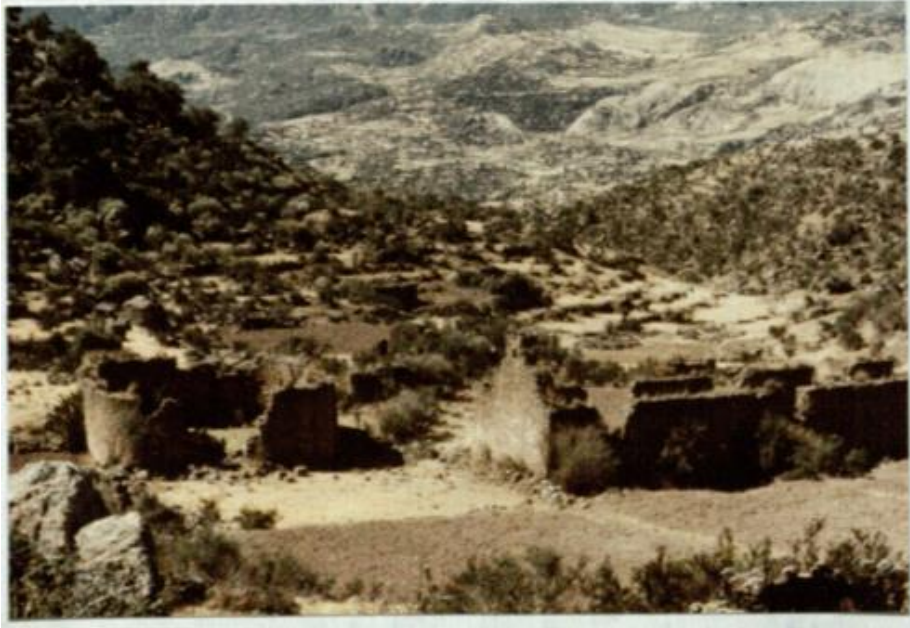


Figure 5.3. View of Iglesiachayoq looking north. Notice the tilled fields in the foreground south of the church. Photo by Monica Barnes.

Methodology

Phase One: Preliminary Mapping and Architectural Survey

As the first archaeological project to undertake extensive excavation at Iglesiachayoq, and the first excavation project located in the Chicha-Soras Valley in over thirty years, my team and I first generated a detailed, accurate basemap before creating an excavation plan. In 2013, I first visited Iglesiachayoq, and returned that summer in order to become familiar with the site. In between trips, I located the site on Google Earth and saved satellite imagery of the region and the structures (Figure 5.4).

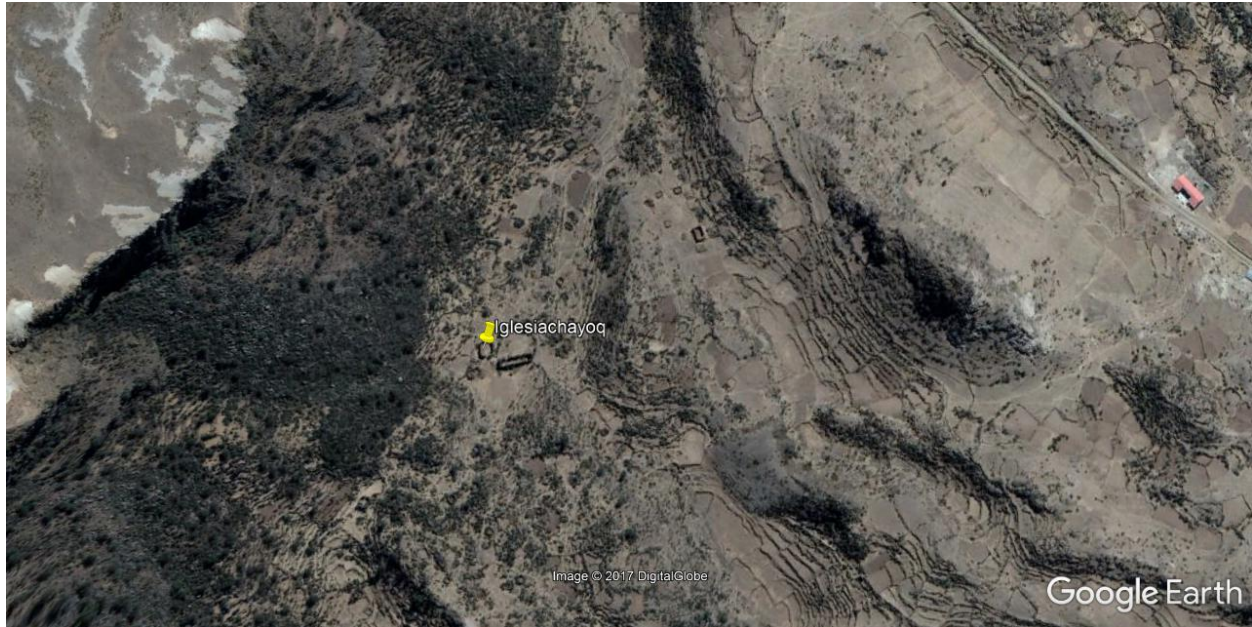


Figure 5.4. Example of Google Earth imagery of Iglesiachayoq. Church and kuraka house in the center, surrounded by heavily-terraced hillsides.

Fortunately, the imagery in this region is very clear, and we were able to make out most of the structures from the aerial photos. I saved screen shots of these aerial photos and imported them into ArcGIS 10.1, where I then georeferenced them using visible places on the landscape in order to anchor the structures in real space. These technological advances have made vast improvements on mapping capabilities from the 1980s, as indicated by the sketch map drafted by Barnes (Figure 5.5). In the rest of the 2013 season, I visited Iglesiachayoq two other times—I used these visits to take GPS points using a Garmin Trimble, so that I could ground-truth the photo imagery from Google Earth. During these other visits, I took notes about the types of architecture and masonry, and I recorded potential variables to measure in the next phase of fieldwork. Iglesiachayoq is an ideal location for architectural survey using both aerial imagery and on-the-ground prospection methods. For the majority of the structures, at least a portion of the walls are fully intact, allowing us to intuit the original height of the structures. For all

structures, the base architecture was intact which provided the original size and shape of the structures. Additionally, many of the structures lacked only their thatched roofs, such that Iglesiachayoq likely looks similar to its original appearance during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries of occupation.

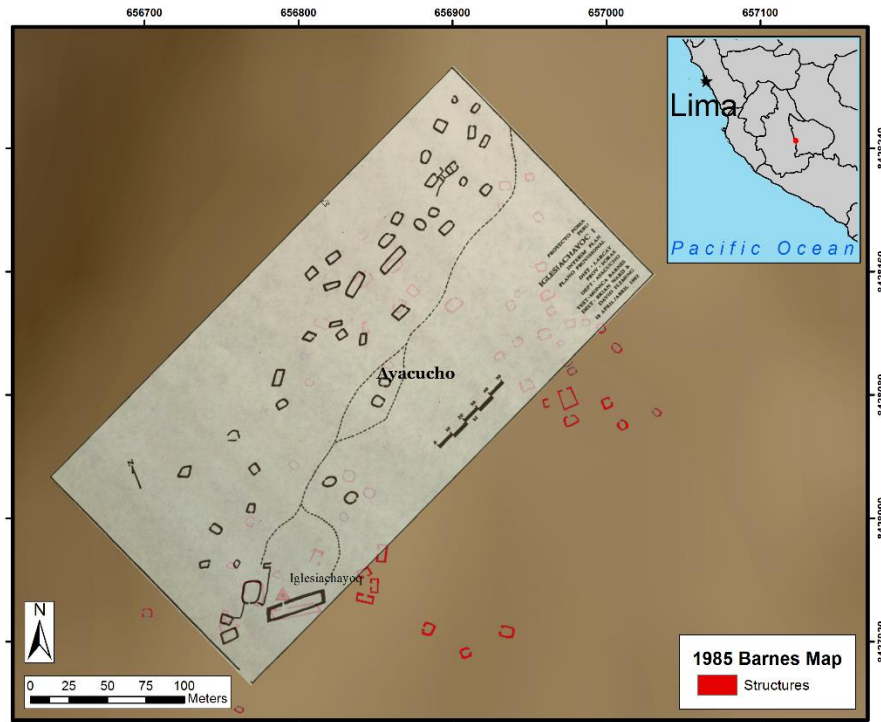


Figure 5.5. Georeferenced Barnes map--while spatial relationships are more or less rendered accurately, the map itself is skewed. Structures mapped by PATO are in red.

In 2014, I began an in-depth architectural survey of Iglesiachayoq. I imported the georeferenced imagery onto an Apple iPad using the program GISPro, made by Garafa. GISPro is a tablet-based mapping program in which one can import and export shapefiles and imagery, as well as record points, lines, or polygons in the actual environment. After importing the Google Earth imagery into GISPro, I then visited Iglesiachayoq in 2014 and completed a detailed map which recorded 53 quantitative and qualitative attributes for every structure, 12 attributes for

every wall, and 6 attributes for every accessway. By far, the most important of these feature classes was the structure feature class, which recorded attributes for 91 structures at Iglesiachayoq. Each structure was given an EA number to differentiate it, followed by the recording of attributes, a subset which included a general description, preservation percentages and descriptions, form of structure, form of interior and exterior corners, special construction on the floor, room divisions, estimated time period, function and design, modern use, state of the surface, masonry style, length, width, diameter, height of walls, width and height of access, masonry of the access, orientation of the structure, number of niches, presence or absence of stucco, number of windows and description, other details, and photos for every structure. While this is not the full list of attributes recorded, it does provide a feel for the sort of information we were collecting for each structure (Figure 5.6).



Figure 5.6. Work space of map in GIS Pro, attributes on the left.

For wall attributes, each wall segment was also given an EA number to differentiate it, followed by the collecting of various attributes including a general description, type of wall, associated structures or other walls, level of preservation, width and height of the wall, and the type of masonry. Photos were taken for all walls as well. Finally, the architectural survey assigned EA numbers and collected attribute data for accesses in walls, structures, or patios. Some of these attributes include type of access, description, width, and photos. Iglesiachayoq does not follow a site plan, but rather was constructed following the topographic contours of the

valley. As such, accessways identified in walls or between structures were less definitive than those at other planned sites.⁶⁵ The architectural survey phase of this project was designed to gather the most data in an efficient manner, and specifically to help select structures for excavation during Phase Two. By collecting architectural data on all structures, walls, and accesses at Iglesiachayoq, this information facilitates the potential for advanced spatial analysis including Spatial Network Analysis, Least Cost Paths, and Viewshed Analyses at the site-level. Furthermore, with quantitative data on all structures at the site, future statistical analysis is possible in order to statistically differentiate size and form between and among sectors of the site. Not only does this data facilitate more advanced spatial analyses and allow for strategic excavation design, but it also allows me to make hypotheses about wealth and status differences, cultural distinctions, and temporal use at Iglesiachayoq.

All data and photos were compiled into a database using Microsoft Access, and were later joined with excavation and ceramic analysis data. Shapefiles for structures, walls, and accesses were imported into ArcGIS 10.3.1, where building polygons were corrected to account for a point-snapping flaw in GISPro. The corrected map was then imported back into GISPro for use in the field during excavation. Masonry styles were more or less uniform throughout the site. In general, all structures were built out of roughly-dressed fieldstone with a loose mortar holding the stones together, and three of these structures had stucco on both the exterior and interior. Few structures at the site ($n = 9$) contain fine Inka cut-masonry, with some structures ($n = 8$) containing niches. Doorways were uniformly trapezoidal, wider at the base and narrower at the

⁶⁵ For example, While apprenticing with my adviser, Dr. Steve Wernke with mapping and architectural survey at the reduccion town of Mawchu Llacta, the high pirca walls and gridded layout created the need for structured accessways and rigid pathways for movement as compared to the agglutinated patio layout seen at Iglesiachayoq (Wernke 2017).

top. While this will be discussed in more detail in Chapter 6, we differentiated between three types of structure forms.

In 2015, PATO was able to borrow and utilize a Sokkia SET630R Total Station to ground-truth images in ArcGIS 10.3.1. Since the basemap was generated using aerial imagery, we took anchor points using the Total Station in order to ground the imagery in actual space. Using a Garmin Trimble, three site datum were placed, one in each sector of the site. A backsight was recorded at a distance of 500m away from the overall site datum, which is located at 656928E and 8427826S. Using these three site datum, we mapped the corners and centers of all structures on site which were visible from these datum. We also mapped the four corners of every unit excavated, as well as the center points of these units. Finally, we imported the coordinate data into ArcGIS 10.3.1 and corrected the map, with structures moving an average of 3m between the aerial photography and the Total Station points. Additionally, we plotted the limits of the site using the Trimble in order to generate an accurate polygon of the extents of Iglesiachayoq. The extents of this polygon were defined by a lack of structures and surface ceramic.

Phase Two: Excavation at Iglesiachayoq

The excavation strategy, which took place over three months of fieldwork, was guided by a mix of judgmental and systematic sampling. Units were strategically placed to maximize the variety of structures and areas sampled in order to collect evidence on a maximum range of past activities at Iglesiachayoq. Unit locations were selected after considering visible surface features and architectural patterns, activity areas, aerial imagery, and practical considerations like location and degree of brush coverage in specific areas. A total of 19 units were excavated,

ranging from 2m x 2m patio units to an excavation unit of 12m x 9.6m, with cultural levels reaching an average depth of 40cm below the surface. In total, we excavated some 284.1 m² surface area, and the excavations confirmed very shallow occupation contexts indicative of the only ~150 year occupation of the site.

A local grid (anchored to local datum) divided each unit in order to provide more control and horizontal spatial reference for collected archaeological materials. In most cases, units in structures were divided into four quads, but larger units were subdivided more times in order to create quads of smaller sizes to maintain control. All excavation contexts were conducted in accordance with known, established techniques and methods for standard archaeological excavation (Barker 1993; Collis 2004). All excavations followed the Harris method, utilizing the “locus” as the unit of analysis within each excavated context. The locus system provides more flexibility for the excavator—any context, special find, natural level, arbitrary level, burial, etc. can be designated as a new locus, thus definitively separating findings. As Tripcevich and Wernke (2010) write, the locus system provides “greater analytical flexibility in the field than a level and feature system; it enables excavation of culturally-defined contexts without forcing them into a binary ‘level’ or ‘feature’ classes as minimal units of provenience; and it facilitates database design by providing a single minimal unit of provenience with a unique identification number” (Tripcevich and Wernke 2010: 386). I assigned each unit leader 50 locus numbers which they used in consecutive order for different loci. These locus numbers were never duplicated across units, so each locus has only one possible context. For example, locus 207 was an area of intense burning filled with bone fragments and carbon; locus 207 *only* corresponds to this soil matrix and these artifacts. Locus numbers began with 001 and the last recorded locus

was 1012, but not all numbers in between were utilized. In total, 141 separate contexts were excavated at Iglesiachayoq.

Contexts were excavated by pickaxe, trowel, and brush. In general, the surface areas of each unit were covered with extremely thick vegetation and grass, so machetes and pickaxes were need to clear these top levels. In Unit 2 and Unit 10, a large, thick tree had grown in the periphery of either unit. In both cases, the tree was too difficult to remove so we left it in the grid and excavated around it to the best of our abilities. Small, delicate, or fragile materials were excavated using wooden sticks, metal dental tools, small brushes, and tongs so as not to damage or disturb the data. All soil, with the exception of one 2.5 liter sample per locus, was sieved through ¼ inch screens. The 2.5 liter sample per locus was collected as a matrix sample; however, these soil samples were not processed due to a lack of time. All recovered materials were separately bagged and labeled with the provenience string (site, unit, quad, locus), date, and type of material (e.g. ceramic, lithic, bone). Artifact bags were catalogued every night in the lab and placed in boxes which were separated by unit. In general, preservation at the site is rather poor, with much of the collected bone in very bad shape. Organic materials were collected in situ for potential radiocarbon dating, carefully wrapped in aluminum foil to prevent contamination. Bones which were particularly fragile were also wrapped in aluminum foil in order to preserve the integrity and shape of the organic material. After full excavation of each unit, units were refilled with excavated soil in a timely manner. Metals were wrapped in paper and stored separately, as instructed by the project supervisor from the Ministry of Culture in Ayacucho.

Sector 1 Units

Household units were placed to encompass the majority of the interior space of each household, and small extensions were added to some units in order to define base architecture of the structures. The rest of this section will describe each unit's placement, size, and extensions in order to justify my excavation methodology (Figure 5.6, and see Appendix E for detailed unit summaries).

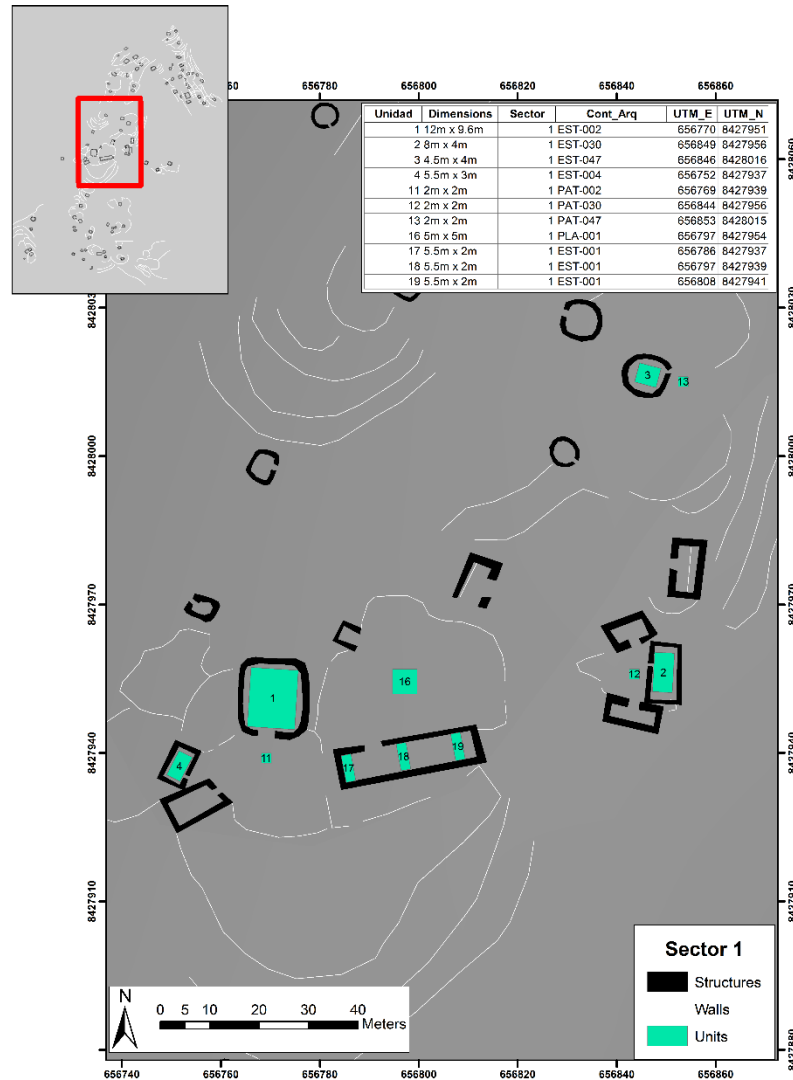


Figure 5.7. Units, sizes, and UTM coordinates for Sector 1 excavations.

Located in the kuraka house in the religious center of the site in Sector 1, Unit 1 was 12m x 9.6m placed in the center of the structure and then divided into 12 3m x 3.2m quads.⁶⁶ For all units, quads were numbered from northwest to southeast in a linear fashion, mirrored on how English is read. Prior to excavation of each unit, the team and workers cleared the shrubs and trees from the surface, and collected any ceramic which was found on the surface. Because of the massive size of Unit 1, we made a strategic decision to excavate quads one, three, five, seven, nine and twelve (see Figure 5.8). In quads one, three, seven, and ten, we extended units to the structure wall to define the base architecture. The goal of this unit was to see differences in artifact type and overall quality, as this structures is much larger and has evidence of more investment than most other structures at the site. Some have even argued that this structure was an Inka palace (Mallco, pers comm. 2015), although the artifacts found in this unit do not support this hypothesis. Unit 1 is located in the religious center of the site, so its placement was also designed to reflect occupation changes, or evidence of Spanish presence in this area. Additionally, since the kuraka of Iglesiachayoq was implicated in the Taki Onqoy movement, this unit was selected in order to study the intricacies of the local leader's daily practices.

⁶⁶ Unit 1 was placed in EA 2, the identifying structure number for the kuraka house.

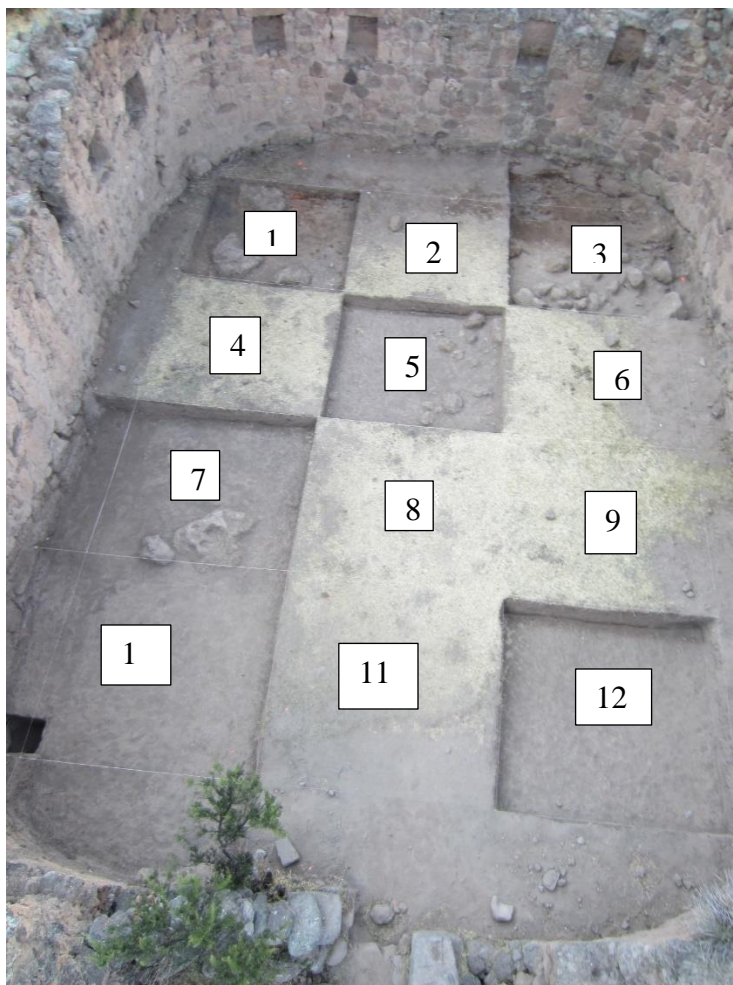


Figure 5.8. Unit 1 with quad subdivisions.

Unit 2 was an 8m x 4m unit located in Sector 1, and placed to cover the maximum amount of domestic space in structure EA 30. Along with two other quadrangular structures with squared corners (EA 29 and EA 32), these three structures make up a small patio group which is separated from other patio groups at Iglesiachayoq. All are quadrangular with squared corners, and of a much greater size and quality than most other structures at the site. Furthermore, all three structures are surrounded by a small restraining wall, indicating that access may have been restricted into this patio group. The object of this unit was to understand who was living in this area, if it was separated for a particular reason, and if there was a noticeable difference in the

function of the houses in this area. In addition to the 8m x 4m unit, divided into eight 2m x 1m quads, we extended the unit in quad 2 by an average of 52cm from the northern limit of the unit to the wall in order to define base architecture in the structure.

Unit 3 was also located in Sector 1, and was a 5m x 4.5m unit placed to maximize the space in the circular structure number EA 47. The goal of this unit was to identify if activities performed in circular structures were qualitatively different than those in other types of structures. Cristóbal de Albornoz (1990 [1577]:191) writes that during Taki Onqoy, takiongos constructed circular enclosures to perform the dances associated with the movement. This unit was subdivided into four quads, 2.5 m x 2.25m in size. South of quad 4, we extended the unit 50cm to the southern wall of structure EA 47 to identify base architecture.

Unit 4 was also located in Sector 1, and was a 3m x 2.75m unit placed in structure EA 4. Structure 4 is located alongside of the church and the enormous kuraka house, so I hypothesized that structure 4 would contain materials to support the functioning of either or both buildings, or could have been used to support activities in the central plaza. This unit was placed here in order to investigate possible feasting or other food preparation tasks in a house alongside the religious center of the site. Extensions in this unit include an average 40cm extension from the western limit of quads one and three to the wall to define architecture. Unit 4 suffered from extensive wall collapse to the interior of the structure; however, these large wall blocks actually protected the archaeological contexts and we had much better preservation in this unit than in most other units.

Unit 11 was one of the 2m x 2m patio units, this one located south of the accessway of the kuraka house by one meter, placed to observe any activities that were occurring in the exterior spaces of houses at Iglesiachayoq. In his survey, Meddens put in a test unit in the

entrance of the structure (Figure 5.9). Patio units were not divided into grids, nor did they contain any extensions. Unfortunately, in many of the patio spaces, including unit 11, the unit was placed in an area where cultivation or agricultural production had occurred in the past—the frequency of this problem was astounding at Iglesiachayoq. The majority of spaces in between structures have been used for planting and growing crops or as pastureland for animal husbandry at some point in the recent past.

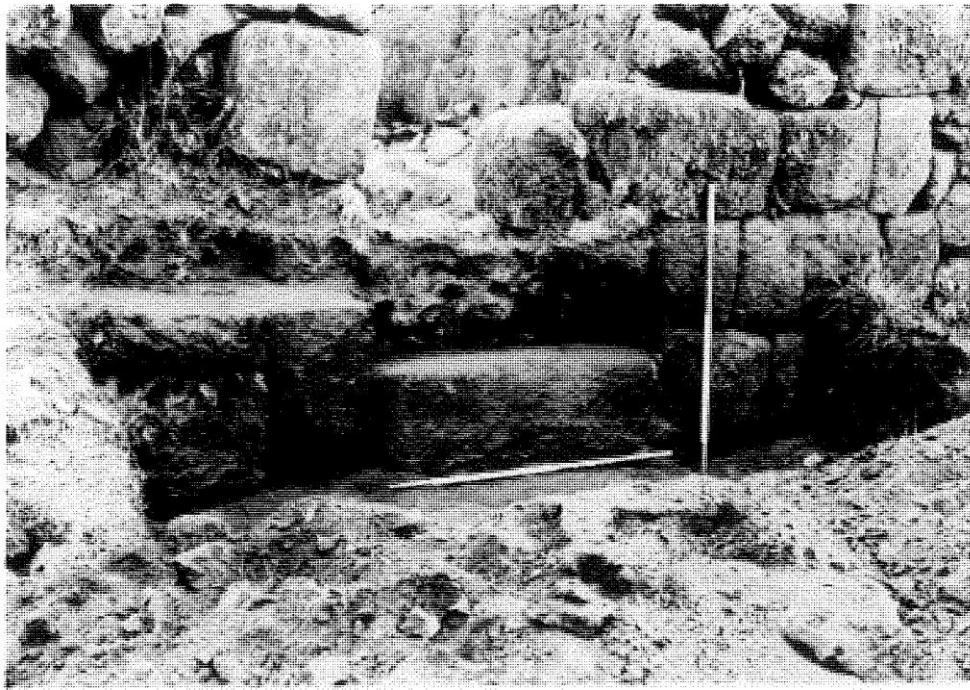


Figure 5.9. Image of the test pit placed at the entrance to the kuraka house facing north. Photo by Frank Meddens.

Unit 12 was also one of the 2m x 2m patio units, this one located one meter west of the access to structure 30 and Unit 2. This unit was also placed in order to understand activities occurring outside of the houses. Unit 2 was intentionally placed within the patio group located here, to see if any special activities or practices were taking place in the enclosed, yet shared external space associated with these structures.

Unit 13 was the last of the 2m x 2m patio units in Sector 1, this one located northwest of the access, slightly offset one meter from the doorway in structure 47. This unit was placed in the exterior space of an ovoid structure, again to see if there were differences in the outdoor activities between sectors or types of buildings.

Unit 16 was a 5m x 5m large-scale excavation unit located in the central plaza of Iglesiachayoq. This unit was in the center of the plaza, north of the church and east of the kuraka house. According to Albornoz, punishments for those who practiced Taki Onqoy included destroying and burning portable huacas and idols in the central plaza of several of the towns he visited. Since Albornoz implicates himself in this activity at Iglesiachayoq, this unit was placed here in order to test Albornoz' claim. This is the only large-scale unit in an open space at Iglesiachayoq.

Units 17, 18, and 19 were 2m x 5.5 units located in three places in the church. Unit 17 was located at the western limit of the church, with its western boundary abutting the western wall. A 0.50m x 1m extension was added to the northeast quad of Unit 17 in order to follow a burial that was uncovered. Unit 18 was located in the center of the church, approximately nine meters east of Unit 17 and nine meters west of Unit 19. Unit 18 was placed to encompass the location of the benediction bowl found 3.5m east of the doorway in the church. Finally, Unit 19 was located abutting the three-stepped altar at the eastern limit of the church. Taken together, these three units were strategically placed in order to understand potential Taki Onqoy practices related to burial, as well as status and health differences between people buried in all areas of the church. Furthermore, the units in the various places in the church facilitated analysis between different types of burials (e.g. flexed vs. extended, primary vs. secondary). Above all, going into the excavation of the church, we were not sure that the structure could be positively identified as

a church. As discussed elsewhere in this dissertation, several investigators have identified the structure as a kallanka, or Inka long hall, in previous publications (Mallco 2013, Meddens and Schreiber 2010). Thus, an overarching goal when excavating in this structure was to confirm or deny the hypothesis that the structure was indeed the early church mentioned by Albornoz in his description of his activities at Iglesiachayoq (1584).

Church units were excavated in a very precise manner. Every individual burial was separated as a unique locus in order to preserve all of the bones and materials associated with that burial together under one context. Thus, while a natural level may have contained several burials, instead of grouping these burials under one locus, they were each assigned an individual locus. Here, then, the locus was more of a special feature rather than a natural or arbitrary level. The bones found in these burials were generally in very poor shape as a result of soil acidity—bones which were actively disintegrating were wrapped in aluminum foil to preserve the integrity of the bone. These burials were excavated with wooden dowels, some dental picks, and very small brushes to expose the extents of the burials before removal. In several of the burials, humans were interred with one or more metal artifacts. These metals were carefully photographed and removed, and then placed in a sheet of clean paper and bagged so as to prevent rust and other damage.

Because Sector 1 was the religious and administrative center of the site, we chose to excavate the most units here. Sectors 2 and 3 have less units, but are equally important in understanding differences between sectors and among sectors.

Sector 2 Units

There were four units excavated in Sector 2, which is the northeastern part of the site located on a hill (Figure 5.10). This sector of the site is locally referred to as “Wallpa Wiri,” and is occasionally considered as a separate site from Iglesiachayoq (Mallco 2013). However, given the proximity of this sector to the other sectors of the site as well as the similarities in ceramic styles and architectural styles as other parts of Iglesiachayoq, I affirm that it is simply a separate sector of the same site.

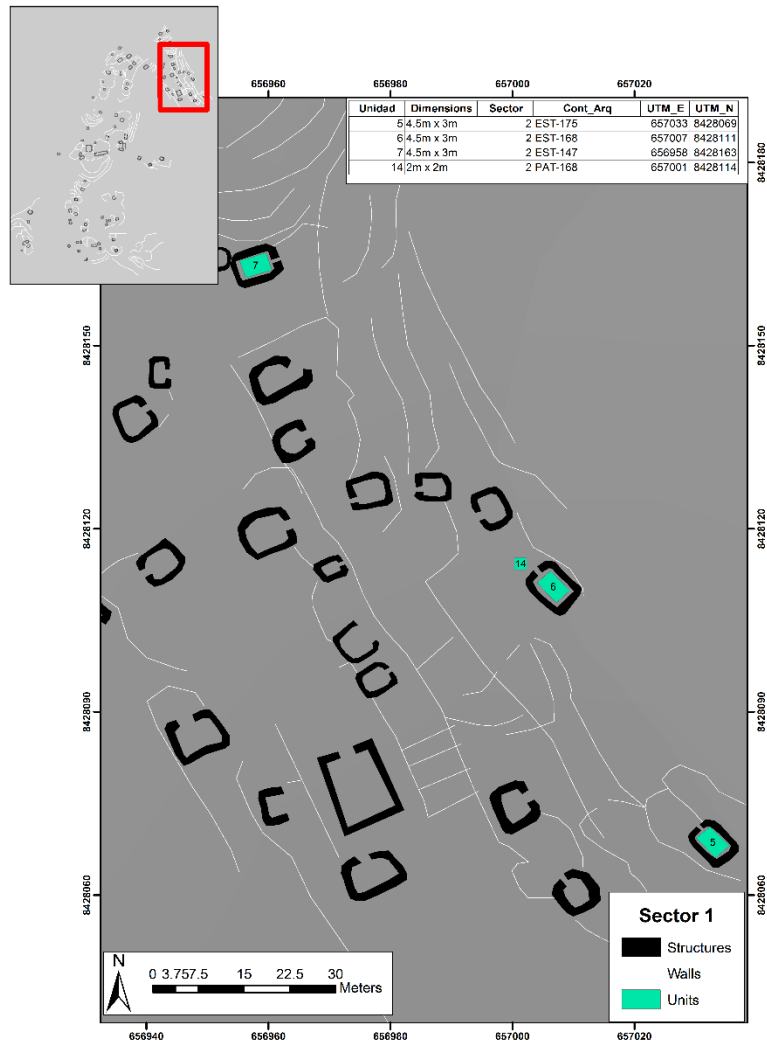


Figure 5.10. Units, sizes, and UTM coordinates for Sector 2 excavations.

Unit 5 was located in the uppermost tier to the southeast of Units 6 and 7, and was 4.5m x 3m. Overall, the structures in Sector 2 seem to be much more standardized in terms of size and form of the house. Perhaps they were all constructed over the same period of time. Unit 5 was placed to encompass the domestic interior of structure EA 175. Also quadrangular with rounded corners, this unit was randomly placed in Sector 2 to gain knowledge as to the practices in this portion of the site.

The structures in Sector 2 were dispersed among three tiers or terraces of land. The second unit in Sector 2, Unit 6, was located in the middle of one of these tiers, and was also 4.5m x 3m, designed to encompass the domestic interior of structure EA 168. This structure was also quadrangular with rounded corners, and was placed in order to gain a better understanding of practices happening in Sector 2.

Unit 7 was located at the northern end of Sector 2, and had a commanding view of the rest of the valley and potential movement in between the valleys. This unit was 4.5m x 3m and located to encompass the maximum domestic space in Structure EA 127 (quadrangular with rounded corners). The goal of this unit was to understand differences between use of domestic spaces in Sector 2 as compared to Sectors 1 and 3. Furthermore, given the distinctive location of Structure EA 127 and its strategic construction as a possible “lookout” house or guard post, I hypothesized that the artifacts found in this house might reflect different practices occurring here than in other houses at the site.

The last unit in Sector 2 was Unit 14, which was located slightly northwest (one meter) of structure EA 168, and was a 2m x 2m patio unit. Unfortunately, like many of the patio units at Iglesiachayoq, this unit was directly located on an agricultural field, so much of the data may

have been disrupted or disturbed. Unit 14 was placed here to gain an understanding of activities in outside spaces in Sector 2.

Sector 3 Units

Sector 3 is located in the southernmost portion of Iglesiachayoq, on a hill located southwest of Sectors 1 and 2. After the architectural survey completed in 2013 and 2014, we recorded a higher percentage of ovoid structures (n=16/23 total ovoid structures site-wide, or 69.6%, and 16 out of 34 total structures, or 47.1% of all structures in Sector 3) in this region as compared to the other site sectors. Since pre-Inka antecedents typically constructed ovoid structures similar to those found in Sector 3, I hypothesized that Sector 3 was the older, first-occupied area of the site. Like Sector 2, we placed four units in Sector 3, largely to test hypotheses regarding the potentiality of Taki Onqoy rituals in this area (Figure 5.11).

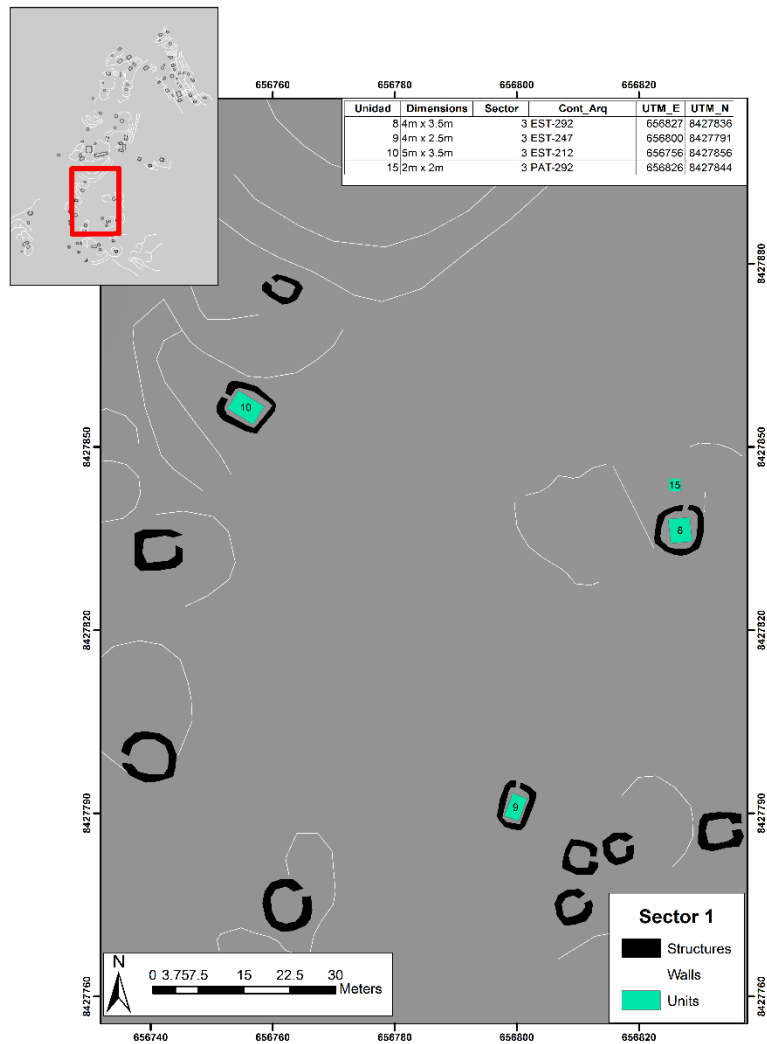


Figure 5.11. Units, sizes, and UTM coordinates for Sector 3 excavations.

Unit 8 was a 4m x 3.5m unit excavated in the ovoid structure EA 292. Structure EA 292 (see map) is located in a concealed, low-visibility part of Iglesiachayoq, sheltered by a large rock outcrop and hill, and hidden from view from individuals in Sectors 1 and 2 (Figure 5.12). Structure EA 292's access faces a small plaza divided into three sections by small restraining walls, and this plaza abuts massive rock faces which could easily have been worshipped as huacas. This unit was placed in Structure 292 in order to test the hypothesis that Taki Onqoy was

being practiced in hidden, covert areas away from the center of the site. Given the layout of this structure and the small plaza, I wanted to see if the practices visible in the archaeological record here would reflect Andean ritual practices.



Figure 5.12. Prehispanic or “local” plaza in Sector 3 facing north.

Unit 9 was a 4m x 2.5m unit placed to encompass the domestic interior of structure EA 247. Located southwest of Unit 8, Unit 9 was in a rectangular structure with rounded corners that was very modest in size. Like Unit 4 in Sector 1, parts of the walls of Structure 247 were collapsed, ironically allowing for better overall preservation of the surface materials in this structure. The object of this unit was to gain an understanding of a more modest household, or how the common residents of Iglesiachayoq lived at the time. The placement of Unit 9 was designed to investigate lifeways of a local Andean in the sixteenth century.

The last domestic unit was unit 10, which was located between Sectors 1 and 3 and had an excellent view of Sector 1 and the center of the site. As another potential “lookout” or “outpost” (like Unit 7), Unit 10 was placed in Structure EA 212, which was quadrangular with rounded corners. The access of this structure faces to the west, and affords vision of anyone moving between sectors of the site, as well as a perfect view of church activities. There was an enormous tree which had disrupted the wall at the eastern end of the structure, which we left in situ and worked around. The unit was 5m x 3.5m, and placed to encompass the interior space of the structure, and had an extension of 1m x 0.55m to the southeast in order to define base architecture and the potential presence of a hearth in this corner. The goal of this unit was to lend insight into who was living here and what sorts of practices were occurring—if the resident of this structure was some sort of Spanish ally or someone who was monitoring activities in Sector 3 of the site, we might expect a higher density of Spanish artifacts.

The last unit excavated was Unit 15, which was a 2m x 2m patio unit placed one meter north of the access of structure EA 292, where Unit 8 was located. As mentioned above, Structure 292 is located in a secluded, nonvisible location and as such may have been an ideal location for Taki Onqoy activities. Unit 15 was placed with the associated Structure 292 in order to collect evidence for activities occurring outside of enclosed spaces. Units 8 and 15 were the first two structures excavated, so the depth of these units is much greater—I advised the crew chief to continue excavating in portions of these units in order to understand the full stratigraphy of the site. In all other units, we excavated until sterile, but in Units 8 and 15, we excavated well below sterile in order to insure that there was no other evidence of cultural occupations.

Unit Documentation Procedures

Peruvian students from the Universidad Nacional de San Cristóbal Huamanga (UNSCH) directed the excavations of all units and were responsible for documentation and collection of data. All excavation data was recorded on Locus forms specially designed for PATO. Prior to beginning excavation, a starting photo was taken in order to document the current condition of the unit and structure. During excavation, sketch maps were drawn on forms for each locus, and photographs were taken at the start, end, and throughout excavation of loci. Upon finishing excavation to the sterile level, aerial photos were taken which included the full top-down view of the structure as well as all corners of the unit so that these photos could be georeferenced in ArcMap. Profiles, cuts, and plan views were also drawn for each unit. After the final visitation from our regional archaeological supervisor in Ayacucho, units were backfilled and photographed.

Phase Three: Artifact and Materials Analysis

Phase Three of the Proyecto Arqueológico de Taki Onqoy consisted of several months of laboratory analysis in Peru, followed by the exportation of 152 samples⁶⁷ for isotopic and compositional analysis. While broad architectural survey and in-depth excavation allow for basic interpretations of daily life at Iglesiachayoq, it is the small-scale analysis of contexts and artifacts which allows for nuanced analysis between practices and activities in different regions of the site. The lab analysis portion of this investigation consisted of both macro and micro analyses and spanned ceramic, lithic, biological, and faunal data. All analyses which were feasible to complete in Peru were completed in the field, while 152 samples were exported from

⁶⁷ These included bone and teeth samples for stable isotope analysis and radiocarbon dating, as well as a subset of human remains for DNA analysis and 126 samples of ceramic fragments for LA-ICP-MS analysis.

Iglesiachayoq with permit Number 127-2016-VMPCIC-MC. One-hundred and twenty-six of these samples were ceramic, and were analyzed at the Elemental Analysis Facility in Chicago, Illinois at the Field Museum. Six of these samples were bone and teeth, and will be analyzed at the Genetic Anthropology and Bio-Cultural Studies Lab at Vanderbilt University, in order to achieve DNA samples from the individuals in the church.⁶⁸ The last 20 samples were human bone and human teeth. Eight human bone samples (the biggest pieces which likely contained the most collagen), 23 plant samples, and four water samples were chemically prepared at the Bioarchaeology and Stable Isotope Research Lab (BSIRL) at Vanderbilt University in March of 2017 and were subsequently analyzed on a Thermo Delt Plus Advantage with a Costech ECS 4010 Elemental Analyzer with Conflo III interface at Yale Analytic Stable Isotope Center in April 2017. Eleven apatite samples were prepped at the Paleodiet Laboratory at Northern Arizona University and then processed at the Colorado Plateau Stable Isotope Laboratory at Northern Arizona University. The collagen remaining from the eight bone samples was then processed at the Keck Carbon Cycle AMS Facility at the University of California, Irvine in order to obtain radiocarbon dates; only seven were returned because there was not enough collagen in the remaining in the eighth sample to process it. These bone samples were tested for comparative stable isotope levels including Strontium, Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Carbon, and also for Carbon 14 dating if enough material remained (Appendix B).

Ceramic Macroscopic Analysis

⁶⁸ Currently in contact with Dr. Jada Benn Torres, and I have received \$1100 to fund the first phases of this project from the Department of Anthropology at Vanderbilt University.

The majority of my post-excavation fieldwork was spent on ceramic analysis. From September through December of 2015, I completed ceramic analysis in Andahuaylas (district of Apurímac). Permission was granted from the Ayacucho Ministry of Culture to complete this analysis in a separate department, as Andahuaylas is much closer to Chicha-Soras and has been my home base in Peru for several years. Conforming to ceramic analysis standards I have completed in other regions, my team first washed and dried all sherds we collected, and re-bagged/tagged them if necessary. Next, each bag was primarily sorted into diagnostic and non-diagnostic sherds. Diagnostic sherds included rims (borders), bases, and anything with a design or unique external aesthetic treatment. Diagnostic sherds also included those which had a novel paste type. Each diagnostic sherd was photographed, drawn, and analyzed separately according to individual sherd (rather than as a group of sherds with similar characteristics). The 2015 Reglamento de Intervenciones Arqueológicas (RIA) suggests that nondiagnostic sherds be reburied after being separated from diagnostic sherds. Thus, in preparation for this reburial, I also separated nondiagnostic sherds into groups, weighed and photographed them, and analyzed them according to broad categorical trends. In this way, I was attempting to prevent a loss of data when the sherds were reburied.

Diagnostic sherds were numbered according to the following provenience string: (site.locus.quad.ceramicnumber). For example, a ceramic sherd coming from Locus 104, quad 2 would read as: IC.0104.2.001. In this way, all ceramic sherds had distinct numbers from one another and could not be comingled. After sherds were separated and numbered, the diagnostic fragments were individually weighed, photographed, and drawn on millimeter paper. Those which were rims were measured as to the overall size and angle of the mouths of the vessels, which was reflected in the drawings. For all diagnostic sherds, macroscopic analysis was

completed for the following attributes: weight, dimensions, culture/style, form, part of the ceramic, type of border/handle/base/mango, diameter, color (Munsell) of exterior/interior/paste, decoration description, exterior and interior treatment, thickness, presence of firing scars, paste texture, paste composition, paste color, degree of thorough firing, presence of tempers, consistency, conservation status, and any other general comments. Appendix C provides a description of the characteristics of each paste type and their frequencies site-wide, as well as the raw data from the project Access database.

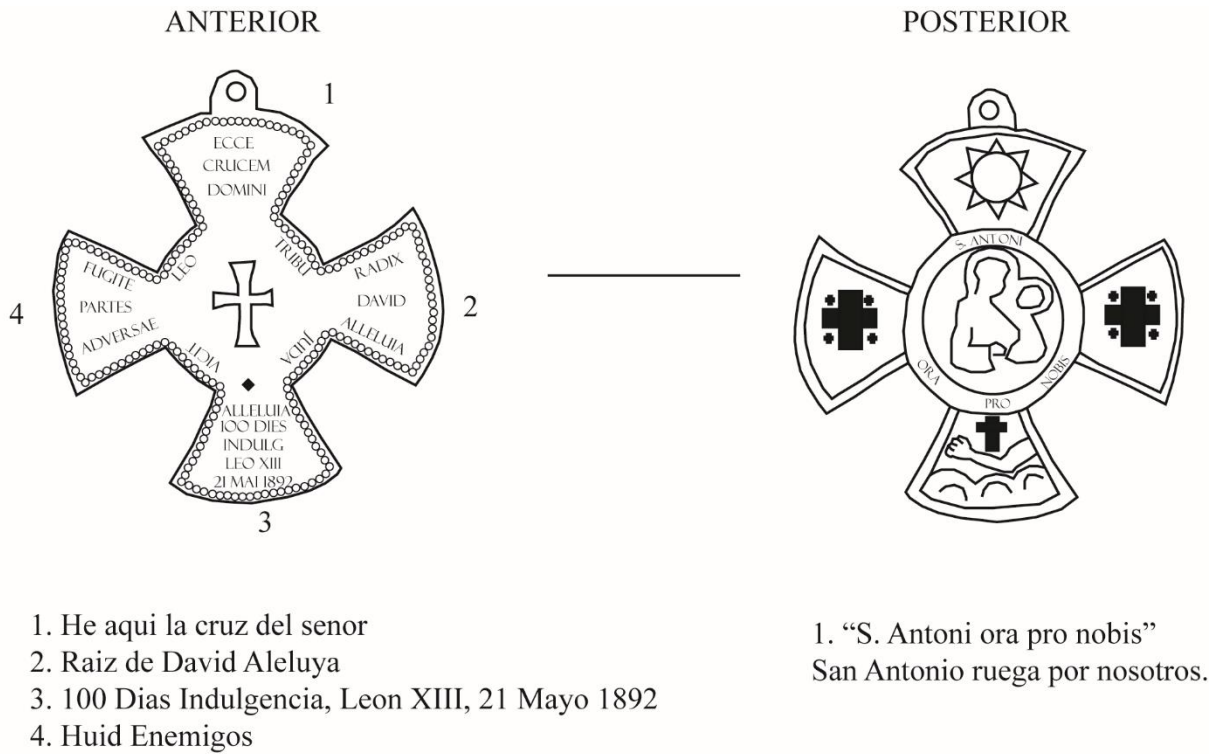
Lithic Macroscopic Analysis

I also completed the lithic macroanalysis from our excavations at Iglesiachayoq. I am not a lithics specialist, but for the purposes of this project, I was primarily assessing lithic fragments in several basic descriptive, categorical, and quantitative traits. For each diagnostic lithic artifact, we recorded the weight and dimensions, primary material, type of artifact, condition (complete or fragmented), if there was a cortex or patina, the presence of retouching, and several other factors related to the bulb of percussion and possible function. Like the diagnostic ceramic, diagnostic lithic fragments were given a unique code (site.locus.quad.Lnumber).

Metal Macroscopic Analysis

The majority of metal artifacts recovered at Iglesiachayoq were tupus from the church burials. However, we did recover a few other metal artifacts from various household units. I completed all metals analysis, primarily through macroscopic and descriptive means (Appendix E). Each metal was weighed and its dimensions were recovered, along with an educated guess as to the type of metal (the majority of these artifacts were of copper or iron, as designated by the

greenish or orange hues in the rust patterns). We recorded the form of the metal, the estimated period of creation, the colors, decorations, evidence of use, inscriptions, and any degradation the metal may have experienced over the centuries underground. Each metal was extensively photographed and drawn by hand and in Adobe Illustrator (Figure 5.13).



El lado derecho horizontal (2) esta doblado hacia atras.

Figure 5.13. Example of a metal artifact drawn in Adobe Illustrator.

In compliance with the instructions from our supervisor from the Ministry of Culture in Ayacucho, each metal was separated and wrapped in acid-free paper, and eventually submitted to the ministry for storage. While no chemical or microscopic analyses were completed on the metals for this dissertation, this could be an avenue for future research.

Faunal Analysis

Likely due to the short occupation and poor preservation at Iglesiachayoq, we recovered a very small sample of faunal remains, which totaled 673 NISP (number of identifiable specimens). Total bone weight of the assemblage was 2,196.71 grams. All faunal analysis was completed by Sarah Kennedy (Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, Appendix A). Identification of vertebrate remains was aided by a collection of identification guides (Pacheco Torres 1986) and remains were identified to the lowest taxonomic level possible. Further analysis included the identification of elements represented, specimen counts (number of identifiable specimens, NISP), bone surface modifications (weather, burning, butchery), age estimations, and bone weight (Reitz and Wing 2008). For the purposes of this study, the minimum number of individuals (MNI) was calculated using conservative criteria such as symmetry, size, and fusion (Reitz and Wing 2008). Age estimations for mammals combined data on fusion, dentition, and wear patterns (Sandefur 1988; Sisson, Grossman, and Getty 1975; Wheeler 1982). Three mammal age categories were used: juvenile, sub-adult, and adult (deFrance and Hanson 2008). Burning was scaled by intensity and included four categories: partially black, black, black-white, and white. Finally, some pathologies were recorded—pathologies on animal bone can lend insight into what the animal did during its lifetime. Kennedy next took photos of all bones, and took selected photos of specific evidence of human effects on bones (cutting, chopping, etc.) under magnification. Kennedy recorded all results into an Excel spreadsheet and created different charts by Unit or Sector. These results were then entered into the PATO Access database.

Bioarchaeological Data Collection

The only human bone remains we recovered were from the central church at Iglesiachayoq—all remains were in discrete loci, so there was no comingling of bones. Anna Gurevitz (Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Merced), completed all analysis of osteological characteristics for this study. Standard bioarchaeological techniques were used to estimate age from the pattern of dental eruption. Since the preservation was poor at Iglesiachayoq, we often were left with only teeth and long bones from which to estimate age. Age estimates were divided into basic categories (see Table 5.3).

| | Age Category | Age Range |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Juvenile | Fetus | <0 |
| | Infant | 0-3 |
| | Child | 3-12 |
| | Adolescent | 12-20 |
| Adult | Adult | 20+ |

Table 5.3. Breakdown of age categories used by Gurevitz in osteological analysis.

Similarly, we were not able to assess biological sex from the remains—when differentiating between sexes, we took the relative size of osteological elements into account. We also used cultural markers such as the presence of tupu pins to tentatively suggest that these individuals may have been female (although we understand that those interred without tupus may also have been female, or those with tupus may have been male).⁶⁹ For the purposes of classifying burials

⁶⁹ In the case that we find biologically male individuals interred with tupu pins, then we can consider interpretations of nonbinary genders, as have been documented previously in the Andes (Horswell 2005)

as either primary or secondary, we developed several criteria informed by deposition processes within the church and anatomical positioning of skeletal remains. In order for a burial to be categorized as primary, each set of remains was judged according to the following:

1. The remains had to be in proper anatomical position in relation to decomposition processes.
2. The amount of teeth recovered had to be consistent with the condition of the cranium and postcranial preservation.

All other burials which did not meet the above criteria were considered to be disturbed, secondary, or not identifiable.

In the process of excavating the human remains from the church, we found a spectrum of interment patterns. We developed an organizational strategy in order to better categorize the variance in these burials, resulting in six distinctive interment types. These types were designed for ease of classification and explanation, rather than any restrictive, non-flexible categorization of individual burials. Two of the burials in Unit 18 were indeterminate in terms of primary/secondary status, and do not align with any of the types below:

- Type 1: Extended and primary (n=3)
- Type 2: Flexed and primary (n=2)
- Type 3: Extended and secondary (relocated)—these were interred with an obvious attempt at anatomical accuracy, with mixed results (n=1)
- Type 4: Flexed and secondary—these generally appear to have been relocated bundles which were reinterred below the church floor (n=4)

- Type 5: Removed—identified by the presence of only distal bones, stray bones or teeth, soft soil, and possibly evidence of rock fill (n=4)
- Type 6: Disturbed—disarticulated and arbitrarily strewn (n=5)

During excavation, all burials were fully exposed and photographed, and then collected as an entire locus. In this way, all of the elements which pertained to one individual were kept separate from all other individuals. In the lab, bones were cleaned and analyzed by Gurevitz, who then inventoried each individual bone fragment and recorded weights and measurements, as well as took photos (see Chapter 7 for a more detailed discussion on this schema).

Stable Isotope Analysis: Osteological Sample Protocol

Due to the poor preservation of the human skeletal remains at Iglesiachayoq, little observational analysis could be performed. Stable isotope analysis provides a way to gain invaluable information on population diet, migration, and mobility, allowing a large amount of data with a minute amount of destruction. Samples were chosen based on the criteria of preservation, and the educated assessments of which samples would be able to provide the most information. Enamel samples were taken from most individuals when available as tooth enamel is typically the best preserved tissue of the human skeleton. When possible, samples were taken with an intact and relatively stable root in hopes that dentin was preserved. In one case, an unerupted first molar was taken just in case other samples from the same unit would not provide sufficient material. The goal was to get at least two samples from each unit for comparison of both apatite and collagen. Each bone and tooth sample were packed in separate Ziploc bags with their specimen codes written in sharpie on the front.

Sample Protocol: Plants, Animals, and Water

As part of the stable isotope analysis, we collected locally grown food in order to compare the local results with our archaeological results. Depending on the plant, we dried plants on a covered surface in the sun for at least 24 hours. For maize, we removed the kernels from the cob and laid them on to the surface. For plants that retained water (cacti, potatoes, yams, tubers, etc.), we cut them into smaller wedges and laid them flat on the surface to dry out. Once dried, we collected each plant individually and placed it in its respective plastic bag. The plant names were recorded on the bag and in a separate list, which documented the plant species, location of collection, the start time of drying, the end time of drying, the total dry time, the date collected, and the weight of the sample (see Appendix D for full list).

During the course of fieldwork, we also attempted to collect several animal species in order to have the comparative isotope values from modern animals. While we had planned to obtain cuy or other rodent, this proved extremely difficult and we were only able to collect local trout. We heated the trout in distilled water to no more than 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) and let them boil for two hours. Next, we carefully removed the flesh with a knife, scalpel, and tweezers. We cleaned the bones thoroughly with distilled water and let them dry, and then put the bones in a plastic bag with the species and date collected.

Finally, we also collected water from two local sources, a lake near the site and the Chicha-Soras River which is the current dividing line between Apurímac and Huamanga. We rinsed two 30mL glass bottles in each water source, then placed each bottle fully submerged in the water until the bottle was fully filled. While the bottle was submerged in the water, we screwed on the cone-capped lid (Figure 5.14).

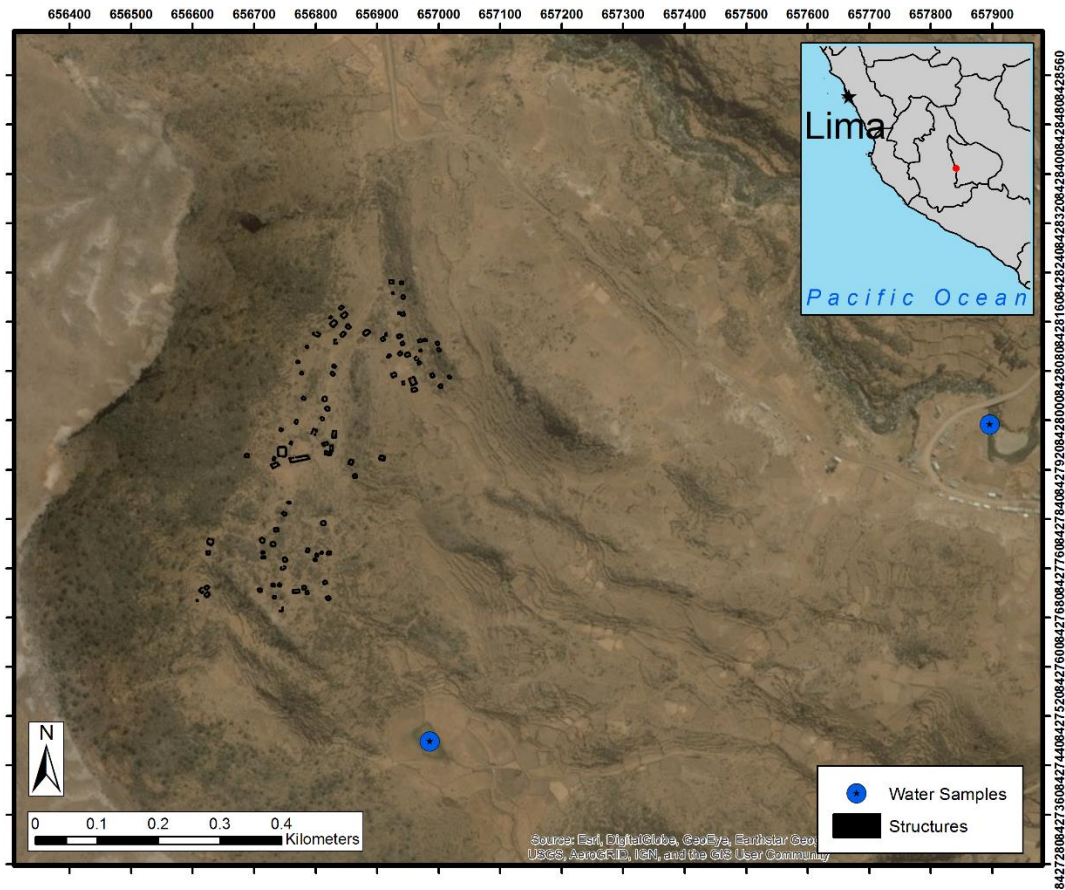


Figure 5.14. Map of structures and water sources at Iglesiachayoq.

Stable Isotope Lab Protocol

Once all of our plant, animal, water, and human samples were transported to the United States, we further dried all samples and eventually crushed them for stable isotopic analysis. The samples prepared for collagen extraction (n=8) were prepped with minor modifications as described in Ambrose (1990). All prep work for plants and human bone collagen extraction was completed at the Bioarchaeology and Stable Isotope Research Laboratory at Vanderbilt University under the direction of Tiffany Tung. Plant and human samples were analyzed at the Yale Analytic Stable Isotope Center on a Thermo Delta Plus Advantage with a Costech ECS 4010 Elemental Analyzer with Conflo III interface. The C:N ratio for the human bone samples

were 2.7, which is in the acceptable range when evaluating for diagenetic change (Schoeninger et al. 1989).

The human bone and enamel samples (n=11) were prepped for carbonate analysis at the Anthropology Paleodiet Laboratory at Northern Arizona University. Samples were prepped using a protocol adapted from Schoeninger (2007). These samples were then analyzed at the Northern Arizona University Colorado Plateau Stable Isotope Laboratory (see Appendix D for the raw data from isotopic and carbon 14 dating results).

Sample Protocol for DNA Samples

DNA extraction and analysis obtains DNA from archaeological samples in order to obtain DNA sequences or complete genomes. Through DNA extraction, researchers can ask questions related to how culture and biology shape human diversity, demography, and/or health of a population or populations. This method is completely destructive due to the possibility of contamination of DNA sequences through environmental and human interactions. For this study, after conferring with Dr. Lars Fehren-Schmitz, we selected samples of a human molar and/or the petrous portion of the temporal bone. For the sampling procedure, we used a 10% bleach solution, detergent, a Dremel Drill and diamond saw, paper pads, and face masks. Following a contamination protocol from Yang and Watt 2005, we first cleaned the Dremel bits with detergent and wiped them with the bleach solution. They were allowed to dry completely. Next, we used the dremel drill with the diamond saw at low speed to prevent the bone dust from spreading as much as possible. After each sample was taken, we wiped down the bench, table, and scale with the bleach solution and replaced the pad. We let everything dry completely after each individual. We stored each individual sample in an unused, sealable plastic bag once the

samples were dry. Finally, we recorded a brief history of who handled and conducted research on the skeletal material and recorded the environment from which the material came from and the condition of each sample when it was obtained (see Appendix D for raw data).

LA-ICP-MS Compositional Analysis Methods

I obtained an NSF subsidized grant to analyze 126 ceramic samples at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois. In July and August of 2017, I stayed in Chicago to complete this analysis. Each day, the lab manager, Laure Dussubieux, would run the machine in order to ensure full functionality. I broke very small fragments off of my larger ceramics and placed five of them on the tray. Once in the machine, I selected ten locations on each ceramic fragment from which to analyze the composition. I then selected five locations on each of three standards which were used to determine the machine's functionality during each run. This procedure was repeated for all 126 samples. After each ceramic sample had been processed, the data was collected by date into excel files. This data was then cleaned and combined into one large spreadsheet for statistical analysis.⁷⁰

Post-Analysis Procedure and Methods

After completing all analysis and selecting samples for export, my team and I created a final inventory of all diagnostic artifacts and then returned these to the Ministry of Culture in Ayacucho. Here, we were advised that we should reinter nondiagnostic artifacts back at Iglesiachayoq, in accordance with the new RIA. My co-director and I boxed up all of the

⁷⁰ I am in the process of analyzing these results, and they will be prepared for publication at a later date.

nondiagnostic artifacts, inventoried them, and placed them into plastic containers. Each container held the inventory for its respective contents. With the assistance of two local workers, we returned the remaining artifacts to the site and reburied them in Unit 3.

Phase Four: Spatial Analysis

The last phase of research for this dissertation utilized spatial analysis to test Hypotheses Four and Five, and was undertaken after all fieldwork was completed. All spatial analysis was performed at the site level, and so was based on initial Phase One mapping and architectural survey. Here, I briefly discuss the key data sources utilized in spatial analysis, and I describe these analyses in more depth in later chapters.

Since I was looking only at site-level practices, I used one background Digital Elevation Model (DEM), SRTM DEM v2 with 1 arc second (~30m resolution). Satellite imagery was provided from CNES, Digital Globe, and Landsat via Google Earth. Networks were developed from my Phase One architectural survey and mapping. All local source data was transformed and projected to the Universal Transverse Mercator projection (UTM Zone 19 South), using the WGS 1984 datum.

Summary of Methods

In short, my research at Iglesiachayoq was completed over four years and several phases of work. Initially, I visited the site and completed a brief archaeological survey and basemap of Iglesiachayoq. During this time, I also visited Ayacucho archives in order to photograph any potentially useful documents. Next, after securing funding for a more in-depth study at Iglesiachayoq, I utilized the survey data and basemap to select 19 units for excavation. These

units were a mixture of strategic selections and random sampling, based on the excavation questions. Excavation and collection techniques followed standardized methods and were documented according to the locus system in order to keep all contexts fully separate from one another. Ceramic and lithic artifacts were washed and dried in the field, and then separated according to diagnostic and nondiagnostic categories in the lab. I completed the macroscopic lab analysis for ceramic and lithic data. Sarah Kennedy completed the faunal analysis and Anna Gurevitz completed the osteological analysis, both according to standardized analysis techniques.

The methodology was thus designed both to answer specific questions regarding Taki Onqoy practices and also to gather more fundamental data about the site's occupation, the individuals living at the site, and the material culture compositions. Excavation in both domestic and ritual contexts in all three sectors of the site were designed to evaluate differences between sectors and highlight locations where Taki Onqoy practices may have been performed. Macroscopic analysis was performed on all artifact assemblages from all units, with special consideration for ceramic, lithic, faunal, and bioarchaeological data.

Because of the poor preservation of the soil, we decided to complete further microscopic or elemental analyses on a subsection of ceramic, human bone, and flora. These analyses not only added to the scientific training of the investigators, but also provided more nuanced data as to diet, migration, and ceramic sourcing at Iglechiachayoq. While stable isotope analyses allowed us to generate a diet profile for individuals interred in the church, compositional analysis of ceramic had provided the first elemental study of sources from the Chicha-Soras region, and will be an invaluable contribution to future archaeological studies.

CHAPTER 6

HOUSEHOLD ARCHAEOLOGY AT IGLESIACHAYOQ

Taki Onqoy was a critical movement which reportedly infiltrated daily practices in addition to religious worship and ritual. Its ability to affect production, consumption, and dress, and its potentiality to influence any demographic of Andean populations (elderly, young, men, women, etc.) alarmed Spanish authorities, who could not predict the spread of the movement (Stern 1993). Though primary accounts aver that Taki Onqoy inspired a reaffirmation of prehispanic daily practices in combination with a new emphasis on rejection of Spanish cultural materials, the implementation of these new practices has not been considered at a household level. A goal of this investigation was thus to begin to identify how individual households at a known Taki Onqoy settlement rejected or incorporated Spanish goods into daily practices. This study also questioned how Spanish authorities punished those caught participating in Taki Onqoy. Specifically, archaeological excavation of households and open spaces at Iglesiachayoq addressed the following hypotheses: 1) If Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of Spanish things, they would likely be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic or Spanish objects in new ways or hybrid forms of material culture, and 2) If Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq were violent, they would be marked by destruction of huacas in public arenas or physical punishment of takiongos in public spaces. To test these hypotheses, my team and I selected excavation units which would maximize the range of household forms throughout the site, in addition to a subsection of their associated patios (see Chapter 5 for research design and methodology).

In this chapter, I present the results of household and domestic archaeology throughout Iglesiachayoq. In addressing Hypothesis One, I argue that prehispanic practices related to food

consumption, ceramic styles, and stone technologies were ubiquitous and unchanged throughout Iglesiachayoq. In fact, the material presence of Spanish cultural items—Old World animals, new ceramic technologies, imported personal goods, etc.—was faint throughout household units. I suggest that the lack of European goods at Iglesiachayoq can be interpreted in two ways, since the assemblage is defined by an absence of evidence: first, it is possible that those households without Spanish goods were actively rejecting Spanish cultural traditions. Second, the absence of Spanish goods could be the result of a lack of access to these goods—Taki Onqoy was taking place in the 1560s, a mere thirty years after the Spanish invaded Peru. The absence of Spanish cultural material at Iglesiachayoq could thus also demonstrate that associated colonial processes related to material culture had not yet reached the Chicha-Soras Valley at this time. I also argue that while there were no clear patterns in incorporation or rejection of Spanish material culture, my team and I did find evidence of status differences and types of activities occurring in different sectors.

In addressing Hypothesis Two, my team and I found limited evidence to support the idea that Spanish authorities were burning huacas in the central plaza. Though we collected tentative evidence for burning events and documented the fragmentation of a specific type of lithic material in elevated levels in the plaza, more research must be completed to fully prove or disprove this hypothesis.

In this chapter, I first discuss potential Early Colonial Period material assemblages, especially the processes by which Old World goods were incorporated into New World cities. Next, I describe the site layout and site chronology in detail in order to give the reader a thorough background in understanding where “more Catholic” or “more Andean” spaces were located. Then, I discuss the findings of all household, patio, and plaza units, highlighting

important contexts. Finally, I compare general findings according to artifact assemblages and return to my hypotheses to end the chapter.

Early Colonial Period Materials

Animals and Plants

Though the Columbian Exchange has been heralded as a major turning point in world history, the timing of the arrival of European plants and animals to the New World is still understudied (Crosby 1972, 1986; Gade 2015). For the study of Taki Onqoy and the practices of rejection of Spanish foodstuffs, understanding this timing is critical to deciphering whether takiongos were rejecting these materials, or if they lacked access to them. Archaeological studies of the incorporation of Spanish foodways have “illustrated how changes in household economies associated with imperial incorporation and resistance varied greatly based on region and settlement, if not also across domestic units within the same communities” (Kennedy and VanValkenburgh 2016: 74). That is, archaeological studies have not recorded any one particular pattern of incorporation or rejection of Spanish goods throughout the Colonial Period Andes. Indeed, variation is even present at the site level, which could be indicative of differential access to these goods, personal choice, or even overt rejection of Spanish goods.

When the Spanish invaded the Andes, they did not arrive equipped with livestock or seeds for production and cultivation. In fact, most of their goods consisted of horses and dogs used in conquest or personal items which could be easily transported (Covey in press, Gade 2015). These conquistadores were accustomed to consuming native foods from their subject communities in the initial years after conquest. Recent published research by Daniel W. Gade in 2015 investigates the journey of Old World biota to Peru more thoroughly, and elucidates the

processes by which physical flora and fauna were transported to the Andes via Panama. Gade argues that animals and plants were brought from Spain to the Panamanian Isthmus, then were taken to the Pacific port of Panama, and then sailed to the port of Callao to the south (Gade 2015). These organisms thus had to survive an incredibly long journey in less-than-ideal conditions, and their incorporation into Peruvian daily life could not be implemented until well after the infighting between conquistador factions had ceased.

Scholarly research has suggested, however, that the importation and commodification of European foodstuffs became cultural identifiers used to separate “Spaniard” from “indio” (Covey in press). By the late 1530s, the Spanish started to import, introduce, and integrate Old World animals to Andean cities in the highlands, likely from their previous exploits in the Caribbean (Earle 2012a, 2012b; Gade 2015). Initially, it was unknown how high altitudes would affect the success of these plants and animals in the Andes. Those species which reproduce at a fast rate (pigs and chickens) became widespread rather quickly, while those animals which reproduce more slowly (horses and cows) were rarer into the 1600s (deFrance 1996, 2003).

Documentary sources provide some information about the incorporation of specific plants and animals in the highland Andes. The Spanish placed a high importance on wheat and bread, insuring its success in Peru as a priority in the years immediately following conquest. In 1541, the first major wheat harvest was documented, and in 1543, the price of wheat dropped, indicating that its production had become successful (Cobo 1956 [1643]: 408; Covey in press, Gade 2015). From the repartimiento of Soras specifically, Pedro de la Gasca’s tasa of 1549 provides clues as to the types of foods and products available prior to Taki Onqoy’s fluorescence in the region. La Gasca records that the Spanish Crown demanded tribute in the form of “4,500 pesos in gold or silver, 120 tunics of cumpi cloth...600 fanegas of maize, 60 fanegas of potatoes,

156 camelids, 36 pigs, 500 birds, 150 eggs per week, and fresh fish” (Rostworowski 2005 [1975]: 265).⁷¹ From this record, it is clear that in 1549, the abundant foodstuffs were still primarily Andean products, with the exception of pigs. In the nearby Department of Cuzco, Covey argues that horse, donkey, and cow were all plentiful by the early 1600s (Covey in press, Garcilaso de la Vega 2000: Book 9). Though we have no exact records for the Chicha-Soras region, its proximity to Cuzco and the documentation of pigs in the repartimiento by 1549 suggests that European animals were available in the region, though they were likely incorporated at differential rates in different towns (as supported by documentary and archaeological studies Cook 1981; Deagan 1996; deFrance 1996; deFrance et al. 2016; Wernke 2013).

At the time of Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq, it is thus plausible that both European and native goods were available and attainable. From the documentary evidence discussed above, a potential mixed assemblage would include both Andean and European plants and animals (Table 6.1).

⁷¹ Translated from “Primeramente da en cada un ano quarto mil y quinientos pesos de ley perfeta en oro o en plata puesto en casa del encomendero, Y ciento y veynte vestidos de lana de cunbi...Y seiscientas fanegas de mayz las quatrocientas fanegas puestas en casa del encomendero y las demás en sus tierras, Y sesenta fanegas de papas, Y ciento y cinquenta y seis ovejas de la tierra...Y treinta y seis puercos de ano y medio, Y quinientas aves la mitad henbras en casa del encomendero, Y todos los viernes y días de pescado fuera de quaresma treinta huevos y en la quaresma cada semana ciento e cinquenta huevos y en los dichos días algún pescado fresco del rio” (Rostworowski 2005 [1975]: 265), translation mine.

| Common Staple Goods in the Early Colonial Period in the Chicha-Soras Valley | | |
|---|--|--|
| | Andean | European |
| Flora | Maize Potatoes/tubers Quinoa | Wheat |
| Fauna | Camelids Cuy Chicken ⁷² | Horse Cow Pig Sheep/Goat Chicken |

Table 6.1. Flora and fauna in the Chicha-Soras Valley in the Early Colonial Period.

Ceramic and Lithic Technologies

Much like the introduction of Old World biota to Peru, the introduction of European technologies in ceramic production was implemented at variable rates throughout the Andes. In the Early Colonial Period, Spanish conquistadors were importing not only their foodstuffs, but also new technologies such as glazed and wheel-thrown ceramic wares. In particular, tin-glazed earthenwares known as majolicas are a key indicator of Early Colonial Period wares, and their production has been traced to both Panama and places in Peru and Ecuador (Jamieson 2002; Kelloway et al. 2018; Weaver 2015; Figure 6.1). Lead-glazed wares are also common in Early Colonial Period assemblages, and are characterized by their green to yellow-green lead glaze (VanValkenburgh et al. 2017; Weaver 2015; Figure 6.2). Finally, botijas were large, coarse, earthenware amphorae which were utilized in the transportation and storage of liquids (Weaver 2015). When considering the ceramic assemblages during the Early Colonial Period in Peru,

⁷² There is some debate on whether the chicken was native to South America, or whether it was brought from Spain, see Gade 2015 and Seligman 1987.

these three types of vessels are key indicators for transmission of Spanish goods and technologies.

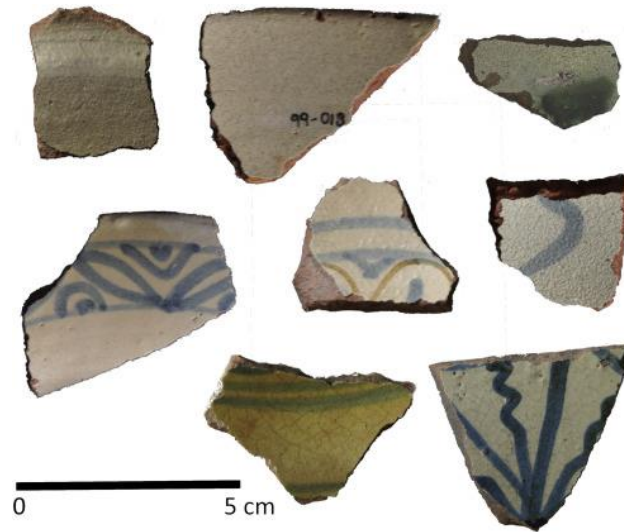


Figure 6.1. Majolica sherds produced in Peru. Picture from Kelloway et al. 2018.



Figure 6.2. Early green glaze wares from Peru. Photo from VanValkenburgh et al. 2017.

In the Chicha-Soras Valley, prior to my study there were no documented Early Colonial Period occupations. In all previous work completed in the valley, reports of European wares are nonexistent; however, most previous archaeological work in the region was more interested in earlier occupations (Wari, LIP, Inka), and so the lack of identification of these vessels and techniques may be a function of scholarly bias rather than actual absence of goods. Once again, following the hypothesis that takiongos rejected or repurposed Spanish goods, material correlates for rejection of these goods would be in their absence in households, or in their utilization and subsequent rejection or intentional destruction in household contexts. Despite the lack of identification of European-style technologies and vessels in the Chicha-Soras Valley, I suggest that a possible Early Colonial Period ceramic assemblage may include both European and native technologies (Table 6.2).

| Possible Ceramic Types in the Early Colonial Period in the Chicha-Soras Valley | | |
|--|---|---|
| | Andean | European |
| Ceramic Styles | Coarse brown wares (both Chicha and Soras style) Provincial Inka wares | Majolicas Lead-glazed wares Botijas Wheel-thrown wares |

Table 6.2. Possible ceramic types in the Early Colonial Period in the Chicha-Soras Valley.

While ceramic technologies brought by Europeans created an entirely new material signature, lithic technologies would have remained largely unaltered by Spanish invasion. Andeans continued to use specific stone materials for specific activities, while the Spanish could rely on metals and firearms. In the Chicha-Soras Valley, common stone types include basalt, obsidian, quartz, chert, andesite, and tuff.

Personal Goods and Portable Items

The last type of material artifact on which could have been relevant to Taki Onqoy practices in the Chicha-Soras Valley is that of personal goods or portable items. These artifacts include the objects that the Spanish could have brought with them on their journeys to Peru, and are predominantly small religious items (crosses, rosaries, and amulets), personal adornments and clothing (jewelry, beads, ornaments, buckles, hooks, sewing goods), or personal items (combs, coins, weapons, etc.) (Deagan 2002). Additionally, portable objects could consist of iron objects (nails, door latches, bells, etc.). Of these objects, Nueva Cadiz beads (turquoise straight or twisted cylindrical beads) are often used to date Early Colonial Period assemblages to the first half of the sixteenth century (Little 2010; Wernke 2013). Though their trajectories are not fully understood, iron caret-head nails found in Spanish sites in the Americas also suggest occupations which date to the first half of the sixteenth century (Deagan 2002; Flint and Flint 2003). If Taki Onqoy practices included the rejection of all Spanish goods, then I would expect to see an absence of these goods in some households at Iglesiachayoq.

Personal goods for Andean populations include much of the same categories, but made of different materials. Small religious items could have been amulets, figurines, illas, and pieces of huacas. Personal adornments and clothing could have consisted of metal jewelry, shell beads, tupu pins, needles, or other weaving tools. Additionally, portable objects may have consisted of musical instruments, ceramic miniatures, or small weapons such as axe heads or bola stones. Early Colonial Period personal object assemblages may thus contain any mixture of European and Andean items (Table 6.3).

| Personal Items in Early Colonial Period Assemblages | | |
|---|--|---|
| | Andean | European |
| Religious items | Amulets Figurines Illas Huacas | Crosses Rosaries Amulets |
| Personal adornments and clothing | Jewelry Shell beads Tupu pins Weaving tools | Jewelry Beads Ornaments Buckles Hooks Sewing goods |
| Portable objects | Ceramic miniatures Axe heads Bola stones | Combs Coins Weapons Nails Door latches Bells |

Table 6.3. Possible personal items in Early Colonial Period assemblages in the Chicha-Soras Valley.

I have outlined and defined these artifact classes and the potential archaeological correlates of Early Colonial Period assemblages generally in order to provide a background for the excavations contexts recovered from my work at Iglesiachayoq. It is critical to understand what materials could reasonably be found at Iglesiachayoq before we are able to infer which things were associated with Taki Onqoy practices, and which things could have been rejected, repurposed, or entangled with performances. In the next sections, I describe the sectorization, architectural styles, and archaeological occupations of Iglesiachayoq, and then present excavation results from household archaeology.

Sectorization of Iglesiachayoq

Iglesiachayoq contains three distinct sectors which are in discrete geographical locations but still closely interrelated as a whole site (Figure 6.3). My strategy in separating the site into these sectors was to provide a heuristic for analysis of the site as a whole, based on informed hypotheses of occupation periods and usages of different sectors of the site. Furthermore, by analyzing artifacts both by sector and by type of structure (ovoid vs. quadrangular with squared corners vs. quadrangular with rounded corners), I am considering overlapping axes spatially and materially in order to provide a better understanding of the activities at Iglesiaschayoq.

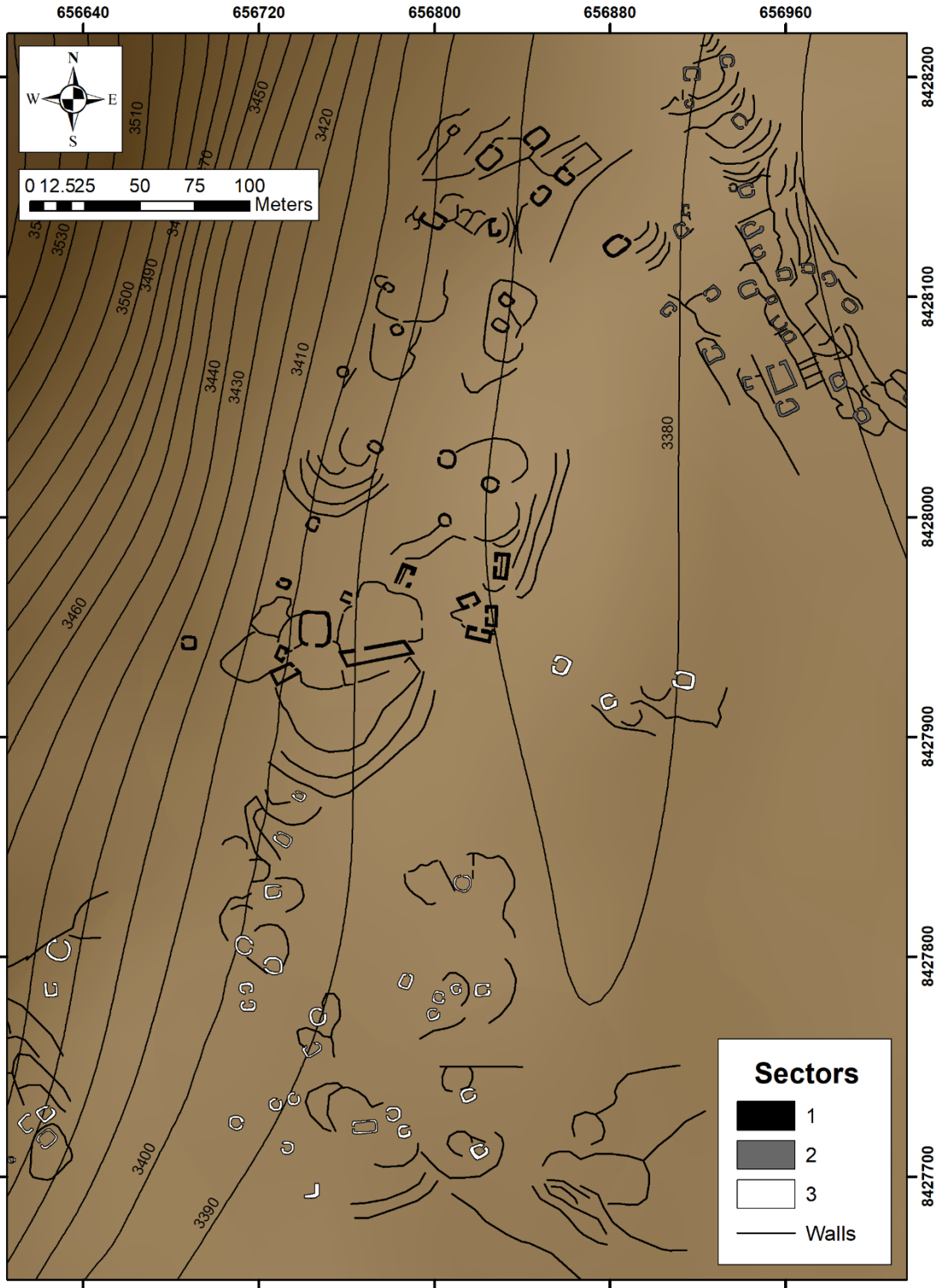


Figure 6.3. Sectorization of Iglesiachayoq.

Sector 1

Sector 1 is the obvious site center at Iglesiachayoq. It is roughly located at 656769E and 8427951N (UTM 18S) and makes up the northwestern portion of the site. Sector 1 is essentially nestled in a small valley, with Sectors 2 and 3 located on low hills to the east and south of Sector 1. Overall, there are 30 structures in Sector 1, which can be broken down into 5 ovoid structures, 9 quadrangular with squared corners, and 16 quadrangular with rounded corners. Most significantly, there are two massive structures in Sector 1 which clearly make up the site center. First, there is a 14m x 11m quadrangular structure with rounded corners, with its accessway facing south (Figure 6.4). Indicative of typical Inka archaeological signatures, the entryway to this structure is lined with polygonal ashlar cut stone masonry and the interior includes 16 even niches located along the same horizontal plane.⁷³ There are three rectangular windows at the top of the walls, one each on the west, north, and east walls. This structure was likely a local leader's household, perhaps the kuraka, Joan Hachi, and I will refer to it as the "kuraka house" for the rest of this dissertation.

⁷³ "Typical" Inka masonry consists of polygonal ashlar stones which fit snugly together, leaving no gaps between them. For examples and greater description see Dean 2010; D'Altroy 1992, 2015; Hyslop 1990).



Figure 6.4. Some of the 16 aligned niches, looking northwest.

The second central structure is the Early Colonial Period church, rectangular in shape, and measuring 35m east/west by 9m north/south. Opposite of the kuraka house, the church has two possible entryways in the northern wall, and a three-step altar leading to the eastern wall (Figure 6.5 and 6.6).⁷⁴ On the western wall, there is evidence of red, black, and cream paint, which probably are the remnants of a mural. There are also three rectangular windows in the upper portion of the southern wall of the church. The east and west walls of this structure have

⁷⁴ One of these possible accessways looks formal, and the other appears to have been more related to a collapse rather than an intended entrance.

very large gables, 7.7m in height. In each of these gables, there is a small circular opening at the top. Both south of the church and north of the church, there are large, open spaces which likely were used as plazas, or central ritual locations. Both plazas are semi-circular and make use of the existing space. The plaza to the north was the central plaza, as it is encompassed by a low wall (which also divides the kuraka house and the church), and contains a small, rectangular structure on the western side which was likely an Early Colonial Period chapel.



Figure 6.5. Exterior of the northern wall of the church, photo looking south.



Figure 6.6. Three-step altar facing east, with window at the top of the gable.

Since Frank Meddens first published on the site of Iglesiachayoq, a number of scholars have characterized the central structure (the church or “iglesia”) as a kallanka. A kallanka is a

standard Inka structure denoted by a “large rectangular building with an undivided interior space” (D’Altroy 1992:100; Hyslop 1990) which was primarily used for housing traveling groups such as militaries, a shelter for visitors during bad weather, or a large area utilized for ritual and feasting (McEwan 2006:176). Kallankas often had gabled ends and several trapezoidal doorways, and their interior walls contained trapezoidal niches for storage. They often opened out onto a central plaza where religious ceremonies could be performed.

The central structure at Iglesiachayoq is a long, rectangular structure with gables which opens out into a central plaza. With these architectural features, it certainly resembles an Inka kallanka. There are remains of three rectangular windows and one entrance on the northern access. As Meddens and Schreiber argue in their 2010 article, as well as Mallco in his 2013 survey report, the long structure is comparable to an Inka niched hall. However, there are several reasons to suggest that this structure was constructed and utilized as a church. First, Albornoz emphasized that the people who inhabited Chicha were punished by being forced to assist with the construction of the church. The construction style of the church is of a roughly-dressed field stone, with mud mortar on both the interior and exterior walls. This construction style is identical to other structures of importance at the site, including the kuraka house. It thus appears that the same population which constructed the rest of the structures at Iglesiachayoq also built the church. Second, there are no trapezoidal niches in the walls of the church, and there is likely only one accessway.⁷⁵ Unlike typical kallankas at other sites, obvious Inka features such as polygonal ashlar masonry, trapezoidal niches, and multiple trapezoidal doorways do not exist in the structure at Iglesiachayoq. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, there is a three-step altar at the

⁷⁵ The area of collapse in the eastern part of the northern wall has been considered a second accessway, and future archaeological evidence can test this. For now, it looks like basic wall collapse to me.

eastern end of the church, with a possible altar niche (arched opening) in the short access. We also found possible remains of the pedestal and bowl used as the baptismal font (Figure 6.7 and 6.8) directly west of the accessway. Finally, the burials located beneath the church floor in both flexed and extended styles assert that the structure was not intended as a great hall or kallanka, but rather as the Spanish religious center (Chapter 7). Excavations supported this conclusion, as very few ceramics were recovered and those that were seemed to be associated with fill rather than usage.



Figure 6.7. Possible remains of the bowl which contained holy water at Iglesiachayoq.



Figure 6.8. Font at Iglesia de Pampachiri. Notice the similarities in shape and size with the bowl in Figure 6.7.

It is possible that the structure was initially constructed as a kallanka and then rehabilitated as a church—indeed there are examples of this type of transformation at several sites across the Andes.⁷⁶ However, in comparing artifact assemblages at Iglesiachayoq with assemblages in kallankas at other sites, it is apparent that the structure at Iglesiachayoq differs greatly from those in other places across the Andes. For example, at Huánuco Pampa, excavations in an Inka kallanka revealed a massive food-preparation context and a dense artifact assemblage with more than 12,000 pottery fragments (Morris et al. 2011:42-43). In a second kallanka excavated at Huánuco Pampa, archaeologists uncovered another dense artifact assemblage with pottery, animal bone, and weaving tools. At the Inka complex of Oroncota (in what is today Bolivia), Alconini’s excavations in a kallanka demonstrated the densest

⁷⁶ For examples see the Qoricancha in Cuzco or the converted kallanka at Vilcashuaman, or the site of Huaytara

assemblage of ceramic findings consistent with food preparation for feasting (2018). In contrast to the recovered artifact assemblages at Huánuco Pampa and Oroncota, similar sites in terms of time period and occupations, the assemblage at Iglesiachayoq was incredibly sparse. All metal artifacts were associated with burials, the recovered ceramic totals were meager (n=308 fragments out of 8720 site-wide, or 3.5%, compared with church units making up 11.6% of the surface area during excavations), and the only recovered faunal remain was classified as canine and probably modern, totaling a mere 0.022kg in weight.

Archaeological and architectural evidence thus suggests that the long rectangular structure at Iglesiachayoq was indeed constructed and utilized as a church, in contrast to recent arguments (Mallco 2013; Meddens and Schreiber 2010). The unwillingness to consider the structure as a church could be due to an overemphasis in study of the Inka period, and initial disinterest by scholars in the Early Colonial Period. Similarities in architectural style between the church and kallankas in other parts of the Andes can be attributed to those Andeans who constructed the church. Spaniards, disadvantaged by a very small Spanish workforce, had to rely on native peoples to complete building projects—thus, it is no surprise that the local people who inhabited Iglesiachayoq constructed the church in the way they were accustomed. Furthermore, the sparse assemblage inside the structure indicates that it had no previous existence in which it was utilized as a kallanka or communal space. If the structure had initially been constructed as a kallanka, then I would expect to find several trapezoidal accessways and niches, as well as archaeological evidence for feasting or food preparation instead of funerary activities.

Beyond these two central structures and the central plaza, there are several other notable features in Sector 1. First, east of the church, there is a small, three-structure complex which is very distinct from other areas of the site. Here, there are three large (average 10m x 5m)

structures which are all quadrangular with squared corners. The entryways of these structures face each other, and they all share a patio or common area. In addition, the whole complex is surrounded by a low wall with a defined accessway which sets this complex apart from others at Iglesiachayoq. My initial hypothesis regarding this complex was that it was a later addition to the site, possibly of the Early Colonial Period, and that those who lived in this region were likely elites associated with church activities, given the proximity of their houses to the central plaza and church. This hypothesis is bolstered by the division of structure forms at the site—while the most common type of structure site-wide was quadrangular with rounded corners, there were only 10 structures which were quadrangular with squared corners, and nine of these are located within 100 meters of the church in Sector 1. It is likely that these squared-corner structures were constructed at different time than the common domestic structure form (quadrangular with rounded corners).

The kuraka house, church, and large three-structure complex are all grouped together in the center of the site, and there are several other smaller structures which were likely administrative in nature. These structures would have been used as places to prepare food and drinks for activities in the central portion of the site. Beyond this nucleus of ritual activity, the rest of the structures in Sector 1 are much more dispersed. Sector 1 clearly has the most quadrangular with squared corners, containing 9 out of 10 of these structures, which are all clustered within a 100m radius of the central church (see Figure 6.9).

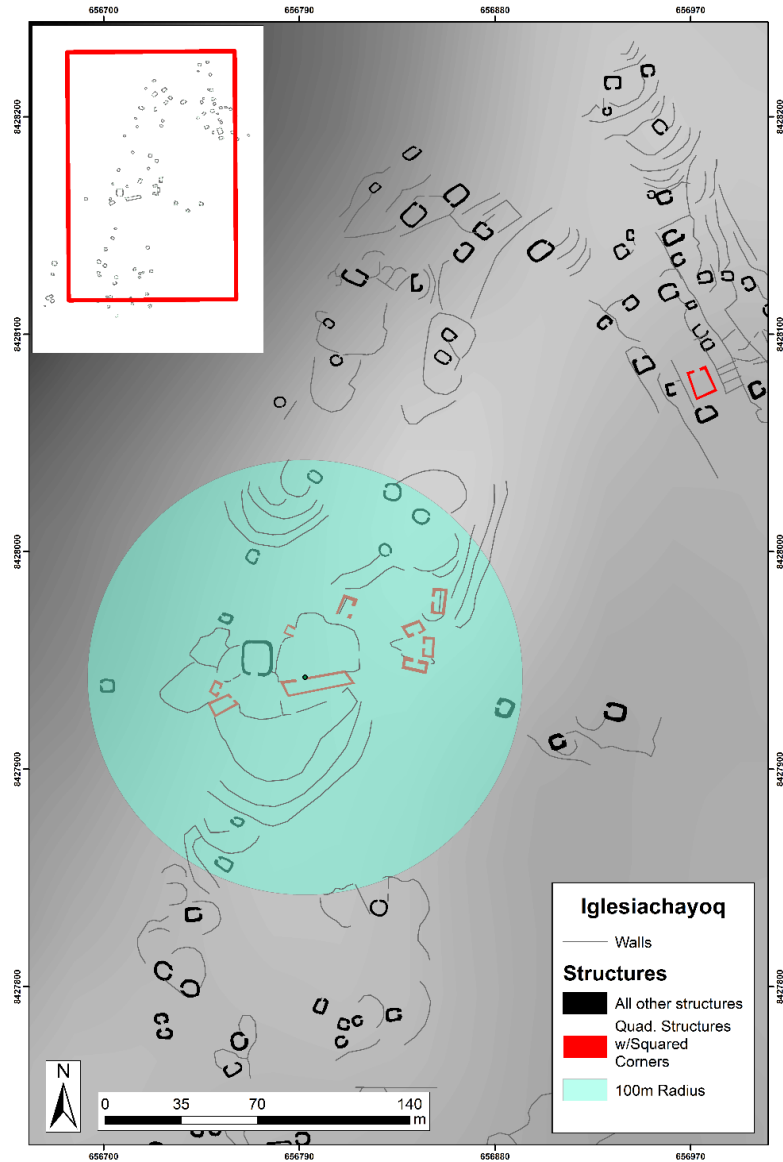


Figure 6.9. The 100m radius is in green. The structures in red are the ones with squared corners distributed throughout Igleziachayoc.

In general, the rest of the structures in Sector 1 are distributed evenly across the area, with each structure containing its own patio or small plaza which is encompassed by a low wall. Unlike the rectangular complex in Sector 1, the rest of these structures could have been

individual family units, given their separation from other structures and the amount of land designated for each structure.

Sector 2

Sector 2 is located northeast of Sector 1, and was constructed on a ridgeline from which it is difficult to view activities in Sector 1. Sector 2 is known as “Wallpa Wiri” locally, and while its view of Sector 1 is lacking, it has a much better view of the river and road going from Chicha to Larcaay.⁷⁷ From the northernmost structures in Sector 2, it is possible to see the entire valley, and would have been a useful location for monitoring traffic in and out of the valley. There is one large structure which stands out in Sector 2, which parallels the kuraka house in Sector 1. This structure is also large, approximately 14m x 8.5m in size, and contains two entryways, one in the north and one in the south. This structure is quadrangular with squared corners, like the church, yet also contains Inka cut-stone masonry. This structure also has 16 niches, mirroring the kuraka house in Sector 1 (Figure 6.10). While I did not place any excavation units in this structure, I suggest that it could be a second type of kuraka house, perhaps indicating a hanan/hurin dual organization at Iglesiachayoq, pending excavation in the structure. The north and south walls of this structure are partially collapsed, and there are several deep pits in the structure, suggesting that it may have been looted at some point in the past.

⁷⁷ Though I have not been able to find a good translation for Wallpa Wiri, I can confirm that “Wallpa” means “chicken” or “hen.” In her 1987 article “The Chicken in Andean History and Myth,” Linda Seligmann suggests that “wallpa,” though referring to a European livestock animal, could also have been associated with the Inka king Atahualpa (142). She also writes that “while some of the original meanings of wallpa remained intact, others were transformed by unforeseen historical events...the indigenous category of Creator God, one of the primary meanings of wallpa, became altered by the presence of other viracochas on the horizon, the Spaniards” (Seligmann 1987: 143). “Wallpa” could also have been altered by the native experience of conquest. Through personal communication with Linda Seligmann, she offered that “wiri” could have meant “part of a plow, a wide belt, and in the case of aya wiri, a belt with which to tightly wrap cadavers” (Seligmann pers. Comm 2018).



Figure 6.10. 16-niched hall in Sector 2, facing west.

There are 27 structures in Sector 2, which are divided into two ovoid structures, 24 quadrangular with rounded corners, and one quadrangular with squared corners. Like Sector 1, these structures are dispersed across the wide expanse, each structure containing its own respective patio with enclosing wall. Much of the structures in Sector 2 are more poorly preserved than in Sector 1, having been used either for growing crops or animal husbandry in modern times. Prior to beginning excavation at Iglesiachayoq, my hypothesis for Sector 2 was that it was built contemporaneously with Sector 1, after construction of Sector 3. Excavation supported this hypothesis, as occupation levels in Sector 2 were extremely short, with only one occupation level ~30cm below the surface. For whatever reason, the structures in Sector 2 were constructed rapidly and only briefly occupied before the site was abandoned.

Sector 3

Sector 3 is located directly south of Sector 1 and southwest of Sector 2. From Sector 1 moving south, there is a large, steep hill, which flattens out into a plateau. The majority of the structures in Sector 3 are located on this raised plateau above Sector 1, with some located even farther south outside the core area of Iglesiachayoq. Sector 3 contains 34 of the registered structures, which can be broken down into 16 ovoid structures, no quadrangular with squared corners, and 18 quadrangular with rounded corners. The locations of structures in Sector 3 are more restricted in nature—that is, they are hidden and blocked from view by various rock outcrops or natural geologic features such as small hills and peaks. Before excavation, I hypothesized that this sector of the site was older, and likely contained a segment of the population with less wealth or resources, given the average size of the structures and their construction quality. Sector 3 contains the most ovoid structures—the local Soras style of building—thus suggesting that this portion of the site was either constructed at an earlier time or that building forms followed local Soras traditions. In addition to the structures, there are several small, walled plazas with communal access. There is a waterfall a short hike south of Sector 3, which could have been utilized by the people in this sector as they needed it. There is also a small modern lake which is used for animal grazing today—while I don't know if this lake existed in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, the depression of the landscape in this area suggests that it could have filled with water during times of heavy rain.

A dominant feature of Sector 3 contains two circular structures whose entryways face each other. These structures are an average of 8m in diameter, and are encompassed by a large wall and two natural rock outcrops. One of them has Inka cut stone architecture lining the entryway, suggesting that it may have been occupied by a member of the Inka elite. Toward the

northernmost portion of Sector 3, there is an enclosed semi-circular patio which is defined by the high-quality stone wall which was built into the hillside (Figure 6.11 and 6.12).

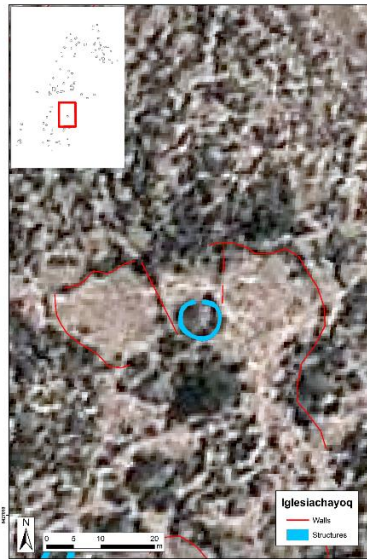


Figure 6.11. Circular structure surrounded by semi-circular prehispanic/local plaza.



Figure 6.12. View of the northern retaining wall of the prehispanic/local plaza. Notice incorporation of large stones and inability to see beyond hill.

Archaeological Occupations at Iglesiachayoq

Iglesiachayoq has only one clear occupation level—deposits were shallow throughout the site, with an average unit ending some 40cm below the surface (although church units were clearly intentionally deposited below sterile soil, with the average church unit terminating at ~92cm below the surface). With the exception of church units, all other units contained a surface level, one or two cultural levels with similar assemblages,⁷⁸ and finally, sterile soil. With this abbreviated vertical occupation, it is difficult to parse levels of occupation which are post-Spanish presence, and those that are prehispanic in nature—it is likely that these two occupations would contain identical assemblages. I propose that in the case of Iglesiachayoq, occupation would be better understood in terms of horizontal stratigraphy. Horizontal stratification is widely used in historical archaeology and has been implemented recently in other studies with shallow and short occupations (Hernandez and Osorez 2019). For example, in the Lurín Valley, Carla Hernández utilizes horizontal strategies of site analysis in lieu of shallow deposits and overlapping phase-based occupations, albeit during the Late Intermediate Period to Late Horizon transition. In the case of Iglesiachayoq, Inka and local actors erected the site in the late 1400s and lived there for around 50 years until the Spanish likely arrived. A known site of Taki Onqoy, Iglesiachayoq was inhabited into the 1570s (as discussed by Albornoz 1990 [1574]), and its population was relocated to one of three reducciones in the region: Pampachiri (1.2km east),⁷⁹ San Pedro de Larcay (~6km northwest), or Soras (~13km northwest) during Viceroy Toledo's reform and resettlement campaigns beginning in the 1570s. With such concrete dates of

⁷⁸ The first cultural level usually contained a much higher density of artifacts, while the second cultural level had much less, although all cultural levels appear to have been deposited in a continuous occupation at Iglesiachayoq.

⁷⁹ Soras or San Pedro de Larcay are the most likely locations since they were both a part of the Soras repartimiento. This repartimiento had a natural border at the Chicha-Soras River. Although Pampachiri is the closest town by distance, the river serves as a natural frontier.

settlement and abandonment as conferred through ethnohistoric sources (and confirmed through my excavations and church radiocarbon dates), it is more useful to consider the site as it expanded rather than its local reutilization of the same spaces over time.

Architectural Styles and Forms

There were three distinctive structure forms at Iglesiachayoq, including ovoid (n=23), quadrangular (n=10), and quadrangular with rounded corners (n=58) (Table 6.4). All structures at Iglesiachayoq consisted of uncoursed, roughly dressed fieldstone which was locally obtained in the valley (Figure 6.13).⁸⁰ Occasionally, Inka polygonal ashlar stone masonry was utilized in construction of the accessways for several large structures (n=9, or ~10% of structures), although these specialized stones were typically stacked vertically rather than in courses (Figure 6.14). During the architectural survey I completed in 2013 and 2014 (Chapter 5), my team and I recorded quantitative measurements for every structure, including both interior and exterior dimensions. Ovoid structures were more or less circular, and lacked a uniform directionality for the entrance (Figure 6.15). The average diameter of the ovoid structures was 6.38m, with a standard deviation of 2.34m, and the interior dwelling space averaged 37.73m². Ovoid structures tended to be more poorly preserved than other types of structures, and often only the foundations remained of this structure form. Of the intact walls, the average height was 2.24m and of the 23 ovoid structures, five had niches located in interior spaces. All ovoid structures lacked stucco either on the inside or the outside.

⁸⁰ This masonry style is consistent with other late prehispanic masonry styles in other regions, see Type 2 Masonry from Kohut 2016, described as “some worked/selected fieldstone, no coursing, dressed corners and heads”:187.

| Sector Number | Ovoid | Quadrangular | Quadrangular with Rounded Corners | Total Number of Structures |
|---------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 30 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 27 |
| 3 | 16 | 0 | 18 | 34 |

Table 6.4. Structure forms by sector at Iglesiachayoq.



Figure 6.13. Typical uncoursed masonry style with faced stones lining the entrance, photo facing north.



Figure 6.14. Inka cut-stone architecture stacked vertically lining the entrance of an important household, photo facing north.



Figure 6.15. Example of a well-preserved ovoid structure with access to the northeast.

In total, there were only ten quadrangular structures, and nine out of these structures were clustered in the Spanish center of the site. Quadrangular structures were generally of a larger size (average size 11.71m x 5.81m) and housed a larger average dwelling area than ovoid structures, 76m² (Welch two sample t-test $t=-1.7039$, $df=9.7678$, $p\text{-value}=0.1199$).⁸¹ These structures were better preserved and their wall heights indicate more intensive investment in structure construction, with average wall height at 2.67m. Notably, the only structure with gables at Iglesiachayoq is the central church, and the gables measure 7.7m from ground level (Figure 6.16).

⁸¹ Although this t-test was not significant, this is likely due to a combination of small sample size and the outlier of the church dwelling area. I ran the same test with a trimmed mean, with similar results.



Figure 6.16. Church with visible gables, photo facing north.

The most ubiquitous structure form recorded at Iglesiachayoq was quadrangular with rounded corners, and this form seems to have been the standard domestic structure form. The average wall height of quadrangular structures with rounded corners was 2.41m, while the average size overall was 6.88m x 5.15m with an average interior dwelling space of 37.14m². Quadrangular structures with rounded corners are thus more similar in size and dwelling area to ovoid structures, while quadrangular structures with squared corners indicate a greater size, dwelling area, and degree of investment in construction than the other two structure forms (Table 6.5, Figure 6.17 and 6.18).

| Structure Form | Average Wall Height (m) | Average Dwelling Area (m2) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ovoid | 2.24 | 37.73 |
| Quadrangular | 2.67 | 76 |
| Quad. With Rounded Corners | 2.41 | 37.14 |

Table 6.5. Comparison of average wall heights and dwelling areas by structure form, n=91 structures.

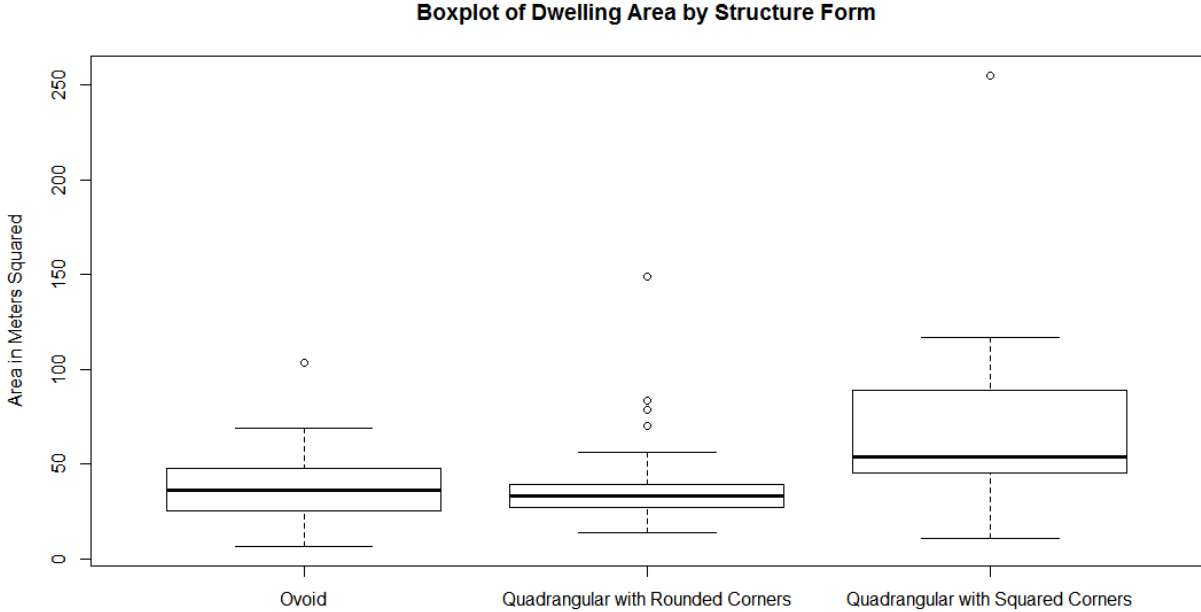


Figure 6.17. Boxplot comparing the three structure forms by dwelling area, ovoid n=23; quadrangular with rounded corners n=58; quadrangular n=10; total population with 100% coverage n=91.

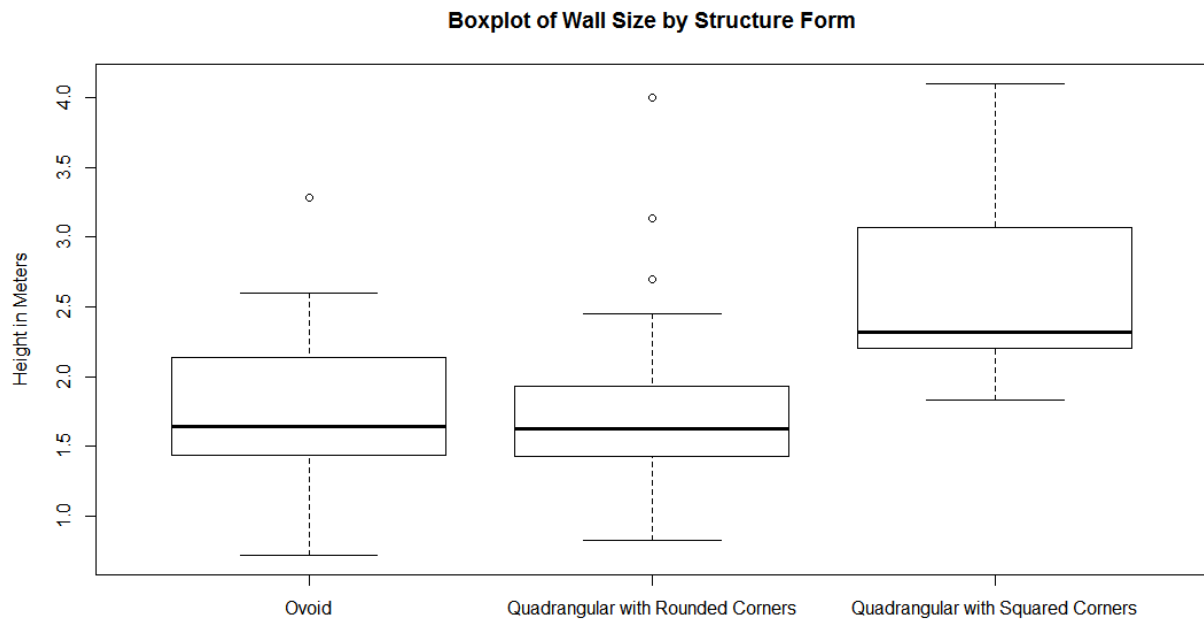


Figure 6.18. Boxplot comparing the three structure forms by wall height, ovoid n=23; quadrangular with rounded corners n=58; quadrangular n=10; total population with 100% coverage n=91.

Ceramic Vessel Types and Pastes

Diagnostic sherds were sorted into vessel form categories of unrestricted and restricted forms, and where possible, broken down even further into categories including ceremonial wares (aribalos), storage wares (cantaros, jars, bottles), cooking wares (ollas), feasting/serving wares (cups, bowls, plates, escudillas, tazones), figurines, and pirurus.

General paste types were identified while analyzing all diagnostic sherds after a fresh fracture using a hand lens. Each diagnostic ceramic was evaluated according to texture of paste, composition or inclusions of paste, color and Munsell value, oxidation, size of temper, and the consistency of the fracture pattern. There were some shared commonalities amongst all sherds—the vast majority of diagnostic ceramic had inclusions of mica and quartz, with subsidiary

inclusions of basalt or feldspar. There were three main paste types which accounted for 91.5% of the diagnostic sherds, though I also identified four subsidiary paste types which were much less common. One-hundred and twenty-two sherds were exported for analysis at the Elemental Analysis Facility at the Field Museum, and statistical analysis is ongoing.

- Type A: Paste Type A is the most common ceramic type, making up 64.4% of the diagnostic sherds (n=367/570) and 51.2% of the overall sample (n=4461/8720). Paste Type A is medium or fine-grained in texture, with medium-fine or fine inclusions. The paste is generally of high quality, and inclusions consist of mica, basalt, and quartz. In general, the paste colors range from reddish-yellow to reddish-brown to brown. Paste Type A was the typical paste type for locally-made ceramics.
- Type B: Paste Type B is a variant of Paste Type A, but a more “rustic” type. Paste Type B is the second most common paste type, making up 14.6% of the diagnostic sherds (n=83/570) and 46.7% of the overall sample (n=4074/8720). Paste Type B has the same range of colors and types of inclusions as Paste Type A, but it has a much cruder texture with larger grains and inclusions.
- Type C: Paste Type C is the third most common paste type recovered at Iglesiachayoq, making up 12.5% of diagnostic sherds (n=71/570) and 1.4% of all total sherds (n=123/8720). Paste type C was either fine or very fine in both texture and inclusion size, and inclusions consisted of mica, quartz, and basalt. The main identifying feature of this paste was the pink or cream color of the paste. Fragments with Paste Type C were more likely to have both slip and decoration, indicating their elevated proportion in the diagnostic wares.

- Type D: Paste Type D was only identified in diagnostic sherds at 1.4% of the diagnostic sample (n=8/570), and made up a very small subsection of the assemblage. Type D has a fine texture and fine inclusions with a pale red color, but has large and numerous mica inclusions. Compared to Types A, B, and C, Type D is very distinctive in its color and the size and density of these mica inclusions. Type D ceramics were only found in Sector 1, in the kuraka house and in the church units.
- Type E: Paste Type E was also only represented in diagnostic ceramics (n=19/570 or 3.3% of the diagnostic sample) and was characterized by a very fine texture almost devoid of inclusions. The main identifying characteristic of Type E is that these ceramics took on a laminate quality when fractured, and appeared more like rock than ceramic. They were overfired, and the interior and exterior surfaces often took on a vitrified appearance with bubbles or a metallic sheen. The sherds which have this paste are very rustic and roughly-hewn, sometimes with added plastic applique or etched design. Type E ceramics may correspond with Soras-style overfired pottery as defined by Meddens and Vivanco Pomacanchari (2018).
- Type F: Paste Type F was also only recovered as a portion of the diagnostic Ceramic assemblage (n=15/570, or 2.6%). Paste Type F is similar to Type E in that the paste is almost devoid of inclusions and appears laminate when broken, but these ceramics were well-crafted and almost exclusively found in Sector 1. All of the Type F sherds had either slip, decoration, or both, and 33% were recovered in church excavations. The color of Paste Type F was generally very dark gray.
- Type G: Type G was the last identified paste type, and was characterized by medium-textured grains with large inclusions of mica, basalt, quartz, and feldspar. The paste itself

was bright red in color, and set apart by the high concentration of large feldspar inclusions. Paste Type G was the least common ceramic type recovered from excavations (n=7/570 or 1.2%) and was only recovered in diagnostic ceramic sherds.

Excavation Results

In the following section I will broadly present the excavation results from each unit (see Appendix F for unit summaries). In general, ceramic found in Sectors 1 and 2 were of a higher quality than artifacts found in Sector 3.⁸² Along with the differences in building construction, there were also major differences between sectors in activities taking place and status of people occupying the structures. After the sections regarding general excavation and sector-wide contrasts, I will also give a comparative discussion of site-wide differences between the three *types* of structures, and how these differences may reflect the uses of each type of structure.

Sector 1 Domestic Structure Excavations

As mentioned above, the majority of excavation units were placed in Sector 1. The reasoning behind this is that Sector 1 was much more varied in types of structures and the functions of those structures. Furthermore, as a major area of site-wide activity in which people from all sectors would have participated in events in Sector 1, it is crucial to understand the nature of those activities and how they may have reflected changing religious contexts. Additionally, the kuraka house is located in Sector 1. Since the kuraka, Joan Hachi, was

⁸² Finer paste, more decoration, etc.

implicated in Albornoz's list of takiongos, I had planned to complete a full excavation of his residence at Iglesiachayoq.

Unit 1 Excavations: Intermixing and Interconnection between Inka and Spanish

Unit 1 was the unit located in the kuraka house, and it was the domestic unit with the greatest excavated volume (57.6 cubic meters and extensions). The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in this structure in order to learn about the activities practiced by the kuraka and/or his family. Given the size of the structure (14m x 11m), we were able to place a 12m x 9.6m unit, which we then divided into 12 separate 3m x 3.2m quads. Because Unit 1 had such a massive size, we were unable to excavate all of these quads—to control for the large size, each quad was excavated as a separate individual unit with its own set of loci. The quads were numbered from 1 to 12 starting with the northwest quad and moving across the unit and down, as if reading a text (Figure 6.19). In general, Unit 1 was covered in icchu grass and had surface damage from the presence of cows and other herding animals. However, there were no pits or below-surface areas which appeared to be damaged or looted. In his dissertation research, Meddens (1985) excavated a unit abutting the entrance to the kuraka house and identified Inka cut-stone masonry wall foundations and ceramic which was either Late Horizon or Early Colonial Period.⁸³

⁸³ Meddens writes: “Surface collection at this site produced some lithics and very little pottery. A few test pits were excavated here, but the material recovered was not stratified. All was of Late Horizon, and some possibly even of early colonial date. This dating appears accurate, considering the structural remains. The largest rectangular building may be of early colonial date (pers. comm. J. H. Rowe), whereas some of the others, like the ones with polygonal ashlar masonry, date to the Late Horizon” (Meddens 1985:103).

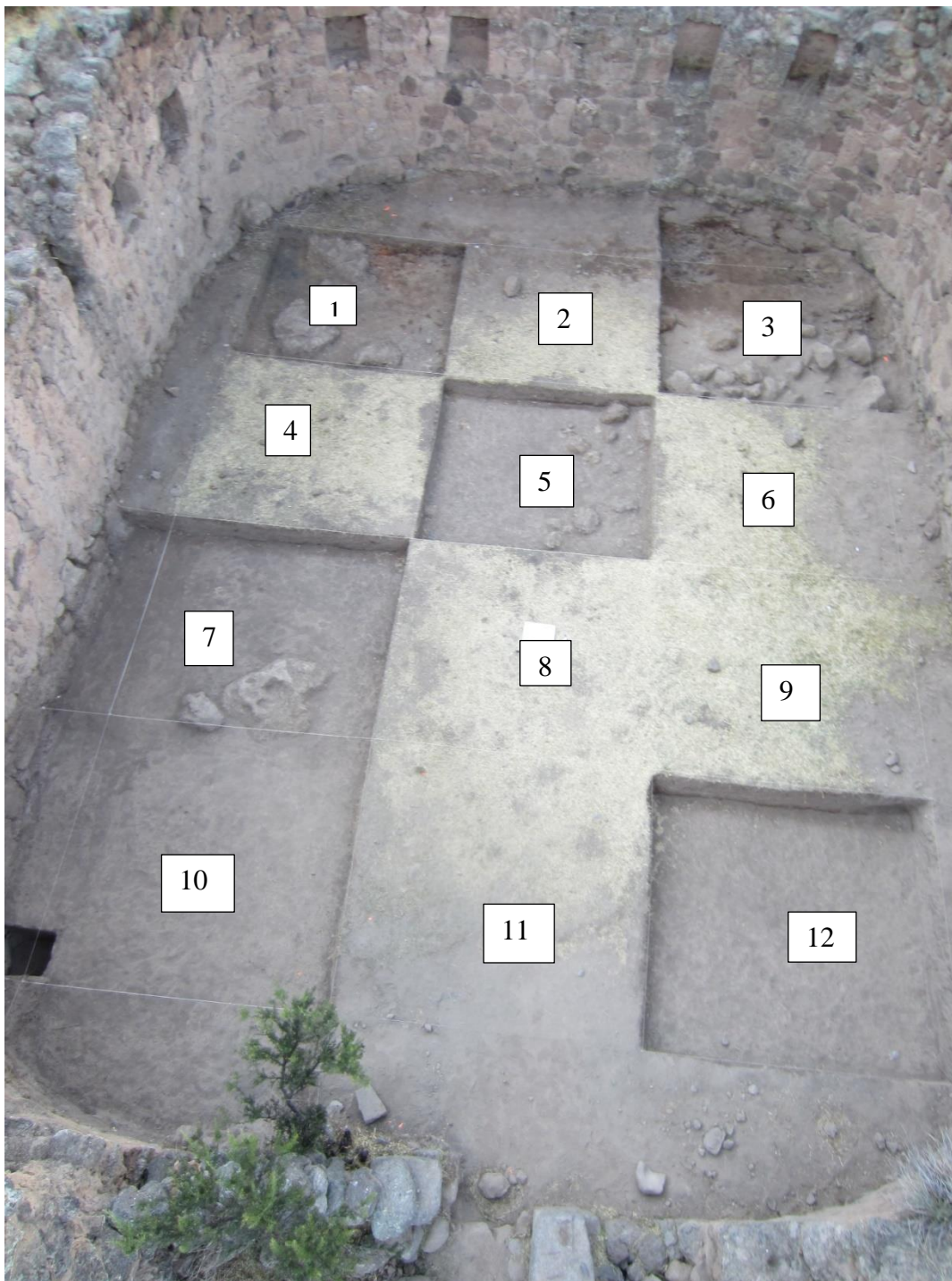


Figure 6.19. Layout of quads in Unit 1. Fully excavated quads included 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 12.

Quad 1 was located in the northwestern corner of the unit and Quad 3 was located in the northeastern corner of the unit. I will discuss these two quads first because they had a similar

stratigraphic pattern which was different from the rest of the unit. In general, there were two cultural layers. The first cultural layer was located just below the surface and contained the last occupation of the structure. In Quad 1, we found a caret-head iron nail associated with an even mix of possible Early Colonial Period wares and local Inka (red-slipped) wares.⁸⁴ Caret-head nails are a Spanish artifact which date to the first half of the sixteenth century (Flint and Flint 2003:153; Wernke 2013)(Figure 6.20). The presence of the caret-head nail along with the prevalence of Inka-period ceramics indicates the continued use of this structure through the Early Colonial Period. Additionally, the nail suggests that the occupant of this structure had access not only to Inka goods, but also to Spanish goods—as mentioned earlier in this dissertation, this person was likely Joan Hachi, the kuraka of Chicha. Near the caret-head nail was an animal effigy handle, which is a characteristic of both Inka and Late Intermediate Period (Chicha-Style) plates (Figure 6.21, Meddens and Vivanco Pomacanchari 2018: 15). In this case, the handle was either a representation of a fish or a bird.

⁸⁴ I was unable to distinctively identify Early Colonial Period ceramic artifacts—there was neither glazed nor wheel-thrown ceramics. Some of the ceramic recovered in Sector 1 appeared to be of a different form than was typical for the Inka or the Soras, so we tentatively classified these as Early Colonial Period.



Figure 6.20. Caret-head nail found in the northwest corner of the kuraka house.



Figure 6.21. Anthropomorphic *mango* handle from a plate.

In Quad 3, there was evidence of both camelid, and other unidentified artiodactyla (pig, sheep, cow, goat, or camelid), also associated with local Inka ceramics. Below this first level, we found another cultural level which was marked by less ceramic and cultural artifacts, and ended when we began to hit sterile soil. We did not recover any evidence of a prepared floor, which

could have been caused by the acidic soil and poor preservation at Iglesiachayoq. In this northern portion of Unit 1, sterile soil was reached quickly, and the soil matrix of this sterile earth was different here than in the southern portion of the unit. Namely, in quads 1 and 3, we found a dense clay matrix completely absent of evidence of cultural activity. These clays were brown, yellow, and red in color and the level was nearly impossible to dig through and fairly uneven. The various colors of clay matrix were not present in the rest of the unit, where sterile soil appeared to be linked to an absence of materials and dense soil rather than multi-colored clays.

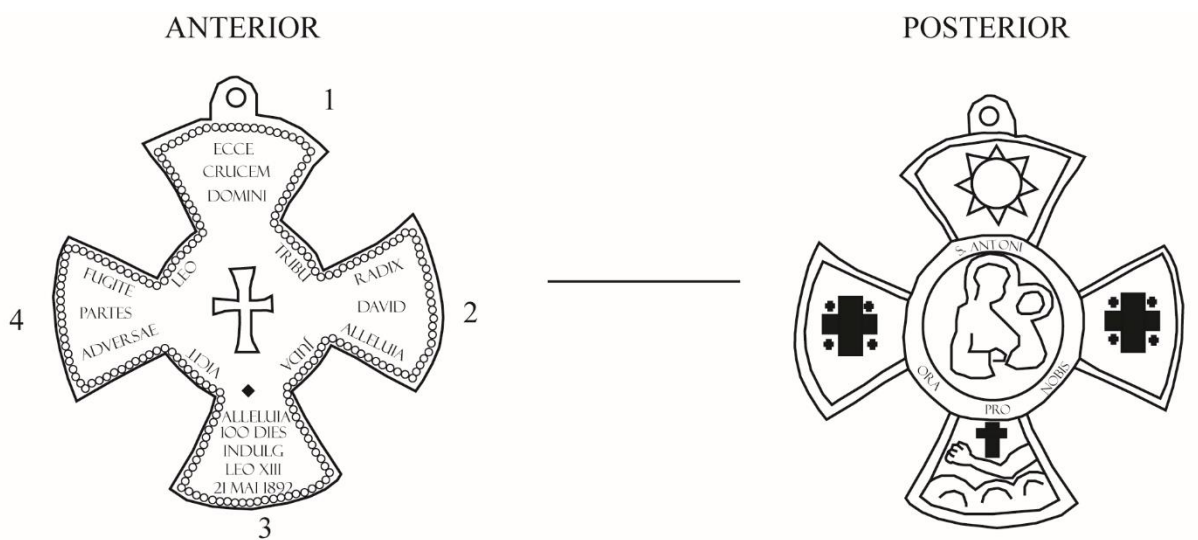
Moving south through Unit 1, the next quad we excavated was quad 5. Quad 5 was located in the center of Unit 1 and had one of the most remarkable finds in our entire excavation. Just below the surface level in the first locus, we uncovered a beautiful, fragile cross which contained a date of 1892 embossed on it (Figure 6.22, 6.23, and 6.24).



Figure 6.22. Front side of 1892 cross.



Figure 6.23. Reverse side of the 1892 cross.



1. He aqui la cruz del señor
2. Raiz de David Aleluya
3. 100 Dias Indulgencia, Leon XIII, 21 Mayo 1892
4. Huid Enemigos

1. "S. Antoni ora pro nobis"
San Antonio ruega por nosotros.

El lado derecho horizontal (2) esta doblado hacia atras.

Figure 6.24. Drawing of 1892 cross.

There are several intriguing details related to this cross: first, it was found in the center quad of our unit, more or less in the center of the structure and near the surface. This placement indicates that the cross may have been intentionally deposited at a later date in the structure, suggesting that the site held continued importance or sacredness for the region in later centuries. This cross contains text suggesting that the saint is Saint Anthony of Padua holding the Christ Child, and says “100 days of indulgence,” made during the reign of Pope Leo XIII in 1892. It appears to be made of copper or aluminum, and the text is in Latin. While I have completed some background research on this cross, the information I found is located on internet antiquities sites, which are selling various versions of this cross. It appears to have been a limited edition cross or medallion which was created during Pope Leo XIII’s reign, and originates from the Vatican in Italy. Given the date and the limited and foreign production points of the cross, it seems clear that an important representative of the church may have visited Iglesiachayoq sometime in the early twentieth century or late nineteenth century. The placement of the cross in the structure’s center suggests it was deliberately deposited, as does its location near the sixteenth-century Catholic church.⁸⁵

The ceramic found in quad 5 contained predominantly Inka-style ceramics. Namely, there were two rim fragments from Inka aribalos, both which had polychrome red-slipped exteriors and borders. The Inka aribalo is one of the most representative Inka wares, and was used for a variety of purposes, often associated with chicha—it is identified by its long neck and flared opening, along with a globular body and conical base (Bray 2003; D’Altroy 2015). The rest of

⁸⁵ Further research on this cross demonstrated that it was founded as an intentional religious token in honor of Columbus’s quadricentennial. I am working on a forthcoming article about this cross and what its significance was both at Iglesiachayoq and globally.

the ceramic from this quad was identified as either *ollas* (large cooking pots), serving pots, bottles, or cups.

We next excavated quads 7 and 10, which I will discuss together given their contextual associations with one another. Quads 7 and 10 were located in the southwestern corner of Unit 1, and had a much higher density of ceramic, lithic, and animal bone than the rest of the quads in Unit 1. Both of these quads contained evidence of both artiodactyla and perissodactyla—camelid and cow, horse, or donkey, which were intermingled. One of these bone fragments which was identified as either camelid, horse, or donkey, was part of a heel bone which showed two distinct cut marks, indicating the bone had likely been butchered. The ceramics found in quads 7 and 10 were a combination of local Inka and Early Colonial Period wares, and represented mostly serving or feasting vessels. Like quad 1, we recovered another effigy handle, which was also in the shape of a fish or a bird (Figure 6.25).



Figure 6.25. Fish head mango characteristic of Inka or Soras plates.

Like the figurine handle found in quad 1, this ceramic in relation with the Old World animal remains found in the unit suggests a continued usage of the structure in the Early Colonial period. Furthermore, the slipped handles show a degree of fineline painting and polychrome technology characteristic of more elite households during the Inka period.

The last quad excavated in Unit 1 was quad 12, which was in the southeastern most corner of the unit. Here, we collected the highest density of diagnostic ceramics from this unit, which together represented a mixture of large pots, aribalos, and cups in local Inka styles.

Taken together, the artifact and context findings from Unit 1 show a period of mixed usage—Inka artifacts (aribalos, polychrome ceramic, animal effigy handles) and Spanish artifacts (iron caret-head nail, Old World animal bones, and possible Early Colonial Period ceramic fragments) were found in the same occupation levels. The most common ceramic forms were cooking wares (n=36/141, or 25.5% of the vessels found), feasting wares (bowls and plates, n=32/141, or 22.7% of the vessels found), and restricted storage wares (n=22/141, or 15.6% of the vessels found) (Table 6.6). The majority (n=110/141 or 78%) of ceramic paste types were Type A (Table 6.7). In Unit 1, we recovered 20% of the MNI amongst all excavation units (n=6/30). Of these fauna, two could be confidently identified as camelidae (Andean, n=2/13 individuals site-wide), two as cow or horse/donkey (n=2/2 individuals site-wide), and two artiodactyla or perissodactyla (n=1/1 individuals site-wide) (Table 6.8). Notably, all examples of horse or donkey were found in Unit 1. The combination of the artifacts from these two periods suggests a pattern of continued usage from prehispanic to Early Colonial periods.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 10 | 7% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 22 | 15.60% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 36 | 25.50% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 32 | 22.70% |
| Figurines | 2 | 1.40% |
| Pirurus | 2 | 1.40% |
| Unidentified | 37 | 26.20% |
| Total | 141 | 100% |

Table 6.6. Vessel types in Unit 1.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 110 | 78% |
| Type B | 3 | 2.10% |
| Type C | 14 | 10% |
| Type D | 6 | 4.30% |
| Type E | 6 | 4.30% |
| Type F | 2 | 1.40% |
| Type G | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 141 | 100% |

Table 6.7. Paste types in Unit 1.

| Taxon | Common Name | Number of Individuals | Percentage (site-wide) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Cavia porcellus</i> | Domestic guinea pig | 0 | 0% |
| Canidae | Canines | 0 | 0% |
| Artiodactyla | Even-toed ungulates | 1 | 10% |
| Camelidae | Camelids | 2 | 15.40% |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> | Cow | 0 | 0% |
| Perissodactyla | Horse/donkey | 1 | 100% |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> or Perissodactyla | Cow or horse/donkey | 1 | 100% |
| Artiodactyla or Perissodactyla | Even or Odd-toed ungulates | 1 | 100% |

Table 6.8. Unit 1 recovered fauna by Minimum Number of Individuals (MNI) and site-wide percentages.

Unit 2 Excavations: Elite Domestic Household

Unit 2 was located in the easternmost structure of the small, squared-corners complex in Sector 1. As briefly mentioned above, these three structures were all roughly the same size, some 10m in length and 5m in width, making them the largest residential structures in Sector 1 other than the kuraka house. The three structures each had accessways which faced inward and thus one another, and the entire complex of the three structures was encircled by a divisive wall

which contained only one restricted accessway. The three structures appear to have been of later construction than those in Sector 3, given the difference in their construction form and confirmed by the shallow occupation unearthed during excavation.

Unit 2 was an 8m x 4m unit which we divided into eight separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2m x 1m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Northeast quad (1-2), and then moved south. Unlike Unit 1, Unit 2 utilized the same set of loci for all quads, and all quads were excavated fully to the best of our abilities. Unit 2 was excavated to a depth of 32cm below the surface, upon which we hit sterile soil. This unit contained few notable artifacts or contexts.

Unit 2 seems to have been part of a domestic complex. While we did not find clear preserved evidence of a hearth, we did find many small lithic tools including four basalt knives and an andesite grindstone. The grindstone and knives suggest that food preparation may have happened in this household. As in the large “casa de kuraka,” we found the third and final animal effigy plate handle in Unit 2. Like the other two, this was also in the shape of a fish or a bird, depicted below (Figure 6.26).



Figure 6.26. Example of *mango* from Unit 2.

The rest of the diagnostic ceramic in Unit 2 contained several fragments which were characterized as Type E (Table 6.10), and were overfired to the appearance of having metallic or blistered glassy surfaces on the exterior, interior, or both sides and came in a variety of colors (Figure 6.27). Meddens and Vivanco Pomancanchari's 2018 article suggests that similar styles of overfired or cindered surfaces are known as a variant of the "Soras style" in the Chicha Soras Valley which "appears to be a late phenomenon" (2018: 18).⁸⁶ The most common vessel forms were feasting wares (n=12/45, or 26.7%), restricted storage wares (n=9/45, or 20%), and cooking wares (n=5/45, or 11%), thus suggesting that the primary activities taking place in this structure were related to drinking and eating (Table 6.9). While the most common paste type was Type A, Unit 2 diagnostic ceramics had elevated proportions of Type C (n=12/45, or 27%, pink or cream fine-grained paste with inclusions of mica, quartz, and basalt) and Type E (n=5/45, or 11%, overfired, paste devoid of inclusions with laminate quality).



Figure 6.27. Blistered/vitrified ceramic fragments with Type E paste from Unit 2.

⁸⁶ No years or time periods were given for this type of ceramic style, and more research needs to be completed to create a more detailed ceramic sequence.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 0 | 0% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 9 | 20% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 5 | 11.1% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 12 | 26.7% |
| Figurines | 1 | 2.2% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 18 | 40% |
| Total | 45 | 100% |

Table 6.9. Vessel types in Unit 2.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 25 | 55.6% |
| Type B | 0 | 0% |
| Type C | 12 | 26.7% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 5 | 11.1% |
| Type F | 2 | 4.4% |
| Type G | 1 | 2.2% |
| Total | 45 | 100% |

Table 6.10. Paste types in Unit 2.

Finally, of all of the animal bone fragments found (n=13, weight = 40.43g), Kennedy was able to determine an MNI of two, with one camelid and one specimen which could only be identified to the order of artiodactyla (Table 6.11). With such a small sample of faunal remains, I tentatively suggest that those individuals residing in Unit 2 were likely continuing prehispanic diet standards (camelid). In sum, Unit 2 was located in a large rectangular structure with squared corners which had a very short vertical provenience, suggesting a brief occupation. The artifacts recovered in Unit 2 indicate that the structure was primarily used for domestic purposes, while the location and restricted access to the structure suggest that a family of higher status may have resided here.

| Taxon | Common Name | Number of Individuals | Percentage (site-wide) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Cavia porcellus</i> | Domestic guinea pig | 0 | 0% |
| Canidae | Canines | 0 | 0% |
| Artiodactyla | Even-toed ungulates | 1 | 10% |
| Camelidae | Camelids | 1 | 7.7 % |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> | Cow | 0 | 0% |
| Perissodactyla | Horse/donkey | 0 | 0% |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> or Perissodactyla | Cow or horse/donkey | 0 | 0% |
| Artiodactyla or Perissodactyla | Even or Odd-toed ungulates | 0 | 0% |

Table 6.11. MNI of fauna and site-wide percentage for Unit 2.

Unit 3: Local Ritual?

Unit 3 was a 4.5m x 4m unit placed in an ovoid structure in which the access faced north and away from the church. This structure was relatively isolated and situated within its own terrace. Unit 3 presented a different collection of artifacts than either of the previous two units. First, there was no evidence of Early Colonial Period artifacts, with the exception of two fragments of cow bone (Kennedy 2016). However, these fragments were found in the surface level of the unit and were less weathered than the rest of the animal bone found during excavations. Thus, I suspect that these two bones are an example of modern influence (especially given the large amount of cow present at the site, and the open nature of where this unit was placed).

In fact, Unit 3 presented less diagnostic ceramic than any other household unit, with only 19 diagnostic sherds out of 502 total sherds (Figure 6.28). Units 2 and 3 had the least amount of ceramic by weight than any other household unit (Figure 6.29). Diagnostic sherds consisted primarily of feasting wares (n=10/19, or 52.6%) and cooking wares (ollas, n=5/19, or 26.3%),

along with one figurine (Table 6.12). The figurine found appears to be a set of legs crossed over one another, a braid, or another unidentified form (Figure 6.30). It is only in Unit 3 that we have any examples of ceramic in the shape of a figurine that was not originally part of a vessel. Paste types were almost all A, B, or C, with the exception of two Type G sherds (Table 6.13). Of all of the fragments in Unit 3, only one had decoration, which was an orange stripe on the exterior.

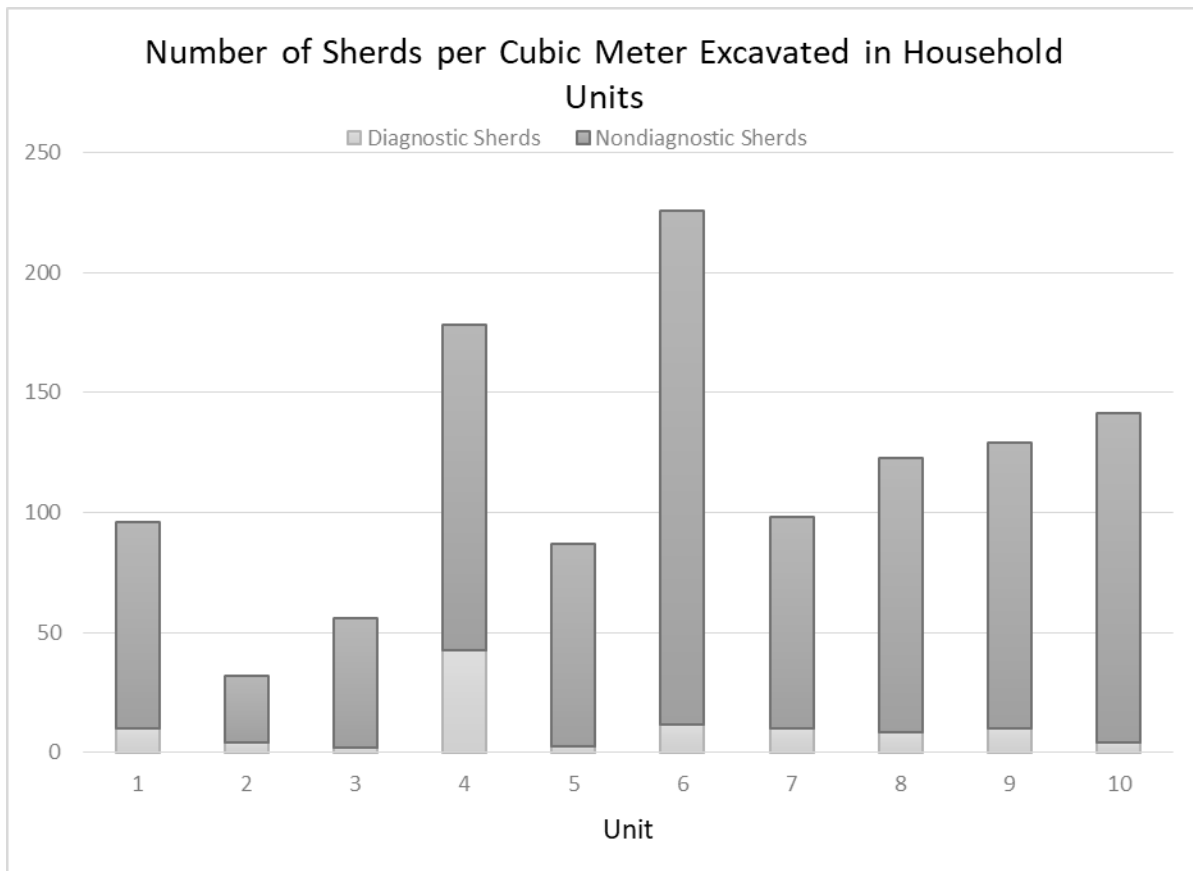


Figure 6.28. Sherds per excavated cubic meter in ten household units. Notice Units 2 and 3 with the least material.

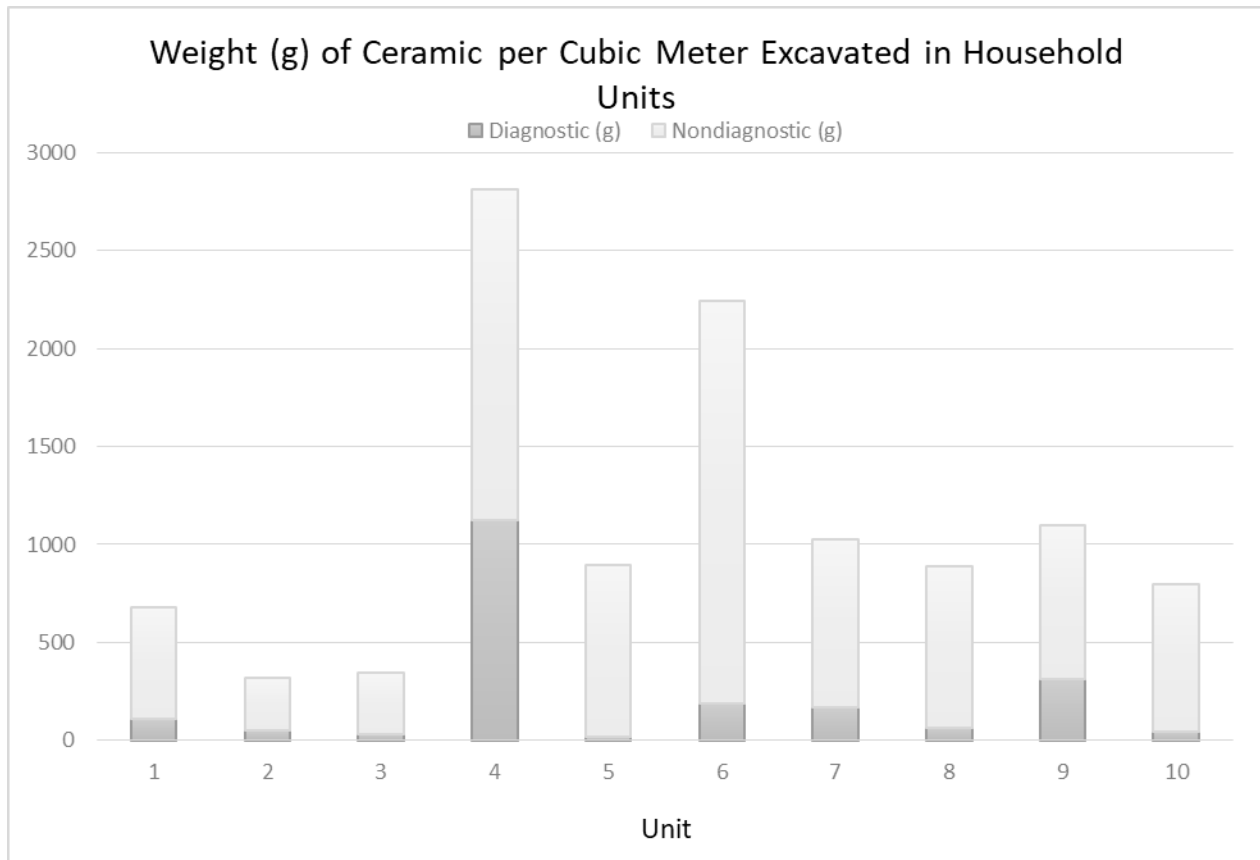


Figure 6.29. Weight in grams of ceramic per excavated cubic meter in household units.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| Aribalo | 0 | 0% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 2 | 10.5% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 5 | 26.3% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 10 | 52.6% |
| Figurines | 1 | 5.3% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 1 | 5.3% |
| Total | 19 | 100% |

Table 6.12. Vessel types, counts, and percentage of unit assemblage in Unit 3.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| Type A | 14 | 73.7% |
| Type B | 2 | 10.5% |
| Type C | 1 | 5.3% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 0 | 0% |
| Type F | 0 | 0% |
| Type G | 2 | 10.5% |
| Total | 45 | 100% |

Table 6.13. Paste types from Unit 3.



Figure 6.30. Figurine from Unit 3.

Unit 3 excavations recovered lithic scrapers, points, and debitage fragments made of andesite, obsidian, and basalt. We also recovered one unidentifiable lithic fragment which was slightly retouched and of a different color (reddish brown) and texture (waxy) than any of the other lithics found at Iglesiachayoq (Figure 6.31). I have tentatively identified this lithic as silex, but further research must be completed to confirm it.



Figure 6.31. Lithic possibly made of silex.

Unit 3 was difficult to interpret—while the ceramic assemblage seems typical for residential structures, the presence of the figurine and rare lithic materials could complicate this interpretation.

Unit 4 Excavations: Food Preparation for Church Activities

Unit 4 was a 5.5m x 3m unit placed in EST-004. This structure was quadrangular with squared corners, and was likely associated with food preparation for ritual activities occurring at the Spanish religious center of the site (near the church). Unit 4 was located due west of the church, south of the kuraka house, and had its accessway facing the church and central plaza. We collected a very high density of ceramic from Unit 4, including 254 diagnostic sherds (separated into 75 separate vessels) out of a total of 1,058 sherds, and a total weight of collected ceramic of 16.69 kg (Figure 6.29). This unit had the most ceramic sherds per cubic meter, at 178.1 sherds/m³.

The surface of Unit 4 was covered by wall collapse from the structure itself. Due to this wallfall, the preservation in Unit 4 was much better than in many other units—we recovered evidence of a pressed mud floor in this unit. It was also one of the only units which had a definitive hearth with in situ evidence of burned wood, bone (camelid), and corn (Figure 6.32).



Figure 6.32. Carbonized maize and camelid vertebrae in situ.

The hearth lens was 1.85m x 1.50m in size and was over 10cm in depth. Ceramic fragments were not collected from the hearth itself, but were scattered throughout the rest of the unit. Not only was this unit dense in ceramic, but also in animal bone. We collected the highest amount ($n = 359$ fragments, weight = 2.83 kg) of animal bone from any of the units in Unit 4, which had an MNI of two camelids and two artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) (Table 6.14). The predominance of prehispanic foodstuffs in cooking contexts is not unusual. As deFrance et al. 2016 write regarding faunal consumption at Malata (a sixteenth-century doctrina in the Colca Valley), “the zooarchaeological evidence from a variety of contexts in this doctrina is unambiguously consistent with the persistence of prehispanic indigenous domestic productive practices similar to those reported for other mid-elevation and highland sites dating to the Middle Horizon and later periods” (deFrance et al. 2016: 301). That is, Spanish authorities and Spanish presence were known to have a variable effect on indigenous and Inkan and indigenous

foodways: in some cases exotic or Old World items were imported, while in others, prehispanic traditions continued to flourish (see Kennedy and Van Valkenburgh 2016, deFrance 1996, 2003, 2012; see also Norman and Kennedy 2019 edited volume for more discussion of changes in foodways after Spanish arrival). All of the bone collected from Unit 4 was either juvenile or sub-adult, indicating that the inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were consuming food from animals which had not reached their full caloric potential. These young animals would have been choice cuts of meat, usually reserved for high-status individuals.⁸⁷

| Taxon | Common Name | Number of Individuals | Percentage (site-wide) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Cavia porcellus</i> | Domestic guinea pig | 0 | 0% |
| Canidae | Canines | 0 | 0% |
| Artiodactyla | Even-toed ungulates | 2 | 20% |
| Camelidae | Camelids | 2 | 15% |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> | Cow | 0 | 0% |
| Perissodactyla | Horse/donkey | 0 | 0% |
| <i>Bos taurus</i> or Perissodactyla | Cow or horse/donkey | 0 | 0% |
| Artiodactyla or Perissodactyla | Even or Odd-toed ungulates | 0 | 0% |

Table 6.14. Faunal MNI recovered from Unit 4.

The results of the lithic recovered in Unit 4 were also distinctive—artifacts included three basalt knife blades, three obsidian biface fragments, and three pieces of white/tan chert. Two of these chert pieces were beautiful knife blades, and were unique considering the preponderances of basalt, andesite, and obsidian across the rest of the site (Figure 6.33). The overall lack of chert

⁸⁷ Though there are no universal correlates for age of animal at death and cut of meat, some have suggested that younger animal at death would create more tender meats and perhaps indicate higher status and/or more wealth (deFrance 2009; Twiss 2007).

at Iglesiachayoq suggests that this material may have been imported, and likely represented a higher-status (less access) good. Notably, we did not find any grindstones in Unit 4—this could indicate that while food was definitely being cooked and served from this structure, the difficult grinding of grains, spices, etc. could have taken place elsewhere.

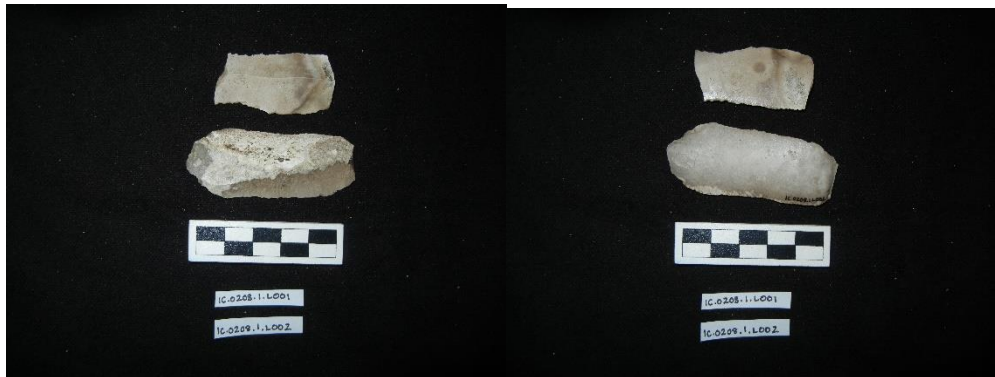


Figure 6.33. Chert blades from Unit 4.

As mentioned briefly above, Unit 4 had the most ceramic out of all of the units. Of the diagnostic ceramic in Unit 4, we identified pieces of at least eleven separate aribalos, two which were particularly notable (Figure 6.34).



Figure 6.34. Red and cream aribalo (left), red and black aribalo (right)

The remains of these two aribalos were some of the finest ceramics recovered during excavations, and indicate the importance of the activities in which they were utilized. These aribalos likely would have been used to transport or store liquids, and may have been serving vessels for activities near the church. We also recovered 13 ollas and 21 storage vessels (Table 6.15). Although these vessels had openings of various sizes, the largest of them were over 35cm in diameter with a brown, burnished exterior (Figure 6.35). Paste types consisted of mostly Type A (n=58) and Type C (n=11) (Table 6.16).

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Aribalo | 11 | 14.7% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 21 | 28% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 13 | 17.3% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 16 | 21.3% |
| Figurines | 1 | 1.3% |
| Pirurus | 3 | 4% |
| Unidentified | 10 | 13.3% |
| Total | 75 | 100% |

Table 6.15. Numbers and Percentages of Vessels from Unit 4.



Figure 6.35. Two ollas with diameters over 35cm.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 58 | 77.3% |
| Type B | 2 | 2.7% |
| Type C | 11 | 14.7% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 1 | 1.3% |
| Type F | 2 | 2.7% |
| Type G | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 75 | 100% |

Table 6.16. Paste Types from Unit 4.

Taken together, the ceramic data from Unit 4 suggest that this space was used for large-scale food preparation. The hearth full of camelid bone, the large size and volumes of the pots and cooking vessels, and the structure's proximity to the ceremonial Spanish center indicate that those who utilized this structure were preparing massive quantities of food and drink for feasting and group consumption.

Sector 2 Domestic Structure Excavations

The excavations from Sector 2 demonstrate a different pattern of usage than those from Sector 1. Removed from the site center, the structures in Sector 2 were primarily residential, and represent a portion of the site which was occupied for less time than the structures in Sector 3. Three structures were excavated in Sector 2: all were rectangular with rounded corners, and each unit was strategically placed to encompass the altitudinal variations in this Sector. In general, the occupation levels in Sector 2 were very brief—all of these structures had one occupation level which contained high densities of ceramic, with a second level that was nearly devoid of artifacts. All units in Sector 2 were 4.5m x 3m and placed to encompass the largest surface area of each structure—each of these structures was approximately 6.5m x 5m in size. The average

total depth of excavation levels from Sector 2 was 40cm from surface to sterile, indicating the brief occupation period in this sector of the site.

Unit 5 Excavations: Domestic Life

Unit 5 was excavated in the southeasternmost structure of Sector 2, and was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners that had its own terrace, with its accessway facing northwest (Figure 6.36).



Figure 6.36. Unit 5 after excavations, showing the shape of the structure.

There was remarkably few fragments of diagnostic ceramic in Unit 5, only 12 out of a total of 455 collected sherds (see Figure 6.28). Of the diagnostic sherds, the assemblage consisted of mostly feasting wares and ollas (although with smaller openings, average of 16cm in diameter, a great distinction from the large size of the openings in Unit 4, Table 6.17). The

majority of the nondiagnostic sherds were roughly-hewn brown fragments which had incomplete oxidation, soot (hollin) or burn marks on the outside or both surface, and treated with a rough finish in which striation marks were visible, of Type A (n=6) or Type C (n=3) (Table 6.18). All ceramics appear to have been in local Soras style. The ceramic assemblage from Unit 5 presents a very different activity profile than that of Unit 4—rather than cooking large amounts of food or preparing lots of chicha for activities on a group level, the assemblage from Unit 5 instead suggests that a small family lived here, preparing and consuming food within the household.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 0 | 0% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 1 | 8.3% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 4 | 33.3% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 7 | 58.3% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 12 | 100% |

Table 6.17. Vessel Types and Counts from Unit 5.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 6 | 50% |
| Type B | 1 | 8.3% |
| Type C | 3 | 25% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 1 | 8.3% |
| Type F | 0 | 0% |
| Type G | 1 | 8.3% |
| Total | 12 | 100% |

Table 6.18. Paste types from Unit 5.

The animal bone recovered from Unit 5 included a minimum number of one even-toed ungulate and one camelid. All of the fragments recovered were from adult animals, again demonstrating the difference between the faunal assemblage from Unit 4. Kennedy documented 15 separate cut or saw marks from the animal bone in this unit—the most of any unit—suggesting that those individuals who resided here were involved with animal butchery and consumption.

We recovered the head of a metal tupu in the second level of Unit 5. This tupu head corresponds to similar styles found in the church excavations (Chapter 7). These types of tupus were traditionally used by Andean women to secure shawls or other clothing. The tupu recovered in Unit 5 was made of thin copper (Figure 6.37).

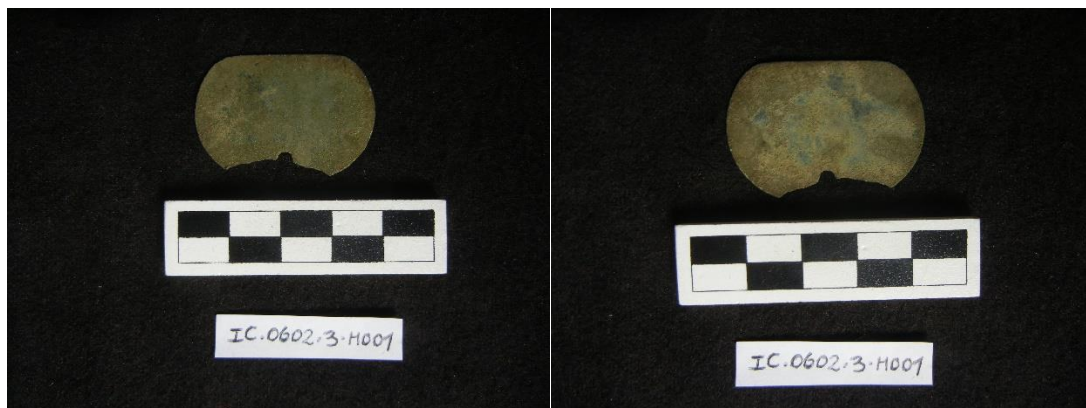


Figure 6.37. Metal tupu head recovered in Unit 5.

Finally, I will briefly discuss the lithic assemblage from Unit 5. No diagnostic lithic pieces were recovered from this unit, and the variety of materials included obsidian, chert, basalt, and several heavy pebbles which we tentatively identified as hematite (Figure 6.38). Recently, a hematite mine has been discovered in the Nasca region, and the smooth, polished hematite stones have been documented in metalworking in the Andes (Vaughn 2013), as only the finest materials

were used to process metals and shape them into desired forms. Hematite, which manifests in both shiny black stones which—in archaeological contexts—are polished and used as mirrors (for example in Mesoamerica Gazzola 2016) as well as red ore which was utilized for face painting and ceramic red slips (Gallaga and Blainery 2016).



Figure 6.38. Possible hematite.

In addition to the hematite stones and metal tupu, we also recovered a ceramic fragment (IC.0602.2.002) which had evidence of metal slag and oxidation on both the interior and exterior surfaces (Figure 6.39).



Figure 6.39. Ceramic fragment with oxidation.

The occupational profile of Unit 5 suggests that the structure was utilized as a private residence, and that some metalwork may have taken place. The ceramic assemblage is domestic in nature, with small cooking vessels, while the presence of the pendant and array of hematite stones suggests that those who resided in the structure may have participated in metallurgy.

Unit 6 Excavations-Domestic Life

Like Unit 5, the artifact assemblage in Unit 6 was rustic in nature, and indicated occupation by a family unit. Similarly, the amount of diagnostic ceramic in Unit 6 was very low, with only 5% of the recovered ceramic ($n = 29/610$) selected for further analysis and drawing. Vessel forms in Unit 6 also suggest a domestic usage for cooking and storage. The most common vessel forms recovered were ollas ($n=9$), and restricted storage wares ($n=9$) (Table 6.19). The mouths of the ollas had an average diameter of 14 cm, indicating the smaller scale of food preparation in this unit. Of the diagnostic sherds collected, only two have decoration or slip, and

nearly all of the paste types are Type A (n=10) or Type B (n=16) (Table 6.20). The recovered diagnostic ceramic, then, conforms to the standard paste found at Iglesiachayoq.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 2 | 6.9% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 9 | 31% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 9 | 31% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 7 | 24.1% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 1 | 3.4% |
| Unidentified | 1 | 3.4% |
| Total | 29 | 100% |

Table 6.19. Counts of vessels from Unit 6.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 10 | 34.5% |
| Type B | 16 | 55.2% |
| Type C | 1 | 3.4% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 0 | 0% |
| Type F | 1 | 3.4% |
| Type G | 1 | 3.4% |
| Total | 29 | 100% |

Table 6.20. Paste Types from Unit 6.

The lithic assemblage recovered from Unit 6 was relatively standard, with the exception of one quartz knife (Figure 6.40). While small quartz inclusions were common in the pastes of the standard ceramic style at Iglesiachayoq, the existence of quartz artifacts was relatively rare—we recovered only 5 lithic fragments which we identified as quartz.



Figure 6.40. Quartz knife from Unit 6.

We recovered one small metal ornament from the top level in Unit 6. This piece of metal appears to have been part of a necklace or piece of jewelry, and is shaped as a small, thin flat disc with a hole in one end (Figure 6.41). This piece of metal was likely made of copper, as indicated by the green/blue oxidation present on both sides. The presence of a small metal artifact in a domestic household suggests that the people that lived here had at least partial access to luxury items.



Figure 6.41. Small metal pendant from Unit 6.

The faunal assemblage in Unit 6 contained an MNI of one *Bos Taurus* (cow), and one camelid. All of the fragments of cow bone were found in the first level of excavation and were heavily weathered. In contrast, the camelid bone fragment was a metacarpal found in the second level of the unit, with evidence of slicing down the middle. Camelid could have been consumed in this unit, suggesting a pattern of continuity in New World consumption patterns for the individuals living in this structure.

The artifact assemblage from Unit 6 corresponds with that of Unit 5—both units contained basic cooking and storage vessels which lacked decoration, as well as small metal pieces used for bodily ornamentation. The overall picture of this unit suggests that a family briefly resided here, and was engaged in domestic activities and daily life. The prehispanic practices of consuming camelid and making standard cooking vessels was unaltered by Spanish presence in this portion of the site—instead, the practices demonstrated continuity until site abandonment.

Unit 7: Intermixing of Spanish and Local/Inka peoples

While Units 5 and 6 show similar patterns of ceramic, metal, faunal, and lithic assemblages, Unit 7 presents a very different type of assemblage. Unit 7's location was the furthest north and closest to the edge of the ridge, and would have had the most visual precedence over the rest of the valley and Sector 1. Unit 7 also had significantly more diagnostic ceramics (at 10% of the sample, n = 48) than the other two domestic units excavated in this sector. Of the diagnostic ceramic, 30% were decorated or painted with red or orange slip, suggesting that those who lived in this structure may have had higher status or more access to finer items. The most common vessel in this unit was ollas (n = 22), followed by feasting wares

(n = 16) (Table 6.21). Ceramic paste types followed the standards at the site, with most vessels consisting of Types A and B (Table 6.22). Three of the slipped diagnostic ceramics appear to have been from the same vessel, which differed in form from the other vessels found at the site. This vessel seems to have been a cylindrical, straight-walled vase or kero, which was unique to this unit (Figure 6.42).

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 1 | 2.1% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 5 | 10.4% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 22 | 45.8% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 16 | 33.3% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 4 | 8.3% |
| Total | 48 | 100% |

Table 6.21. Vessel types and counts from Unit 7.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 35 | 72.9% |
| Type B | 8 | 16.7% |
| Type C | 3 | 6.3% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 0 | 0% |
| Type F | 2 | 4.2% |
| Type G | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 48 | 100% |

Table 6.22. Paste Types from Unit 7.



Figure 6.42. Straight-walled vessel, perhaps a kero.

Since this form is not seen in the rest of the Late Horizon ceramic assemblage recovered at Iglesiachayoq, it may have been a hybrid Late Horizon/Early Colonial Period vessel. Additionally, we recovered one of the most decorated ceramic fragments from the entire site in the last level excavated in Unit 7. This fragment was classified as a provincial Wari-style cup, containing black and dark red slip line paintings (Figure 6.43). This style was identified by Meddens in his 1985 dissertation as a Middle Horizon 2 (750-900 CE) style, based on Menzel's 1964 study.

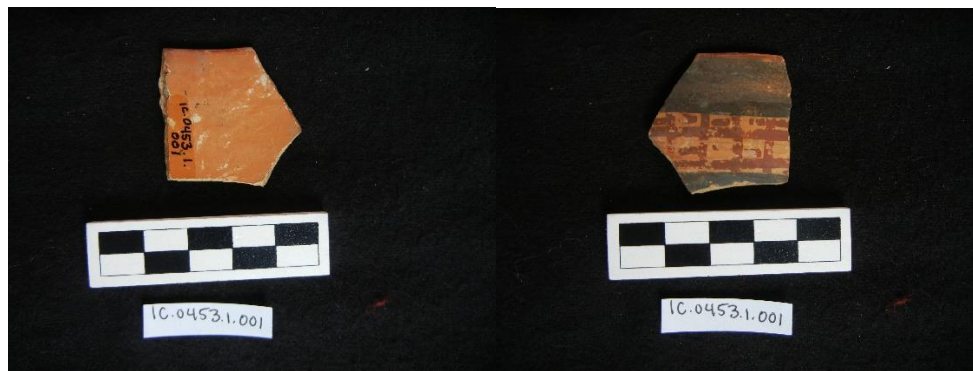


Figure 6.43. Middle Horizon 2 fragment.⁸⁸

⁸⁸ See Meddens 1985: 363.

Additionally, the paste of this artifact was much finer than the typical Iglesiachayoq paste, with a laminated appearance and little to no inclusions. The ceramic itself was much thinner than typical ceramics at the site. Taken together, the characteristics of this fragment suggests that it was imported or brought from another location (perhaps the nearby site of Chiqna Jota). The rest of the artifact assemblage supports this interpretation, as we recovered a mixture of Early Colonial Period and Late Horizon artifacts.

Namely, we recovered an iron piece of hardware that may have been used in the doorway, typical of Early Colonial Period assemblages (see Bauer 2015 for similar latches at Vilcabamba, Wernke 2013: 182 for the Colca Canyon, Figure 6.44). Versions of door hardware have been found across the Andes during this time period. The iron door latch suggests that those residing in this structure may have had contact with Spanish authorities at the site, or at least the ability to procure such luxury items.



Figure 6.44. Iron door hardware.

While the hybrid ceramic forms and the iron door hardware suggest at least some contact with Early Colonial Period Spaniards, the faunal assemblage from Unit 7 reiterates the same continuity discussed earlier. Within this unit, we recovered an MNI of three individuals, at least one even-toed ungulate and two camelids. Kennedy recovered evidence of seven separate cut

marks on these faunal remains, suggesting that the people here were processing and consuming meat.

The lithic assemblage of Unit 7 differed greatly from others at the site. While basalt and obsidian were common in other units, Unit 7 contained a majority of roughly-hewn andesite flakes and bifaces. Unit 7 paints a fascinating picture of occupation at Iglesiachayoq—I suggest that those residing here likely had connections with some Spanish individuals, or were non-local people themselves. The variance in ceramic styles and pastes found in this unit, coupled with the iron door hardware affirms more access to non-local goods. Similarly, the preponderance of andesite lithic fragments may suggest that those who lived in this structure did not have the knowledge or cultural capital to locate sources of obsidian or basalt from which to make better tools. Rather, they used the andesite extremely common across Iglesiachayoq.

Sector 3 Domestic Structure Excavations

Excavations and recovered artifacts in Sector 3 presented a different assemblage from Sectors 1 and 2. Namely, Sector 3 is the more “local” Sector of Iglesiachayoq, contained the most circular structures, and demonstrated fewer high status goods or ceramic sherds than the other two sectors. We fully excavated the interiors of three structures, including one ovoid structure and two quadrangular structures with rounded corners.

Unit 8: Ritual Space?

Unit 8 was placed in a circular structure which may have been periodically cleaned—we found no in situ contexts, and all materials recovered were extremely fragmentary in nature. For example, with the exception of one ceramic fragment, all other fragments were less than 5cm in

size and were very eroded (average weight 5g per fragment). No animal bone fragments were recovered, and lithic fragments were also made up of only very small flakes.

While we recovered 39 diagnostic sherds, 15 of these were too small to identify the form of the vessel, and the vessels that we were able to identify are all tentative classifications due to the small size of the ceramic. The most common vessel type in Unit 8 was feasting wares (n=11), followed by ollas (n=7), and finally storage wares (n=5) (Table 6.23). Most of the vessels were rustic domestic wares of paste Type A, B, or C (Table 6.24), but we did recover two fragments identified as Wari. Since Iglesiachayoq is located near several other Wari sites, it is possible that inhabitants imported these sherds from other locations.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 1 | 2.6% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 5 | 12.8% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 7 | 17.9% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 11 | 28.2% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 15 | 38.5% |
| Total | 39 | 100% |

Table 6.23. Proportions of Vessels Recovered from Unit 8.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 20 | 51.3% |
| Type B | 6 | 15.4% |
| Type C | 9 | 23.1% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 3 | 7.7% |
| Type F | 0 | 0% |
| Type G | 1 | 2.6% |
| Total | 39 | 100% |

Table 6.24. Vessel Pastes from Unit 8.

No fragments of animal bone were collected from this unit, and only few lithic flakes were recovered. The lithic consisted of small (<3cm) debitage flakes of obsidian, two small chert flakes, a knife fragment of basalt, and one andesite grindstone of large size. We believe this grindstone is not in situ and was likely moved to this structure given its location on the surface of the unit. In fact, all except three lithic fragments were recovered in the surface level.

Taken together, I suggest that those who utilized this structure were keeping it relatively clean, and not performing traditional domestic activities such as cooking or weaving here. We found no evidence of faunal or botanical remains, no hearth or ash lenses, and all diagnostic ceramic recovered was less than 5x5 centimeters. Unlike other units where we found large, intact remains of cooking vessels, Unit 8 lacked these contextual markers of various practices. Additionally, the accessway of Unit 8 faces north, opening up into a semi-restricted semi-circular upper plaza—this plaza conforms to standards put forth by Albornoz and Molina about enclosures utilized for Taki Onqoy dancing. In Chapter 8, I will provide spatial analysis to support this claim. Furthermore, ritual cleaning of houses was identified by Molina as a Taki Onqoy practice. Although cleaning of houses is demonstrated in Andean rituals in later times (Lara 2016) and thus may not be unique to Taki Onqoy, I will tentatively suggest here that this structure may have been a space where inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq performed the dance, songs, and cleaning of the revitalization movement.

Unit 9: Local Domestic Life

In contrast with Unit 8, Unit 9 provided larger ceramic fragments, lithics, and faunal remains from which to hypothesize its function. Upon removing the wallfall in the southern

portion of the unit, we recovered one whole vessel and another crushed, but almost complete vessel (Figure 6.45).



Figure 6.45. Two complete vessels found in Unit 9, left: olla, right: jar.

As can be seen in the two nearly-complete vessels, the ceramic in this unit was much more rustic and utilitarian than in Sectors 1 and 2. The jar is incredibly similar to the Soras-style jars depicted and identified by Meddens' in his dissertation (Meddens 1985: 396). Thus, it is perhaps an example of Late Horizon regional wares used by non-elite people. The olla (left), has a small mouth and rounded base, and was located slightly west of the whole jar. Looking at these two vessels as indicative of the activities in this unit, two major characteristics are pertinent: first, both vessels are clearly utilitarian rather than decorative—they both lack slip or any exterior decoration, and fingerprints of use can be seen in the surface of the jar. Second, both vessels have at least some evidence of soot or heat exposure, indicated by the presence of black residue on the external portions. Thus, these vessels were likely used for domestic activities such as cooking and storage.

Due to the wall collapse at the south of Unit 9, the contexts were relatively intact compared to many of the units in other structures. We uncovered parts of a prepared mud floor in this southern end of the unit, upon which the crushed olla and jar were found (Figure 6.46). The rest of the ceramic in this unit consisted mainly of ollas (n=8) and storage wares (n=6) (Table 6.25), and paste types were mostly A and B (Table 6.26). Notably, we recovered 3 pirurus, or spindle whorls, from Unit 9, the highest concentration of all units. The presence of the three pirurus in various stages of use or construction adds credence to the interpretation of this structure as a local domestic household.



Figure 6.46. Prepared floor in southern half of Unit 9 facing south.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aribalo | 5 | 13.2% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 6 | 15.8% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 8 | 21.1% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 4 | 10.5% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 3 | 7.9% |
| Unidentified | 12 | 31.6% |
| Total | 38 | 100% |

Table 6.25. Vessel types and proportions from Unit 9.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 18 | 47.4% |
| Type B | 15 | 39.5% |
| Type C | 4 | 10.5% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 0 | 0% |
| Type F | 1 | 2.6% |
| Type G | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 38 | 100% |

Table 6.26. Paste types of vessels from Unit 9.

Loci 103 and 104, excavated in the southern portion of the Unit were both identifiable contexts, containing the paved floor (Locus 103) and a prepared hearth (Locus 104) lined with stones, containing several piece of carbon as well as camelid bone. Both fragments of bone collected in Locus 104 were identified by Kennedy as camelid. Although with such a small faunal sample we cannot make definitive conclusions about diet at Igleiachayoq, it is likely that those who lived in this structure were consuming a diet of local animals and crops. Since the bone was found in the context of a hearth, I suggest that the inhabitants of Unit 9 regularly prepared and consumed camelid.

The lithic assemblage of Unit 9 included primarily obsidian and basalt fragmentary flakes, one large andesite grindstone associated with both of the complete vessels, and one rare, polished quartz cone which looks more like some sort of amulet rather than any type of utilitarian tool. This lithic was polished on three sides, and was the color of purple and cream, with small reddish inclusions. It was found in the eastern border of the unit, and seems to have been a rare object to be included in the artifact assemblage of Unit 9 (Figure 6.47).



Figure 6.47. Two views of the polished quartz.

This piece of quartz is large and lots of time must have been invested in creating such a smooth, shiny surface. The purple/blue color of the quartz was unique to this lithic item—we did not recover any other fragments of quartz in this color, and no other stone item was as heavily worked. The presence of this fine quartz object in an otherwise rustic or domestic household seems to be an anomaly.

The artifact assemblage of Unit 9 was thus mixed—the large, nearly complete ceramic vessels conform to local Soras vessel forms, while the faunal data represents a continuation of prehispanic consumption patterns. The pirurus suggest weaving was taking place in this household, indicating another domestic activity for people at this time. The quartz object is a

complicating find vis a vis the rest of the artifact assemblage. Was this a prized object passed down by family members? Was it an amulet used in ritual? Was it merely a piece of quartz that became worn down simply by handling the fragment over time? Was it a portable huaca typical of the Taki Onqoy movement, indicating private, covert worship in this particular household?

Unit 10: Cultural Connection and Intermixing

The last domestic unit excavated in Sector 3 was Unit 10. While the structure associated with unit 10 was grouped with the other Sector 3 structures, it occupied a unique place on the hill south of the church, with visual access to the church and central plaza. Those who lived in this structure held somewhat of a “lookout” position in which their door faced the main route between Sectors 1 and 3. Thus, those who lived in this structure would have been able to monitor travel between both sectors, spatially indicating a position of ambiguity between the Spanish center and the local center.

The artifact assemblage from Unit 10 also reflects this ambiguity, containing both Early Colonial Period and Soras or provincial Inka items. Like Unit 9, the preservation in Unit 10 was better than in other units, likely due to the wallfall covering most of the eastern portion of the unit. The first two loci (151 and 152) were surface levels which contained many ceramic and lithic fragments. In Locus 152, concentrated in the northwestern quad 2, we found a dense concentration of obsidian debitage, suggesting the individuals who resided here may have been making lithic obsidian tools here.

Similar to Unit 9, we found a prepared hearth (Locus 153) in the southeast corner of the unit. Perhaps the identical location of the two hearths suggests this particular corner was better suited to cooking activities for those living in this upper sector of the site. In this locus, we

collected carbon, a camelid mandible with evidence of burning, and several fragments of ceramic (Figure 6.48).



Figure 6.48. Locus 153 hearth with stained soil and containing a camelid mandible and carbon.

North of this hearth was another example of a prepared floor, with a pressed clay matrix. In this corner, we recovered a caret-head iron nail, indicative of Early Colonial Period activities (Figure 6.49). Since this artifact was recovered resting on the floor of the structure, below a surface level, I argue that it would have been an artifact present in this household during its use. This nail was found associated with Soras ceramic, suggesting the people that lived here were in contact with both Spanish and local populations.



Figure 6.49. Caret-head iron nail from the first half of the sixteenth century.

The most common vessel forms recovered from Unit 10 were feasting wares (n=15) and cooking wares (n=14) (Table 6.27). Most ceramic recovered from this Unit were Type A or Type B (6.28). The recovered ceramic was relatively rustic, some with a red slip, but mostly lacking decoration.

| Vessel Type | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Aribalo | 0 | 0% |
| Restricted Storage Wares (Cantaro, Jar, Bottle) | 10 | 24.4% |
| Cooking Wares (Olla) | 14 | 34.1% |
| Feasting Wares (Bowls/Plates) | 15 | 36.6% |
| Figurines | 0 | 0% |
| Pirurus | 0 | 0% |
| Unidentified | 2 | 4.9% |
| Total | 41 | 100% |

Table 6.27. Vessel types and proportions from Unit 10.

| Vessel Paste | Number of Vessels | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Type A | 19 | 46.3% |
| Type B | 21 | 51.2% |
| Type C | 1 | 2.4% |
| Type D | 0 | 0% |
| Type E | 0 | 0% |
| Type F | 0 | 0% |
| Type G | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 41 | 100% |

Table 6.28. Vessel paste types from Unit 10.

As briefly mentioned above, we recovered a dense amount of obsidian debitage flakes (n=34) in the northwest quad of the unit. The concentration of these flakes in this one areas suggests that someone in the structure may have been involved in the creation or shaping of obsidian tools. We also recovered a small grindstone associated with the hearth, suggesting grinding and food preparation was also occurring in this area.

The faunal assemblage from Unit 10 contained an MNI of two, with one cuy and one camelid. Notably, this is the only structure in which we found evidence of cuy. Taken together, the presence of these two animals suggests a continuation of local foodways and consumption. According to Molina and Albornoz, Taki Onqoy practitioners often sacrificed cuy as part of their associated practices. Since we only recovered the femur and a phalanx of the cuy, we cannot argue for the sacrifice of this animal. However, it is notable that the cuy and camelid were found in conjunction with a structure which also had evidence of the incorporation of Spanish goods.

The materials recovered from Unit 10 seem to mirror the structure's spatial location at Iglesiachayoq. As discussed above, this structure is situated between Sectors 1 and 3, and would have been the ideal location from which to monitor foot traffic between these two Sectors. The people who inhabited this structure would have had a clear view of the church and activities

taking place in the church from this high vantage point, but would have had to walk to the south, up the hill, in order to participate in local activities in Sector 3. Like its spatial connection with both sectors, the material remains from Unit 10 also demonstrate connection between prehispanic and new traditions.

Units 11-15: Empty Patio Spaces

I will now discuss the five patio units in one section. In general, Iglesiachayoq is a very low-density artifact site—we recovered 8,720 ceramic fragments, of which 843 were diagnostic. With the total excavated volume at 135.53 cubic meters, the average amount of sherds per cubic meter was 64, and the average amount of diagnostic sherds per cubic meter was 6. The site's short occupation in conjunction with highly acidic soil, as well as the modern usage of the site for animal husbandry, have created an atmosphere in which most primary contexts are only well-preserved if they were protected by wallfall from a relatively early time. In most domestic units, we recovered primary contexts near walls and corners. However, all patio units were 2m x 2m and located in open spaces outside of five structures. These areas have been consistently used for grazing or growing crops by farmers from the town of Chicha. None of the patio units provided any sort of primary context, and all patio units had very low percentages of ceramic and other artifacts.

Unit 11 was located south of Unit 1, occupying the space outside the accessway. Only three diagnostic sherds were collected out of a total of 59 ceramic fragments. Of these three, one vessel was categorized as a vase, one was a worn pedestal base, and one was a Late Horizon sherd with some black slipped designs. No diagnostic lithic was recovered, and undiagnostic pieces consisted of obsidian and chert debitage flakes. We did not recover any faunal remains.

Unit 12 was located west of Unit 2, in the central shared patio of the rectangular structure complex in Sector 1. This unit was placed here because it was in a more restricted area, and we hoped to define what sorts of activities were happening in the private outdoor space of an elite complex. While none of the ceramic recovered ($n = 7$) was considered diagnostic, all paste textures were classified as “fine” or “moderately fine” and three fragments were created from a cream-colored paste. Several of these ceramic fragments also had red slip or evidence of oxidation on them. Thus, although we did not recover any rim or base sherds, the ceramic we did collect suggests that it was of a finer quality than other patio units. We did not recover any lithic remains or faunal remains from this unit.

Although Unit 12 was unremarkable in terms of artifacts present, we were able to identify one specific cultural context which was designated by a scattered carbon lens which was circular in nature. We were not able to determine if the lens was the result of modern activities in this area or if it represented a past burning event, as there were no associated ceramic. It is possible that this area demonstrates a past collective activity which involved a small fire.

Unit 13 was located east of Unit 3, outside of the circular structure excavated in Sector 1. As discussed above, we did not recover many diagnostic ceramic fragments in Unit 3, and the ceramic from the patio presented a similar scenario. Out of a total of 53 sherds, only one was considered to be diagnostic—a light brown, Type C paste tazon with faint evidence of orange and white slip. None of the lithics recovered were diagnostic, and consisted of fragments of basalt, andesite, and obsidian. No faunal remains were recovered.

Unit 14 was located in Sector 2, and was the patio unit associated with Unit 5. Out of a total of 40 recovered ceramic fragments, only two were considered diagnostic, and these consisted of an olla and a cantaro. Both of these fragments were Type A paste type, and neither

had evidence of slip or decoration. Only one small lithic was recovered, consisting of an obsidian flake. No faunal remains were recovered. Unit 14 was particularly disturbed—upon arriving at the site, we discovered that a local farmer had recently tilled the field where Unit 14 was located in order to prepare for the planting season.

The last patio unit excavated was Unit 15, which was located in the semi-circular upper plaza in Sector 3, north of Unit 8. The occupation levels in Sector 3 were comparatively deeper than in Sectors 1 and 2, and the patio unit located in this sector was no exception. We recovered 191 sherds from Unit 15, of which 17 were considered to be diagnostic. Like the ceramics recovered from the associated Unit 8, all of the sherds were under 5cm in size, suggesting that the vessels may have been destroyed either during the Late Horizon, or by cow trampling in the present. Because of their small size, the majority of the vessel forms of the diagnostic ceramic could not be determined—of the 16 diagnostic sherds, we were able to identify one olla, and five feasting vessels. We recovered three diagnostic pieces of lithic, which consisted of two small basalt knives, and one obsidian blade. No faunal remains were recovered from Unit 15. The comparatively more numerous assemblage from Unit 15 suggests that there was more activity occurring in this region, specifically in regards to feasting. I propose that this area would have been ideal for performance of Taki Onqoy practices, since it was located in a local plaza and away from view of the site center.

Taken together, the patio units do not provide much positive information for activities taking place in outdoor spaces. Overall, we recovered very little ceramic and lithic from the patio units, and we found no evidence of faunal remains. As discussed above, Iglechiachayoq is utilized by various individuals to keep herds of cows and sometimes horses, who are given free rein to wander the site. The lack of artifacts in these spaces could be indicative of modern disturbances

by farmers and animals. Alternatively, the lack of both artifacts and primary contexts also could indicate that there were no specific activities occurring in these spaces in the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period. The number of ceramic fragments recovered from Unit 15 was significantly greater than any of the other patio units, at almost three times the amount recovered from Sectors 1 and 2 patios. I hypothesize that this difference can be explained by two potential processes. First, the units in Sector 3 demonstrated a deeper occupation stratigraphic pattern, suggesting that this portion of the site was utilized for a longer time than the other two sectors. The Unit 15 ceramic assemblage, then, could reflect this generalized trend in site usage. Alternatively, the greater density of ceramic recovered in Unit 15 could also indicate a pattern of more intensive use of this particular space at Iglesiachayoq. As mentioned above, Unit 15 was located in the semi-circular plaza in Sector 3, and the elevated amount of ceramic could indicate that people were occupying and interacting in this space more frequently than in other outdoor spaces.

Unit 16—Stone Fragmentation and Burned Soil in the Plaza

The last non-mortuary unit excavated was Unit 16, which was a 5m x 5m unit placed in the center of the central plaza. Like many of the other patio spaces, this area is used in modern times for animal grazing, so the lack of ceramic and other artifacts may reflect modern-day interference. Unit 16 contained four diagnostic sherds out of a total sample of 83 sherds, of which we were only able to classify one bowl. The relative lack of ceramic in the central plaza could also suggest that this space was regularly cleaned, and it affirms that domestic activities were not occurring here.

In my hypotheses, I proposed that there would be evidence of burning or destruction in the central plaza. This hypothesis was formulated based on Albornoz's reports of the punishments he inflicted on takiongos in this plaza, and also his affirmation that he burned or destroyed several huacas here. During Taki Onqoy, huacas were not only able to inhabit various individuals, but they also were considered portable in some cases. Thus, the destruction of portable stone huacas could certainly have been possible in this area of the site. In Unit 16, we recovered 152 fragments of a brown, waxy stone which ruptured in conical or spherical patterns. The total weight of this type of stone recovered from this unit was 1,855g, representing the densest sample of any lithic collected at Iglesiachayoq. Geologists from the Vanderbilt University Geology department confirm that this stone is a "welded tuff," an igneous rock generated from explosive volcanic eruptions. "Welded" tuff means that the material was hot enough to compress very quickly into a stone (Figure 6.50).



Figure 6.50. Example of welded tuff collected in high density from Unit 16.

If this stone were present in such high quantities across all patio units, then I would expect it to compose a natural part of the site's geology. However, this stone's elevated presence is

significant in the plaza unit in comparison to other patio units, even if we account for the size of the unit. Furthermore, welded tuff is not present in the interior spaces of other domestic units, suggesting its presence in the plaza is unique and intentional.

In addition to the elevated amount of welded tuff in Unit 16, we also recovered a large sandstone slab with evidence of divets, cut marks, and what appear to be rust spots (Figure 6.51). This slab is different from all other grindstones recovered during excavation at Iglesiachayoq—other grindstones are of basalt or andesite, and contain the expected, smoothed surface indicative of food preparation activities. The harder stone types are better suited for grinding surfaces because they provide more resistance and are thus more effective, and also because the stone material itself was less likely to break down into the food. In contrast, this slab was malleable, cream/gray in color, and shows clear evidence of human activities other than grinding.



Figure 6.51. Sandstone slab with divets.

While I cannot affirmatively identify these artifacts as remnants of huacas, I will suggest that they are indicative of different practices than those lithics associated with domestic households. In the Early Colonial Period, huacas could take on infinite forms, making them

difficult to eradicate. Furthermore, when stone huacas were smashed or destroyed, takiongos believed that each resultant fragment of the original stone became a new huaca, perpetuating the cycle. It is possible that the tuff and sandstone lithic materials collected in Unit 16 were portable huacas which were smashed in the central plaza. Alternatively, the concentration of rare (to Iglesiachayoq) stone in this unit could also be a coincidental occurrence.

No faunal remains were recovered from Unit 16, again suggesting that the area was regularly cleaned. As mentioned above, if Albornoz did burn huacas in the central plaza, then we should see a contextual lens indicative of this practice slightly below the surface. Our subsurface soil matrices were both darker (7.5YR 3/2) than the surface level, and also darker in color than the common soil type at Iglesiachayoq. This could indicate burned soil; however, since we did not recover any carbon or ash, I am hesitant to definitively suggest there was a burning event in this location.

In sum, the excavation results from Unit 16 presented distinctive findings from all other units at Iglesiachayoq. First, there was a complete lack of diagnostic ceramic, and the amount of total sherds recovered (n=82) was low compared to other units of relatively the same size (avg=690 fragments total). In terms of ceramic presence, the plaza area resembles that of the other patios, which also lacked ceramic in general, and especially diagnostic ceramic. Second, Unit 16 differed greatly from all other units in its lithic assemblage. While domestic and patio units contained grindstones and small handheld stone tools, the lithic recovered from Unit 16 was denser and of a different type. The high number of welded tuff fragments suggests that there may have been some sort of fracturing event here. Similarly, the large sandstone slab was distinct from all other stones recovered at the site. In order to make definitive conclusions about the activities occurring in the central plaza at Iglesiachayoq, much more work must be

undertaken. Future excavations will target other spaces in the central plaza in order to compare our own findings. These excavations should also be scattered in open spaces site-wide in order to determine if fractured tuff is present in other open areas or if it is indeed a specific concentration indicative of unique practices in the central plaza.

Comparative Assemblage Analysis by Sector

Comparative Ceramic Data: Differential Status and Activities by Sector

The overall amount of ceramic recovered from Iglesiachayoq was rather low for the amount of excavation completed.⁸⁹ In general, there are very few ceramic fragments on the surface of the site, and occupation levels were very short—no more than 50cm in depth in most units. The ceramic assemblage at Iglesiachayoq is in contrast with other sites in the region, such as Chiqna Jota or Chichaqasa, Middle Horizon sites which are covered in surface ceramic. In his 1985 dissertation which surveyed the region, Frank Meddens discusses the ceramic assemblage at Iglesiachayoq and asserts that all recovered ceramic dated to the Late Horizon and perhaps the Early Colonial Period. The majority of diagnostic ceramic recovered during excavation were Type A or B, brown, medium-textured pastes with inclusions of quartz, mica, basalt, and sometimes feldspar, typical of Late Intermediate Period and Late Horizon local styles throughout the Andes. Another common type of ceramic was Late Horizon/provincial Inka style, which included red and orange slipped ceramic, some with black decorations. Next were sherds which were identified as Wari, and likely came from other nearby sites. Finally, we had some fragments

⁸⁹ This is more my impression from working at dozens of sites throughout the Andes, and this perspective was echoed by PATO team members and workers from Chicha. Moreover, in his thesis, Meddens remarks several times that his experience at Iglesiachayoq supported my own, with mixed stratigraphy and low ceramic density.

which may have been from the Early Colonial period, although I am hesitant to definitively characterize them as such because they lack the characteristic glazes typical of this time. We also recovered several sherds which had either sculptural characteristics like fish heads, or rustic protruding faces, which appear to have been either Wari or Soras in style. These “fancier” ceramic findings were all recovered from Sector 1 excavations.

Ceramic studies from the Chicha-Soras region are still in nascent stages. The dearth of archaeology in the region from the 1980s through today has created a scenario in which understanding of ceramic pastes and styles is lacking. There are no geologic or clay samples from this valley, and my ongoing LA-ICP-MS project represents the first geochemical analysis of ceramics from the region. More work must be completed in order to understand processes of trade or imported goods between this region and other nearby areas.

Sector 1 had the highest percentage of decorated and/or slipped ceramic sherds, representing 18% of the total amount of recovered ceramic in this sector (n=717 decorated sherds out of 3922 total). For purposes of this analysis, I removed church units from the Sector-based analysis, as the ceramic recovered in the church was generally of a much finer quality, and slipped and/or decorated sherds made up 33% of the total amount recovered (n=102/308). Comparatively, Sector 2 had 7% of all recovered sherds with Inka-style slip and/or decoration (n=119/1678), while Sector 3 had 14% of all recovered sherds with Inka-style slip and/or decoration (n=392/2813).

There were two units—one in Sector 2 and one in Sector 3—which raised the overall mean of decorated ceramic fragments. In Sector 2, Unit 7 had 14% of recovered fragments with decoration or slip (n=82/582), and in Sector 3, Unit 10 had 19% of all sherds recovered with decoration or slip (n=267/1434). Both of these units are anomalies in their respective sectors in

terms of the amount of decorated wares, the presence of Spanish artifacts, and their location within the sector itself. For example, the structures in which Units 7 and 10 were placed occupied liminal, or transitional spaces in relation to the other structures in their respective sectors. Unit 7 was the structure located the furthest North in Sector 2, and it also had the greatest visual accessibility of both the Chicha-Soras Valley, but also those activities in Sector 1. Similarly, Unit 10 was located in a structure which was mid-way between Sectors 1 and 3, and had visual access to activities in Sector 1 associated with the church. I will elaborate on the potential significance of the spatial location of these two structures in the following chapter.

In addition to their spatial location “in-between” two separate areas, those who inhabited the structures in Unit 7 and Unit 10 also contained the only clear evidence recovered of Spanish artifacts outside of Sector 1. As mentioned above, in Unit 7 we recovered an iron door latch and in Unit 10 we recovered an iron caret-head nail. These two structures 1) occupied spatial locations with visibility both to the central church and their respective sectors, 2) contained elevated totals of decorated or slipped sherds, and 3) were the only two structures outside of the center which had direct evidence of Spanish goods. It seems more than coincidental that both structures had similar artifact patterns. Perhaps those who lived here were sympathetic or actively aiding Spanish authorities, watching for idolatrous practices in return for access to rare goods. The logical conclusion from this data is that those households which contained Spanish goods and higher-quality ceramic likely held a higher status in the community. However, this conclusion is complicated by the documented Taki Onqoy activities at Iglesiachayoq. The absence of Spanish goods in indigenous households may reflect an *active* choice to avoid these items, rather than an *inability* to access or afford such goods. In any case, the blurring of spatial boundaries of these two structures is mirrored by the intermixing of artifacts.

Vessel forms also varied by sector (Figure 6.52). All three sectors had even proportions of feasting wares, but Sector 2 had a higher proportion of identified cooking wares (41.7% in Sector 2 as opposed to 27.6% in Sector 1 and 32.6% in Sector 3). Sector 2 also had the lowest proportion of Aribalos, at 3.6% of identified vessels for the sector, as compared to 9.8% in Sector 1 and 6.7% in Sector 3. In general, the data from ceramic vessel forms suggests that domestic activities such as cooking and food storage were the main activities occurring in both Sectors 2 and 3, while there was a higher preponderance of ceremonial wares (aribalos) in Sector 1. We also recovered all figurines and fish-head appendices in Sector 1, indicating the more decorative nature of the ceramic in this area. All ceramics tentatively identified as “Early Colonial Period” were recovered in Sector 1.

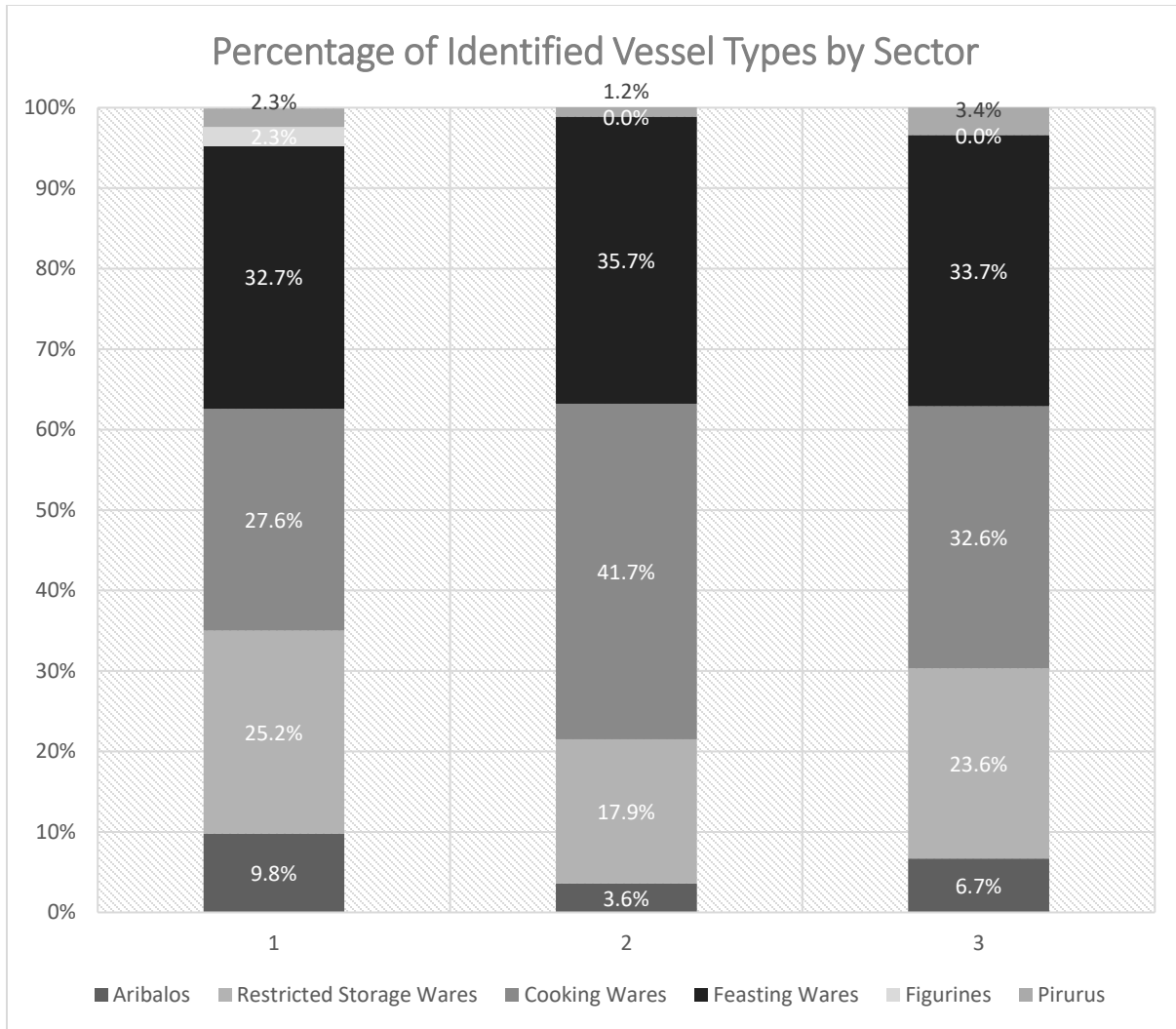


Figure 6.52. Percentage of identified vessel types by sector.

When I assessed the differences between vessel types according to structure form, a different pattern emerged (Figure 6.53). As can be seen by the graph below, there appear to be basic differences in vessel function between the three types of structures. I have used proportions of identified vessels in order to account for the differences in amount of each structure type excavated. The quadrangular structures with rounded corners were the typical domestic household at Iglesiachayoq. As can be seen from the chart below, the assemblage in these structures (n=6) had even numbers of cooking wares and feasting wares, and demonstrated rather

standard domestic practices. Structures which were quadrangular with squared corners (listed as “squared” below) showed the greatest amount of storage wares and aribalos of the three structure types, as well as the least amount of cooking wares. This could indicate that domestic activities were occurring less frequently in the squared-structure residences. I have hypothesized that those individuals who resided in squared structures may have been associated with religious activities given their proximity to the church, or that they held a higher societal status. This hypothesis is tentatively supported given the lower number of cooking wares recovered.

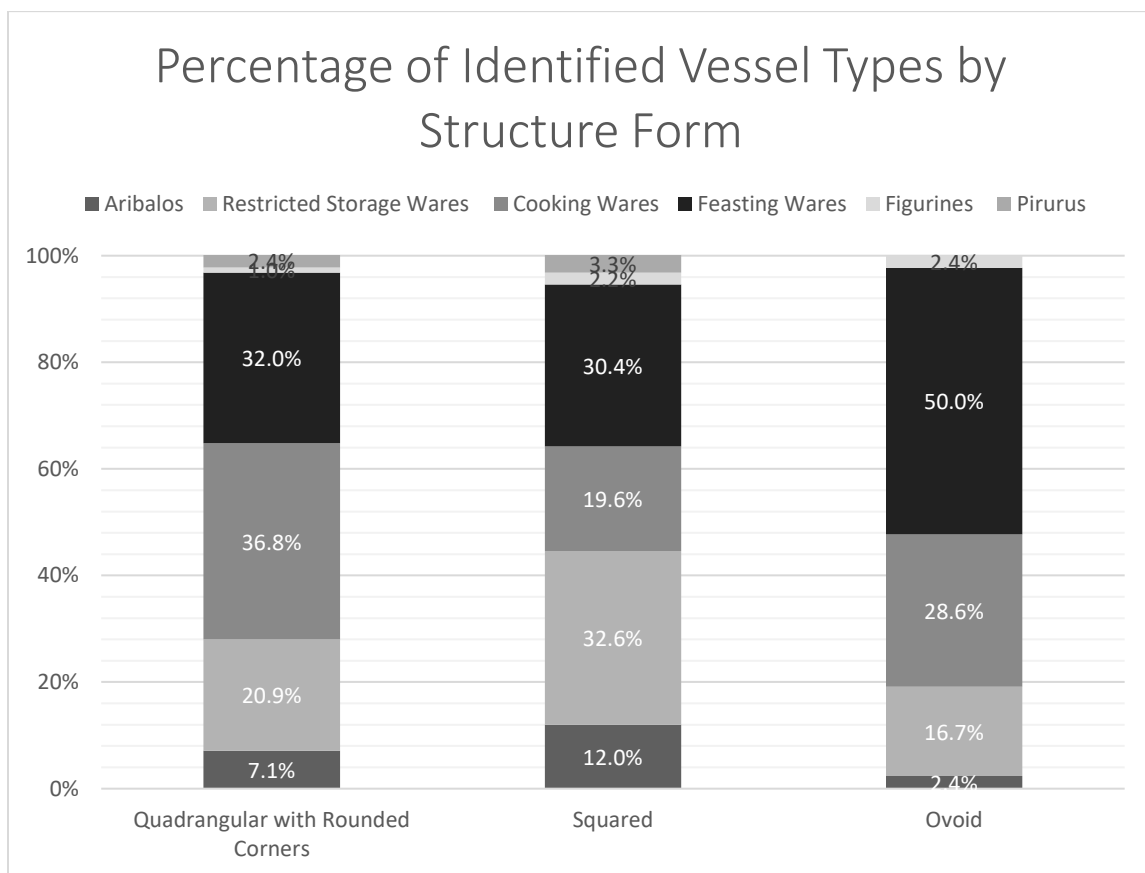


Figure 6.53. Percentage of identified vessel types by structure form.

Finally, 50% of the vessels recovered from ovoid structures were feasting wares, including bowls, plates, or serving vessels. If circular enclosures were spaces utilized for Taki

Onqoy activities, then this proportion of feasting wares certainly supports documented practices associated with the movement including heavy drinking and celebrating.

Faunal Data

The 19 units excavated at Iglesiachayoq produced a total of 673 identifiable vertebrate specimens, weighing a total of 2,196g and representing a minimum of 30 individuals (completed by Sarah Kennedy, Ph.D. candidate, University of Pittsburgh). Perhaps due to the poor preservation at Iglesiachayoq, we recovered only mammalian faunal remains, and were able to only positively identify 20% of the fragments to the family level. These included domestic guinea pig, dog, camelid, cow, and horse/donkey. In general, patterns in faunal data follow trends in differences between sectors in terms of change and continuity. Cow and horse/donkey made up 5.05% of the identified assemblage, and were almost exclusively found in Sector 1, with the exception of one cow bone in Sector 2. This affirms that remains of these large, Old World animals were found only where Spanish presence would have been more common. All of the cow and horse/donkey were adults at the time of death, suggesting they may have been utilized as pack animals and for transportation.

In contrast, camelid bone was the most common faunal remain recovered in excavation, making up 15% of the assemblage found site-wide. Camelids were recovered in ages ranging from juvenile to sub-adult to adult, indicating a more generalized and renewable pattern of use. The canine bone was found in an upper level in the church and was likely modern, while the guinea pig remains were found in Sector 3, adding credence to the continuity in Andean foods in this area of the site.

From the faunal data, I suggest that people of either higher status or those who embraced Spanish traditions were clustered in Sector 1, the Spanish religious center of Iglesiachayoq. Old World foodstuffs were more densely recovered in this region. In Sectors 2 and 3, a pattern of continuity emerges throughout the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period, in which local fauna such as camelid and cuy were recovered. This continuity can be interpreted in two ways: first, as in other sites across the Andes, continuity between prehispanic and post-conquest occupations can be explained as the result of temporality. There simply was not enough time for the Spanish to arrive at Iglesiachayoq, import their ceramic vessels, animals, and religious practices and spread these traditions throughout all areas of the site. Indeed, this is the case at Malata, where deFrance and Wernke find no evidence of Old World fauna in the early Spanish doctrina (deFrance et al. 2016). In contrast, since there are broad differences between sectors which are mirrored in faunal, ceramic, and spatial data, it is also possible that the people living in certain areas of the site were actively *avoiding* Spanish goods and traditions, as predicted by Molina and Albornoz.

Comparative Lithic Data by Sector

Finally, I will briefly discuss overall trends in lithic distribution, as well as consider the differences between sectors in terms of lithic material. Overall, we recovered the most welded tuff from excavation units (n=230/643 total fragments), if the site is taken as a whole. However, with the exception of three fragments, all other tuff was recovered from Sector 1, with the highest concentration (78% of all recovered fragments) found in the plaza unit. Units 17, 18, and 19, the church excavation units, contained another 26 fragments of tuff. Taken together, then, between the church and the plaza, 90% of the welded tuff was recovered. As hypothesized

above, it could be that these tuff fragments were considered portable huacas—this would explain its presence in both the plaza and the church units. The presence of this type of stone in the plaza could correlate with Albornoz's overt destruction of huacas in this location, and its density in the church units could represent local takiongos bringing fragments of this stone into the new sacred center of Iglesiachayoq. No fragments of welded tuff were recovered in outdoor patio units, suggesting that perhaps its local distribution was not as ubiquitous as the plaza unit would suggest. If the welded tuff had a normal distribution in external spaces at Iglesiachayoq, then it could be explained as part of the general geology of the site. However, its concentration in the plaza unit and church suggests the fragments may have been gathered from elsewhere and intentionally deposited in these two areas.

The second most numerous type of lithic recovered in excavation units was obsidian (n=182/643 total fragments), found in points, flakes, and cores. Obsidian was most often recovered in household domestic units (n=160/182), with an average of 16 fragments per household. There were three exceptions to this general pattern, and those were Units 3, 5, and 8. Unit 3, an ovoid structure in Sector 1, had only 5 fragments of obsidian, and was generally rather bare in terms of artifact assemblage in general. Similarly, Unit 8, an ovoid structure in Sector 3 had only 3 fragments of obsidian. Unit 5, a quadrangular unit with rounded corners, also had only 3 fragments of obsidian. However, In Unit 5, we recovered the entire amount of rounded hematite stones (n=9, site wide) found during excavation. I suggest that Units 3, 5, and 8 were thus used for purposes other than general domestic activities, as suggested by the sparse amount of obsidian and lithic in general in these units. Since Units 3 and 8 were ovoid, the lack of obsidian supports my claim that this type of structure likely had a separate function at Iglesiachayoq, and may have been a type of enclosure constructed or utilized for Taki Onqoy

dancing. Similarly, the presence of hematite stones and a small metal artifact suggests that this structure may have been utilized for metal production rather than a typical domestic occupation.

The next two most numerous types of lithic were basalt (n=82/643) and andesite (n=75/643) respectively. Both basalt and andesite were utilized as grindstones or lightly processed stone tools, and were found relatively evenly site-wide. There were no statistically significant concentrations of basalt nor andesite. There were four other types of lithic which were found in much smaller assemblages site-wide. Pumice (n=17/643) was recovered almost exclusively in Sector 1, and was generally reddish-brown in color. Chert (n=15/643) was creamy beige in color, and much of the recovered chert was unworked or still had core attached. Although fragments of chert were found in all three sectors, the three finely-honed chert blades found in Unit 4 suggests that they may have been used in preparation of food related to church activities. The relative lack of chert site-wide may indicate that the material was difficult to obtain, and therefore was worth more at Iglesiachayoq.

Finally, the rarest lithic materials recovered at the site were hematite (n=9/643), and quartz (n=7/643). The hematite stones recovered were rounded and very heavy (66.76g), and were *only* recovered in Unit 5. There are several possible explanations for the presence of hematite in only *one* structure: first, the hematite could have been used in metal working. We did recover a small, finely-made copper pendant from Unit 5, suggesting that those who lived in this structure may have been engaged in metal working activities has described. Second, small, heavy pebbles were sometimes used in food storage. This second interpretation is less likely since we found these stones only in on structure, whereas food preparation and storage was occurring sitewide. Finally, the hematite may have simply been collected by an individual in this household for indeterminate reasons. Although there are multiple explanations for the small hematite

stones, they were not randomly located in this structure. Unit 5 was placed in a structure which was similar in overall assemblage to several of the other quadrangular structures with rounded corners. Thus, the hematite concentration was an anomaly amongst the site-wide assemblages.

The least common type of lithic material was quartz, with only seven fragments recovered at Iglesiachayoq. While most of these were small fragments, the conical, polished purple quartz lithic recovered from Unit 9 (Sector 3) was unique. Heavily polished on three sides so that they were almost glassy on the surface, the purple quartz resembled a deliberately-hewn object. There were no divets or pock-marks on the outside, leading me to believe that it probably was not utilized for food preparation, but rather that the aesthetic qualities of the lithic were the reason for its presence in the structure. It may have been some sort of amulet or prized possession.

In sum, the general sample of lithic at Iglesiachayoq follows traditional Andean assemblages, particularly with the amounts of obsidian, andesite, and basalt. As discussed above, the welded tuff was statistically significant in its density in the plaza unit, as was the hematite in Unit 5. These results suggest that the densities of these types of lithic in these two units was nonrandom and therefore intentional.

Discussion and Conclusion

Iglesiachayoq's relatively short occupation period is reflected in the stratigraphy at the site in that temporal differences cannot be clearly assessed through vertical levels. The ceramic, lithic, and faunal assemblages recovered generally show a pattern of endurance, including a continuation of Late Horizon styles (both provincial Inka and local Soras) in ceramic technologies and dietary preferences, which demonstrated ongoing consumption of camelids. In

fact, temporal markers of Spanish contact were recovered only in the central church (Chapter 7) and in the discovery of a few Old World fauna, as well as the presence of iron artifacts.

When revisiting my hypotheses regarding the material imprints of both Taki Onqoy practices and evidence of Spanish colonialism, the findings from my work in domestic households at Iglesiachayoq did not conclusively affirm that either religious sect had a dramatic effect on daily life in the sixteenth century. We did not find overt examples of rejection of Spanish practices or religious beliefs, nor did we find clear evidence of Taki Onqoy performances. Ceramic styles, lithic technologies, and overall domestic practices were indistinguishable from those at other contemporaneous Late Horizon or Early Colonial Period highland Andes sites. I suggest that neither Takiongos nor Catholic church authorities emphasized changes in household practices, and instead were focused on outward ephemeral participation in religious performances or mortuary rituals—whether overt or covert—as a means of supporting new religious practices.

CHAPTER 7

MORTUARY POLITICS AT IGLESIA CHAYOQ

In the first century after Spanish invasion, mortuary practices were structured by the disjuncture between prehispanic Andean and Catholic eschatology. Though both Andeans and Catholics participated in a “cult of the dead,” the two religious traditions differed in interpretations of *which* dead. The Andean practice of ancestor veneration was interpreted as an idolatrous practice by Catholic authorities—the reciprocal relationship between living Andeans who provided gifts of food, drink, and clothing to their deceased ancestors and, in turn, the ancestors retributive ability to ensure good fortune, alarmed Catholic priests. These priests perceived these venerative practices as indicative of the failures of Catholic evangelization—that the Andeans were venerating or looking to guidance from a force other than the universal creator was distressing and part of the justification for the mass resettlement program in the 1570s (Gose 2008; Toledo 1986). From as early as 1541, a mere decade after conquest, Spanish priests reported that Andeans were reentering the churches where their baptized kin were interred, removing the bodies, and reinterring them at the locations of their huacas, often in mountaintops (Gose 2008). In the sixteenth century, the fraught struggle between Catholic mortuary traditions and Andean mortuary practices manifested in a wide range of interment rituals, styles, and locations (or disinterments), paired with shifting Spanish policies on how to counter anti-Catholic practices.

Scholarly research on Early Colonial Period Catholic and Andean mortuary practices is grounded in 1) the primary accounts of Spanish priests who were actively trying to extirpate Andean idolatries, and 2) official edicts put forth by the Councils of Lima, which dictated best

practices for evangelization, but were ultimately not fully implemented (Estenssoro 2002; Gose 2008; Ramirez 2005). Ecclesiastical accounts were recorded as a part of extirpation campaigns, and the priests writing them had personal interests in achieving recognition from the Spanish Crown, partially through these extirpation practices. More broadly, Spanish authorities and the overall Spanish agenda were interested in maintaining the dichotomy between “European” and “indio” so that even as Andean practices began to more closely resemble Catholic ritual, they were still seen as idolatrous and influenced by the Devil (Gose 2008; MacCormack 1991). The ecclesiastical accounts of this period are thus framed with an anti-Andean bias, one which identified Andean mortuary practices as intentionally anti-Catholic and idolatrous. Official edicts put forth by the Councils of Lima outlined specific guidelines directing both baptism and burial practices, but these rules were not able to be enforced until after Viceroy Toledo’s intensive resettlement program.

Catholic church burial practices are not explicitly discussed in the Taki Onqoy literature. Since there are few clear guidelines in Taki Onqoy primary accounts regarding mortuary practices, in order to generate my hypotheses regarding Taki Onqoy and Catholic church burials, I considered both Spanish religious mandates at this time, and the possible continuation or renewal of prehispanic Andean practices. First, I reviewed the accounts of Spanish priests in the first century after conquest. Though they do not explicitly address Taki Onqoy as a unique movement, these accounts can provide clues as to which “idolatrous” practices were common even after stricter mandates were implemented by the Spanish Church in the New World. I also projected Taki Onqoy practice frameworks to their logical purviews, and considered the “rejection of Spanish cultural practices” as potentially applicable to Catholic burial traditions.

Finally, I studied burial practices in Spanish Catholic churches throughout the Andes and the broader Americas.

In this chapter, I first give a brief presentation about mortuary theory and the ways by which practice related to death structured cultural frameworks of the living. Next, I discuss Andean and Catholic eschatology and its relationship to mortuary ritual, drawing on the work of historians and ethnographers. Then, I restate my hypotheses regarding mortuary practice and provide evidence for the material correlates of these practices, indicating how *takiongos* and Catholic converts could have implemented these practices. In the bulk of the chapter, I present the data recovered from my work at *Iglesiachayoq* to argue that although the space of the church itself was where Spanish religious authorities nominally had the most control and oversight, it was also where the most “resistance” or heterodox practices by indigenous actors are in evidence at *Iglesiachayoq*.

The Living Bury the Dead, the Dead Transform the Living

The ritual commemoration, manipulation, and burial of the dead are laden with politics, social memory, and the reproduction and transformation of society. Postmortem treatment, though nominally for the dead, is enacted by and impacts the living. The treatment of deceased bodies reflects symbolic practices which can perform and enact social order (Chesson 2001, Salomon 1995). The treatment and interment of the dead not only conveys information about the particular people who were interred, but also can reaffirm social alliances or attest to social and symbolic differences between groups of people (Joyce 1999). The dead are thus not mere representations of social status and identity at an individual level, but they are also important political tools which play symbolic roles in negotiating cultural change.

The criteria through which archaeologists interpret the significance of mortuary treatments has changed over time and generally, has fallen into two schools of thought since the 1970s (for a more thorough debate on these approaches, see Klaus 2008 and Rakita et al. 2005). The first school of thought follows from first principles that archaeological remains are outcomes of group adaptation to certain environments. For processual archaeologists, mortuary treatment—burial type, location, grave goods, etc.—represented the identity of the dead during his/her life (Binford 1971, Klaus 2008, Rakita et al. 2005). Mortuary treatment was epiphenomenal to social status, which in turn was epiphenomenal to wealth (Brown 1995). Processualist archaeologists, then, viewed mortuary treatments as static and *reflective* of cultural processes rather than *constituting* these cultural aspects. Processualist approaches to mortuary treatment are thus difficult to reconcile with the wide array of burial practices seen in Early Colonial Period churches. A church is a definitive place of religious importance, rather than a critical resource or overt indication of geographical territoriality.

Post-processualists argued that mortuary practices are inherently ideological, and that ideological freighting is consequential—not epiphenomenal—to the (re)production of society (Parker Pearson 1982; Rakita et al. 2005; Velasco 2016). The living bury the dead—mortuary practices are thus not mere indicators of status, but also are important ideological statements (Parker Pearson 1982; Velasco 2016). Post-processualists use practice approaches which consider mortuary practices of indicative of and constituting cultural frameworks which are historically contingent and contextual. Following post-processual models, I take a practice-based approach to the mortuary treatments recovered at Iglesiachayoq. The dead and their places and styles of interment can actively influence social memory and behavior—indeed, in recent years, bioarchaeologists have considered the agency of corpses, and how deceased individuals can

actually influence human *action* (Crandall and Martin 2014; Tung 2014). As Velasco writes, “corpses and body parts are seen not only as repositories of social memory or symbols of political legitimacy, but as politically efficacious social agents that instantiate relationships of power, including domination and subjugation” (2016: 63, Tung 2014).

At *Iglesiachayoq*, the church is the most visible structure at the settlement, and the sacred space inside of the church played an active role in shaping relationships between Andeans and Spaniards. The diversity in burial treatments (discussed below) reflects the political and ideological orientations and aspirations of those who interred (or disinterred) their dead in the Catholic space. The distribution of burials within the church space can indicate broader political goals such as alliance with Spaniards, while removal of burials from the church space suggests resisting native peoples. In the analysis presented here, I view the treatment of the dead at *Iglesiachayoq* as produced by and constitutive of the cultural frameworks of the ancestors who interred them.⁹⁰

The Andean Animate Dead and the Spanish Corruptible Body

Andean treatment of the dead is variable across time and space, but is very well-documented for late prehistory, given the Spanish obsession with Andean “idolatrous” burial practices. Several Spanish chroniclers have described the treatment of the dead, specifically in regard to Inka rulers. They affirm that there was an “integral role and critical significance of the deceased Inka king (including his carefully preserved and mummified remains) in maintaining

⁹⁰ Though a caveat here for “agentive” entities would be that I align with the views of Tung 2014 in her “Agency, ‘Til Death Do Us Part? Inquiring about the Agency of Dead Bodies from the Ancient Andes” in which she argues that scholars must consider *how* objects influence other things and how the relationship between objects and humans can extend and cement social relations.

order and perpetuating the world in conjunction with the reigning king” (Shimada 2015: 9).⁹¹ Inka kings, even after their death, were cared for and venerated, and continued to yield power. Dead Inka kings were sentient beings who participated in rituals and feasts (Figure 7.1)—they were paraded during festivals, and venerated as ancestors.



Figure 7.1. Mummified Inka king being carried on a litter by the Inka. Source: Guaman Poma de Ayala 1615: 258v.

Beyond the active role of Inka rulers, Andean peoples in general believed that there was life after death, and that this life was very similar to “earthly” life (Cieza de Leon 1984 [1553], Ramos 2010: 11). It would be false to consider Andean ideological beliefs of the dead in the same life/death, animate/inanimate binaries common in Western societies. Instead, “death was neither conceptually separated from life, nor viewed as an instantaneous event or permanent

⁹¹ For example see Guaman Poma de Ayala [1615], Juan Diaz de Betanzos (1996 [1551]), for critiques of documentary sources see Kaulicke 2003, Pillsbury 2008, Salomon 1995)

state” (Shimada 2015: 11, Saignes 1999: 117). The social life of people and things extended beyond death—the body and the soul were not separate as they are in Christianity, but rather all things were “alive” including that of the physical deceased body (Allen 2002: 44). Like any living, breathing human, the dead required sustenance and care—food, drink, and participation in Andean rituals. Through this care of the dead, living Andean peoples were able to converse, consult with, and gain assistance from their ancestors. As Salomon affirms, “A code of reciprocity between dead and living was the simple central rule of ancestor cult: dispatching goods by destroying them from among the living, one compensated the dead” (Salomon 1995:324).

Not only did the Andean dead need care from the living, but these dead ancestors in turn had the ability to sway the fortunes of their living kin. As Ramirez affirms, “ancestors were said to exert influence over the health of the group as a whole, over the abundance of crops, and over life and death” (Ramirez 2005: 143). Ancestors also had the power to promote fertility, heal plagues and illnesses, and generally provide good fortune over the well-being of their kin. Because of their power to exert influence on future events and health, these ancestors had to be cared for and venerated—indeed, a major tenet of the Taki Onqoy movement was that Andeans had neglected both huacas and ancestors, and thus had suffered extreme misfortune. This foundational reciprocal relationship (*ayni*) characterized material practices related to death throughout the Andes: scalar collectives of kin relationships ranging from a few families to extensive regions formed local religious suites dedicated to maintaining kin ties with their ancestors, thus ensuring the continuation of cultural traditions (Salomon 1995).

Conversely, Catholic and Christian burial traditions centered on a very different concept of body and soul: that the physical body and intangible soul were separate (Eire 1995:87). The

body could deteriorate and decay without damaging the prolonged, infinite life of the soul. Catholic burial traditions reflected this belief, such that Catholic bodies were laid to rest in an extended manner in a church facing the altar. The Catholic dead ceased to exist in an animate physical form after the last breath—instead, the physical remains of their bodies were buried beneath church floors to await the Resurrection and be reunited with the soul (Jacobi 2000). By placing importance on the physical body itself, Andean peoples demonstrated their lack of understanding for a single God: “the explanation of the Christian concept of the individual, understood as a man endowed with a *corruptible* body and an *immortal* soul, had to be preceded, accompanied, and reinforced by the idea of a single God who created the universe” (Ramos 2010: 73, emphasis mine). From a Catholic perspective, Andean preoccupation with the physical body indicated that indigenous actors did not understand the concept of the soul, nor of resurrection in an afterlife.

The emphasis on bodily, physical care of the dead in Andean belief systems is critical to understanding the struggle over bodies and burials during the Early Colonial Period. Western notions of an eternal soul removed from a physical body contrasted with Andean beliefs in the interconnectedness of the physical and the ideological (Ramos 2010). Although conversion efforts attempted to instruct and emphasize these Catholic concepts, Andean actors retained their beliefs that the physical body was one in the same with the soul. These beliefs were somewhat reinforced by the disconnect between Catholic doctrine on death and the actual mortuary practices of Spaniards (Saignes 1999:117). For example, funerary treatment—the honors given to the dead, the altars constructed with saintly relics from Europe, the pomp and circumstance of funerals—contrasted with actual Catholic preaching about the differences between corruptible bodies and eternal souls (Ramos 2010: 76-77, Eire 1995). It is not surprising, then, that Andean

actors retained belief in the importance of physical bodies, when they saw these rituals seemingly reenacted by Spaniards in their own treatment of the dead.

In practice, Andeans continued to worship physical bodies of their ancestors, particularly in the first few generations after Spanish conquest (Saignes 1999). These practices manifested in the removal of Andean bodies from Catholic spaces, which plagued anti-idolatry officials: for example, as Father Pablo Jose de Arriaga writes,

Their greatest abuse is to disinter the dead and remove their bodies to their *machays*, or burial places of their ancestors in their fields...On being asked why they do this, they say that this is *cuyaspa*, for the love they bear them. They say that the dead lying in the church are in great torment and bound to the earth, whereas in the fields, because they are in the open air and not buried, they have more rest” (1968[1621]).⁹²

For all forms of idolatry practiced by Andeans in the first generations after conquest, “the theft of Indian interments from Christian cemeteries was particularly anathema to officials—an affront to but also a blunt sign of the failure of Christianization efforts” (Lau 2015: 203). Reports of clandestine removal of Catholic Andeans from church sacred spaces is documented as early as 1541, less than ten years after the conquest (Gose 2008: 139). The Andean emphasis on physical bodies was at odds and indicated worship of false idols to an extent—Andean worship of *things* (the dead) precluded their ability to have an exclusionary relationship with God and was thus heretical.

The cognitive relationships between the living and the dead in the prehispanic Andean world are derived from documentary sources and ethnographic work, both of which can have biases and errors, or can tend to flatten the variety of attitudes toward treatment of the dead. It is

⁹² See also Mary Doyle’s 1988 dissertation, pp. 203-204 for a greater explanation of burial removal in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

impossible to understand what it means to have a relationship with the dead in all cases—these relationships are not universal, and they are certainly contextual and shifting over time. Thus, archaeology can provide evidence of context-specific mortuary practices, and is uniquely positioned to take a materials-based and practice-based approach to the understanding of these funerary policies. It is only recently that archaeologists have taken a broader approach to the study of mortuary sites—the first archaeological “studies” of burials initially were focused on objects and grave goods such that the actual human bones were often ignored or discarded (Dillehay et al. 1995, Isbell 1997, Klaus 2008).

Andean Burial Practices in the Early Colonial Period

The Jesuit priest Bernabé Cobo, who lived in Peru in the early 1600s, compiled descriptions of the various types of burial places he encountered in his time in Peru. He differentiates between two main types of tombs, subterranean chambers and surface structures (Cobo 1956 [1652], Ramos 2010). It is important to note that there are broad differences between coastal burials and highland burials, in that while those on the coast used pyramids or mounds, highland Andean societies often interred their dead in above-ground *chullpas* or mountain caves (*machays*) (Isbell 1997). The actual *location* of these tombs varied according to the relationships between those who cared for the dead and continually visited them. Mortuary places were “intimately linked to the subsistence activities and political life of their inhabitants: they were indicators of the control of a territory and its resources, of the ties that united society, of internal hierarchies, and of the relations among neighboring groups” (Ramos 2010: 20). Furthermore, there was not always continuity in who utilized tombs, as different ethnic groups would reuse or

transform existing burial spaces, thereby shifting the sacred nature of these places to suit their own needs.

The death of Andean rulers or powerful kin could cause social and cosmic disequilibrium (MacCormack 1991), such that the treatment of the death, and the rituals associated with the dead could mitigate the problems in exchange of power (Ramos 2010; Salomon 1995). Specifically, Andeans believed that these deceased ancestors maintained their claims to lands and goods, and their living kin regularly and ritually upheld these claims through interaction with the dead (Ramirez 2005; Salomon 1995). Kurakas and other high-ranking Andean officials were in charge of mediating these interactions, becoming the embodied links to the deceased ancestors—kurakas were thus celebrated for good fortunes for their communities, and also blamed for inadequate veneration for the dead during catastrophic events.

During the Early Colonial Period, Spanish religious officials often lamented the Andean practice of removing the dead from their Catholic burial places inside churches, and the reinterment of these ancestors in places of Andean religious significance, often near mountain huacas (Gose 2006; 2008). Peter Gose's meticulous research on this practice has recovered accounts of burial removal from churches as early as 1541, continuing throughout the seventeenth century (Gose 2008). The First Council of Lima (1551-1553) addressed this practice, mandating that punishments for burial removal should include corporal punishment such as whipping, and even jail time (Gose 2006: 157). Even Cristóbal de Albornoz, who almost never explicitly addressed Andean burial practices, recorded a note in his 1584 letter, affirming that he punished a cacique from Lurin Lucanas for “disinterring the body of his father from the church”

(Albornoz 1990: 290).⁹³ The removal of the dead from their church burials was performed in secret, away from the eyes of the Spanish priests (Álvarez 1998 [1588]; Gose 2008).

The removal of body parts from burials has been documented throughout Andean prehistory—because of the common practice of interacting with the dead, it was not uncommon for Andean individuals to disinter bodies or parts of bodies. There are several possible explanations for this disinterment: the disturbance or removal of burials may have been related to the negotiation of space in burial locations which were laden with meaning. Some prehispanic burial spaces were considered to be sacred, and thus many interments were disrupted, removed, or destroyed in order to accommodate later burial intrusions. Second, the removal of partial body parts—and especially the cranium—could have served an array of functions. Skulls were known to be kept in households as a means of ensuring good luck for the remaining kin. In other cases, large, kin-based burial locations were constantly being restructured in order to combine long-dead and more recent ancestors. The layout of these tombs were continuously edited in the process of incorporating parts of various ancestors, which were thought to have represented the entire being (Shimada et al. 2015).

In the Early Colonial Period, the removal of the dead or parts of the dead from their supposedly-final resting places beneath the church floors took on a different significance. In 1551, the First Council of Lima passed an ordinance that all Andean dead be interred in churches—while this mandate was haphazardly enforced, it was still critical to the process of evangelization. Catholic church authorities understood the significance not only as a crucial part of conversion, but also as a way of differentiating Catholicism from Judaism and Muslim

⁹³ Translated from “Porque desenterro el cuerpo de su padre de la yglesia” (Albornoz 1990: 290).

practices, the latter two which typically interred their dead outside of the church in graveyards in Spain (Gose 2008). In 1580, Viceroy Toledo specifically denounced Andean idolatrous practices of removing the dead, arguing that:

I order and command that each magistrate ensure that in his district all the tower tombs be knocked down, and that a large pit be dug into which all of the bones of those who died as pagans be mixed together, and that special care be taken henceforth to gather the intelligence necessary to discover whether any of the baptized are buried outside of the church, with the priest and the judge helping each other in such an important matter, and that they have great caution in the doors of the temples since they remove and take them [the baptized dead] from the sepulchers at night when they are authorities and important people for said effect, and they kill some women and Indian men saying they will serve them in the other life (Toledo, Lohmann Villena, and Sarabia Viejo 1986:413-414; Gose 2008:124).

From this account, it is clear that the most powerful Spanish authorities were greatly concerned with the removal of dead ancestors from the church. Moreover, the act of removing the dead from churches and relocating them to places of indigenous importance was very dangerous. The kin of dead individuals would have had to somehow break into the church, locate the precise spot of their deceased relative, excavate down to the remains (in the case of Iglesiachayoq, over one meter deep), and then refill the void left by the removal of the body. Removing the dead from churches in the Early Colonial Period would not have been a celebrated form of interacting with the ancestors, but rather a covert action which had very serious ramifications and punishments for those who were caught (Gose 2008; Ramos 2010; Vargas Ugarte 1951).

Catholic Treatment of the Dead

In the Early Colonial Period, Catholic treatment of the dead was distinctive from Andean mortuary practices, though there were several similarities in both Catholic and Andean eschatology. For example, both religious traditions participated in a “cult of the dead”: for

Catholics, this manifested in the veneration of deceased martyrs which arose in late antiquity (Brown 1981), as differentiated from Andean veneration of local proximate ancestors. Yet, the adoration of these deceased individuals by the living functioned similarly to promote security and maintenance of societal norms. Though nominally similar, Catholic and Andean traditions of venerating the dead manifested in distinct variations in terms of practice—beliefs diverged in terms of *which* dead should be venerated, *where* these dead should be venerated, and *how* the dead should be venerated. For Catholic authorities, veneration of the Andean ancestors signified misinterpretation of Catholic doctrine, wherein Andeans focused on their pagan ancestors instead of embracing representations of God (in saints or martyrs). As new Catholics, these Andeans received idolatry and error from their ancestors, who were not practitioners of the universalizing faith (Gose 2008).

In late antiquity, Catholics began to inter their dead in churches, partially as a function of creating a separation between Christian and “other” (Gose 2008). Jewish and Moorish populations interred their dead outside of town centers, and by interring the Catholic dead within churches, practicing Catholics separated their practices and beliefs from others coexisting at the same time. At this time, saintly relics became associated with the church altars—these parts of deceased saints served to bless and protect those interred below the church floor (Brown 1981; Gose 2008). Thus, burial location within Catholic churches took on new significance, as the physical proximity to the altar and by extension, the saintly relics often housed there, was desirable so as to receive the grace produced by these relics (Eire 1995; Gose 2008). Catholic parishioners desired specific church locations for their physical remains to rest after death, and described these places in their wills. Specifically, the most valuable place of interment was the main altar, “where the expiatory sacrifice of the mass was offered regularly” (Eire 1995: 99). A

second place of sacredness was “next to the holy water font, because so many worshipers would necessarily tread on the grave and cross themselves over it, its occupant could gain great recognition and some unexpected prayers, along with a generous and constant sprinkling of spilled holy water” (Eire 1995:100). That is, beneath the church floor, sacred places were located where masses were performed or where there was the opportunity of “extra” prayer and holy water (Eire 1995:99; Jacobi 2000; Ramos 2010).

Deceased Catholic individuals were buried in extended positions oriented on the long axis of the church, with their feet toward the main altar. This altar was ideally though not consistently situated toward the East: “Ideally, bodies were oriented with heads to the west and feet to the east... ‘To the Christian the burial of bodies with their faces to the East is the outcome of the belief not only of the resurrection of the body, but also that from the East shall come the final summons to Judgement’ ” (Jacobi 2000:26-27, also quoting Puckle 1926:149). More broadly, burial customs in Spain dictated that the feet of the deceased parishioners should be oriented toward the altar (and thus facing where redemption should take place), while priests were interred with their feet toward their flock and their head nearest to the altar (Jacobi 2000).

Catholic Church Mandates During the Early Colonial Period

In order to streamline the variety of indigenous positions on conversion, the various Councils of Lima put forth edicts to control mortuary practices in the New World, and the Spanish goal was to ultimately “Catholicize” these practices through appropriations of space, style, and ritual. Although it varied greatly in practice, Spanish authorities developed an idealized set of rules for the dying and dead in sixteenth-century Peru. The First Council of Lima (1551-1552) initiated several rules for interment of Catholic (baptized) Andeans. First, Andean

peoples were to be buried beneath church floors immediately after their death: “We demand that all who were Christians should be brought to inter in the church and cemetery, and that they are interred with the cross and Holy water, and buried with the rites that other Christians usually have” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 20-21).⁹⁴ This law was instituted to prevent the ongoing idolatrous mortuary practices in Andean pueblos, which included neglecting to bury deceased bodies for several days, interacting with these bodies, and interring them in places away from the church (Vargas Ugarte 1951). Second, Spanish priests were to delineate a specific public place outside of the church for those Andeans who had not converted to Catholicism nor received baptism to be interred. This interment of non-Catholic Andeans included the “bodies of their deceased that they have in their houses or in other mass graves, to prevent the idolatries that they practice in their houses” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21).⁹⁵ Third, during church interment, Spanish authorities were to uncover the faces of the deceased to ensure that the body of the individual being interred was the correct one. Fourth, during church interment, authorities could “neither permit that they provide more clothing than what is necessary to encompass the body; nor after the interment could they permit the inclusion of food nor drink nor any other thing” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21).⁹⁶ Finally, the First Council warned that if a kuraka or principal Andean authority died, the person succeeding them should be made aware of the previous kuraka’s servants and women so that they would not kill themselves or anyone else.

⁹⁴ Translated from “mandamus que de aqui Adelante todos los que fueren cristianos sean traídos a enterrar a la iglesia y cementerio, y se lleven con cruz y agua bendita, y con los oficios que a los demas cristianos les suelen hacer” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 20-21), translation mine.

⁹⁵ Translated from “Y para los que no son cristianos, tenga a vista del pueblo o tambo un lugar public donde todos los cuerpos de los difuntos sean enterrados y hagan a todos los indios cristianos que traigan los cuerpos de sus difuntos, que tienen in sus casas y en otros sepulcros grandes, a enterrar en el dicho lugar, por quitar los inconvenientes que de tenellos en sus casas se siguen” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21), translation mine.

⁹⁶ Translated from “Y no permitan que le echen mas ropa de la necesaria para envolver el cuerpo; ni despues de enterrado permita echar sobre el cuerpo comida ni bebida ni otra cosa alguna” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21), translation mine.

The First Council of Lima thus specified the proper practices for Catholic interment during the Early Colonial Period. Additionally, in the same edict (Constitución 25, Vargas Ugarte 1951), officials also outlined the proper punishments for any who subverted the guidelines above. First, the Council affirmed that “if any Christian indian buried anybody outside of these said places, for the first offense they should spend three days in jail and should be given fifty lashes in public, and for the second offense the penalty should be worse” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21).⁹⁷ If caught, those interring their deceased outside of the designated places (the church for baptized Catholics and the public area for unbaptized Andeans), would receive both corporal punishment and jail time. In the final part of this edict, the First Council directed that the body in question with whom these criminals were interacting should be removed and publicly burned.

Hypotheses for Mortuary Practice at Iglesiachayoq

Documentary evidence about Early Colonial Period Andean and Catholic mortuary practices, as well as Spanish mandates on proper mortuary practices (discussed above) allows for educated hypotheses about possible findings in the church at Iglesiachayoq. As outlined in Chapter 5, I generated the following hypothesis about Andean interment in the Catholic church: If the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic mandates in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of burial position, burial goods, and disinterment or interaction with interred bodies.

1. Burial position: If inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were subverting Catholic burial traditions, then I would expect to find evidence of a variety of burial positions in relation to the

⁹⁷ Translated from: Y si algun indio Cristiano enterrare o hiciere enterrar algun cuerpo fuera de los dichos lugares, por la primera vez este tres dias en la carcel y le sean dados cincuenta azotes publicamente, y por la segunda vez le agraven la pena” (Vargas Ugarte 1951: 21), translation mine.

altar, and burials could be secondary. Materially, this would include individuals interred at various angles relative to the altar, evidence of secondary burials, or flexed burial styles.

2. Burial goods: If inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were not following Catholic burial traditions, then I would expect evidence of grave goods in interments.
3. Interaction with interments: If inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were not following the edicts of the First Council of Lima, then I would expect to see evidence of continued interaction with burials or disinterment from the Catholic church. Materially, this would include missing parts of skeletons, parts of skeletons in the wrong anatomical locations, or voids within the soil matrices where individuals were interred.

In practice, few examples of variations on the ideal Catholicized funerary treatment have been recovered archaeologically in Peru in the Early Colonial Period. The lack of intensive studies could be due to a lack of scholarly interest in excavating these sites during the Early Colonial Period, the destruction of these church sites, and conversely, the prolonged use of these sites into contemporary times (Van Buren 2010). However, some mortuary archaeological investigations have been undertaken in Spanish churches. In the North Coast Lambayeque Valley at the site of San Pedro de Mórrope, a sample of 862 individuals was excavated, spanning the years 1536-1751 (Klaus 2008). This massive project is the largest mortuary sample after the Spanish conquest, but the broad chronological usage of the church may have obscured practices which specifically date to the pre-reducción era. In his funerary analysis, Klaus determined that many of the dead were dressed in European garments, and that there were no grave goods recovered from the distinct burials. The burials at Mórrope were aligned on a north-south axis, and Klaus recovered evidence of continued and repetitive ritualized burial alteration wherein

local individuals were revisiting graves within the church and interacting with the dead. Klaus interpreted the retention of prehispanic practices as a form of “symbolic resistance and reaction against an invading foreign power’s attempt to transform a long-lived and pervasive Mochica cultural identity” (Klaus 2008: 9). Klaus also identified several areas where the dead were removed, relocated, or reburied.

Other examples of mortuary archaeology of church burials in the Early Colonial Period is sparse in Peru. At Torata Alta (Moquegua Valley, Peru), limited excavation has been completed at the central church, resulting in the discovery of only two extended primary interments in what Rice calls “Christian-style” (Rice 2012: 13). Finally, Jeffrey Quilter’s research at the Colonial Period site of Magdalena de Cao Viejo compares archaeological and biodistance data to affirm that there was no evidence of a kin-based burial pattern, as depicted in documentary sources (Ortiz et al. 2017; Ramos 2010).⁹⁸ Beyond this handful of published studies, excavations in churches in the Andes have mostly targeted salvaging burials during renovation, sometimes at the expense of detailed on-site mapping and analysis (Talavera de la Vega and Benoki 2008).

Outside of Peru, studies of mortuary practices in early Spanish Catholic churches have been completed in greater South America (Ecuador), Central America, and Spanish Florida and Spanish California. In Ecuador, Douglas Ubelaker has investigated human remains from ossuaries and individual burials from the Hospital San Juan de Dios, the Convento de Santo Domingo, and the Convento de San Francisco. These burials range in date from 1500 through the eighteenth century (Ubelaker 1999, 2000). Ubelaker’s data is primarily recovered from secondary burials, and focuses on bioarchaeological data (sex, age, pathologies, etc.) and

⁹⁸ Though there is evidence of secondary burial of some body parts, Quilter 2011.

concludes that health problems in the Early Colonial Period did not drastically differ from those which ailed prehispanic populations (Ubelaker 1999: 31). Jacobi's bioarchaeological study of the Maya interred in the Catholic church at the site of Tipu, Belize (1568-1638) recovered 266 individuals (Jacobi 2000). All individuals were interred in a supine extended position with their feet toward the altar. Similarly, of the excavations in Spanish Florida and California, nearly all church burials were interred in the supine extended form, with occasional multiple interments and bundle burials (Table 7.1). In all of these studies, burial style was almost uniform, there were very few grave goods, and while there was evidence of interacting with the burials, most investigators interpreted these interactions as a result of overcrowding in the church and restructuring the space within, rather than deliberately removing interments for burial elsewhere (Jacobi 2000; Larsen 1993).

| Mission/ Date | # of Burials | Context | Head Orient. | Mode of Interment | Body Orient. | Coffin/ Shroud | Grave Goods | Notes |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Santa Catalina de Guale (1597-1680) | 432 excavated | Church | SW | Supine extended | NE/SW | 1 coffin | 1 indiv. Near altar | Hands folded on torso from chin to mid-abdomen, heads away from altar, one multiple interment, subfloor burials |
| Santa Catalina de Guale de Santa Maria (1688-1702) | 121 excavated | Church | SE | Supine extended | SE/NW | 1 coffin | Few | Altar at north, Wood sanctuary floor with burials below, few disturbed, two double interments, one bundle burial (adult 50+) |
| Santa Maria de los Yamassee <1675 | 124 excavated | Church | NE/SW | Supine extended | | | | 1 Double interment (2 juveniles), 2 flexed, 2 perpendicular to NE/SW direction of most |
| San Martin de Timucua (1334-1616) | 65 excavated | Church | E | Supine extended | E/W | No | 3 indiv. | 1 burial had metal crucifix, hands beneath mandible or folded on chest or abdomen, multiple interments common, 7 orderly rows of burials |
| San Pedro y San Pablo de Patale abandoned by the mid-17th c. | 67 excavated | Church | NE | Supine extended | SW/NE | | 14 indiv. | 1 indiv. Had head to SW, 1 had semiflexed legs, church with subfloor burials, subadults more numerous at |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | SW end of nave |
| San Luis de Talimali (1633-1704) | 75 excavated; estimated 600-700 burials | Church | SE | Supine extended | NW/SE | 7 wooden coffins | Few | Children segregated at west end, adults in coffins near altar, 3 at west end had heads to west opposite all others (2 in coffins), hands folded on chest |
| Nuestra Senora de la Soledad (1597-1784) | 26-30 excavated | Church and cemetery | E | Supine extended | E/W | Shrouds, few coffins | Religious jewelry; rare | Arms crossed on chest or abdomen, coffins decorated with nails and tacks, multiple and intruding burials |

Table 7.1. Burials and mortuary contexts in churches from the Colonial Period Spanish Southeast, North America. Data adapted from Larsen 1993: 336.

While evidence of secondary burial and burial removal can be seen in Early Colonial Period churches (although much more archaeology must be completed), some scholars have also found evidence of reburial of Catholicized Andeans outside of church spaces. For example, in their work at Puruchuco-Huaquerones, a central coast site a mere 12 km away from Lima, Murphy et al. excavated several cemeteries which appear to have held both Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period burials. In one of these cemeteries primarily utilized during the Late Horizon, the authors uncovered an adult female in an extended position accompanied by an Early Colonial Period ceramic vessel (Murphy et al. 2011: 71). This burial was an intrusion into the Late Horizon occupation of the cemetery, suggesting that the burial itself may have been an example of interment removal from a church—its extended position and Early Colonial vessel in

combination with the intrusive nature of the burial are consistent with burial removal, and reburial in an important Inka cemetery.

The differences between extended burials and flexed burials was a reflection of varying ideologies on the afterlife of the dead (Saignes 1999). During extirpation campaigns in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Andean people complained that interment in the extended position underground was problematic because “the earth on top of him [the deceased] prevented the deceased from ‘breathing and moving;’ thus he or she could not rest and could not reach the next world” (Doyle 1988: 205). As late as the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Andean groups still desired their dead to be relocated to cave burial sites so that nothing would be on top of the corpse, and so that they could be interred with their relatives from long ago.

It is clear, then, that although Spanish religious authorities attempted to institute orthodox interment practices, in reality, these practices were variably implemented by Andean peoples in a host of different ways. With a small clerical corps dispersed thinly through the central Andes in the mid-sixteenth century, it would have been difficult or impossible for clergy to insure the orthodox preparation, interment of, and maintenance of burials within churches.⁹⁹ It is in these very contested spaces of religious practice, however, where clergy would have focused their time and resources. In fact, in sixteenth-century Madrid, Spaniards often requested religious clergy to be present from the entire temporal space between death and interment (Eire 1995). In the following sections, I will discuss the excavated burials at the site. These sections will not focus on discrete aspects of burial such as skeletons, pathologies, or spatial location, but rather will

⁹⁹ Both Saignes 1999 and Doyle 1988 discuss burial removal as a function of “saving” those interred in the churches.

combine all potential aspects of the act of interment to reach a greater understanding about the practices associated with death at Iglesiachayoq.

Mortuary Practices at Iglesiachayoq

In 2015, the Proyecto Arqueológico de Taki Onqoy excavated 21 distinct burials or burial removals from three separate units in the church at Iglesiachayoq. The three units were placed to recover individuals from the western, central, and easternmost (altar) portions of the church (Figure 7.2). The church is 33m x 8m, making the church floor area 264m². Of this area, we excavated a surface area of 33m², or 12.5% of the total surface area of the church. Although the excavation units did not cover 100% of the church interior, burials allow us to make cautious statements about those interred in the church, their burial treatments, their status as local or non-local individuals, and their ideological positioning compared to Spanish norms.

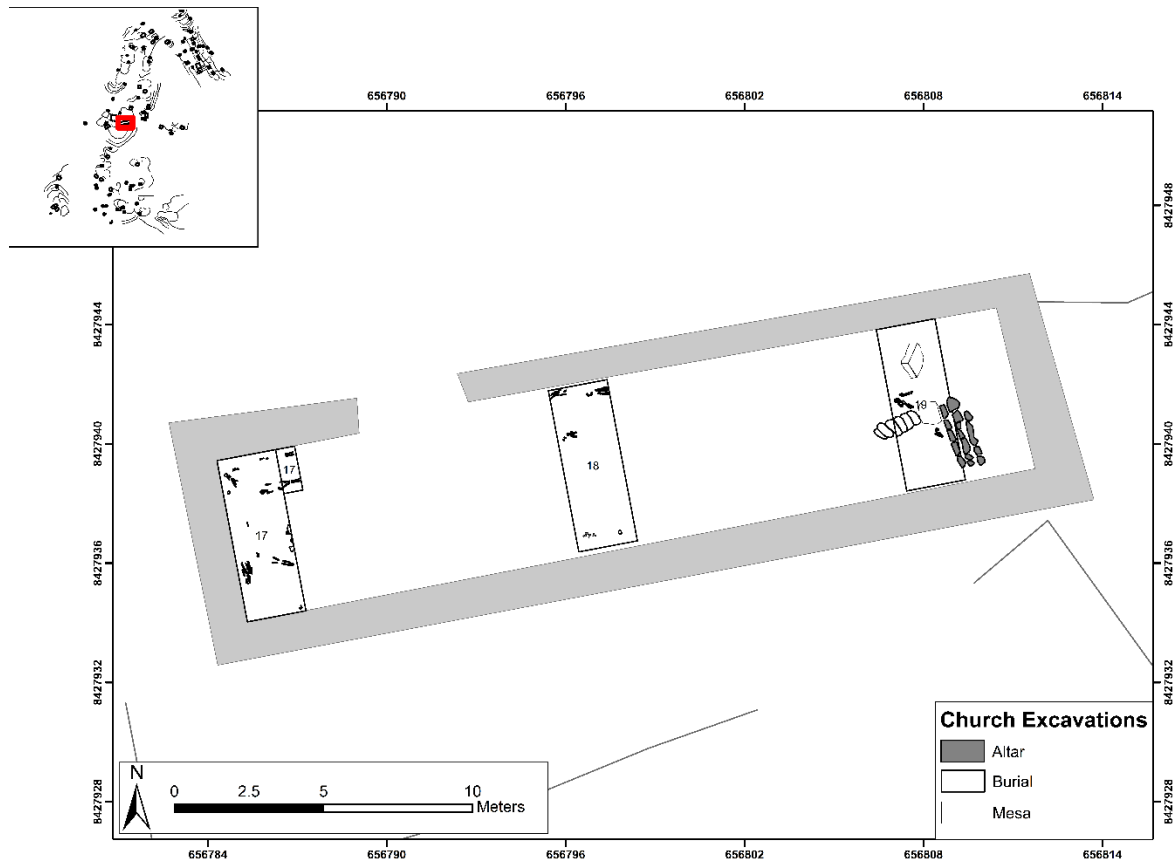


Figure 7.2. Locations and burials in church units.

General Findings and Burial Descriptions

My team and I excavated a total of 21 burial loci. Each interment was excavated as its own locus, and burial soil matrices were markedly different from the surrounding strata. Each locus which contained a burial was made up of a loose sand, and were clearly visible amongst the strata in which they existed, a fine silt that was difficult to excavate. While the average occupation strata in domestic units reached only 30-50cm, burials were interred an average of 1-1.5m below the surface. Burials were generally not comingled and there is little intrusion between burials. That is, nearly all of the burials excavated were located in their own proper

space within the same horizontal plane, suggesting that the church was only used for a brief period of time.¹⁰⁰ The recovered individuals were interred in highly acidic soil, resulting in the destruction and breakdown of the majority of spongy bone. During excavation, the extents of the burials were exposed and assessed by Lic. Guni Baslut Monteagudo Espinoza. Due to the poor nature of preservation, sex and pathologies could not be determined in situ. Anna Gurevitz, a bioarchaeologist from the University of California, Merced, acted as the project bioarchaeologist and completed the inventory of recovered skeletal elements in a lab setting.¹⁰¹ Skeletal data primarily consisted of cranial fragments, teeth, long bones, and tarsals and carpals. Following White et al. 2012 and Hass et al. 1994 we assigned the age of individuals in seven classes: fetus (before birth), infant (0-3 years), child (3-12 years), adolescent (12-20 years), young adult (20-35 years), middle adult (35-50 years), and old adult (50+ years).

For the purposes of classifying burials as either primary or secondary, we developed several criteria informed by deposition processes within the church and anatomical positioning of skeletal remains. These criteria follow general taphonomic principles (Haglund and Sorg 2001) and are modeled on principles discussed by Klaus in his 2008 dissertation, but are modified according to the preservation limitations at Iglesiachayoq. In order for a burial to be categorized as primary, each set of remains was judged according to the following:

1. The remains are in anatomical position (allowing for shifting due to taphonomic processes).

¹⁰⁰ For example, in contrast with studies at other Spanish mortuary sites such as Morrope (Klaus 2008) or La Florida (McEwan et al. 1993; Larsen 1993) which had evidence of long-term continued use of relocating earlier interments to create more space, the individuals interred at Iglesiachayoq were not intrusive on one another.

¹⁰¹ Anna Gurevitz used the data from this project to write her Master's Thesis, entitled "Catholicism, Negotiation and Taki Onqoy: How Mortuary Ritual and Biogeochemistry Re-members Identity During the Early Colonial Period at Iglesiachayoq, Chicha, Peru" (2017).

2. The dental remains are consistent with cranial and postcranial preservation.

All other burials which did not meet the above criteria were considered to be disturbed and/or secondary.

Burial Types and Spatial Location

In the process of excavating the human remains from the church, we found a spectrum of interment patterns, including both primary and secondary burials, extended and flexed, and disturbed or removed burials. In this section, I discuss burial type and spatial location together.

Extended Primary Burials

Extended primary burials (n=3) were those which were interred in a supine extended position, akin to those interments excavated in the broader Spanish Americas. We recovered three primary extended burials with no evidence of disturbance or interaction post-interment. These three individuals were oriented with their feet closest to the altar (East) and their crania toward the west (Figure 7.3). Two of the extended individuals were located parallel to one another beneath the western side of the Northern accessway, directly below the space where we recovered the pillar which held the bowl of Holy water. Their proximity to one another and identical burial style suggests they could have shared some sort of kin-based or marital relationship. One of these individuals (Locus 912) was interred with a small metal pendant located near the neck. This pendant is likely a copper alloy or a crude bronze (Figure 7.4.). This individual was a young adult (20-35 years of age). We recovered phalanges at the shoulder level of the corresponding arm, indicating that the arms were not crossed over the chest, but rather folded so that each hand would have rested on the shoulder of the same side. The teeth were

worn, indicating his/her slightly more advanced age, and the incisors have evidence of shoveling, which is usually associated with indigenous peoples. The bioarchaeological data from this individual thus suggests he/she was of Andean descent, while the burial positioning suggests he/she was interred in order to correspond with the proper Catholic style.

The skeleton of the other of these individuals (Locus 911) was very damaged due to a large rock atop the upper half of the remains: we thus were only able to recover long bone fragments. However, at the western end of the burial locus, we recovered four Nueva Cadiz beads which date to the first half of the sixteenth century (Bray 2019; Smith and Good 1982, Figure 7.5.). The Nueva Cadiz beads in conjunction with this burial indicates that these items were brought from Spain sometime in the sixteenth century, and interred with the individual sometime after that. These beads were likely part of aesthetic adornment, perhaps a necklace. In addition to the four beads recovered with this individual, we also collected a large copper tupu and a conical piece of copper which was associated with the tupu (Figure 7.5.). This individual has a combination of both Andean and Spanish grave goods. The extended positioning of this individual suggests that he/she was buried in order to conform to the idealized Spanish style. However, the grave goods and copper tupu suggest that this individual may have been of Andean descent.

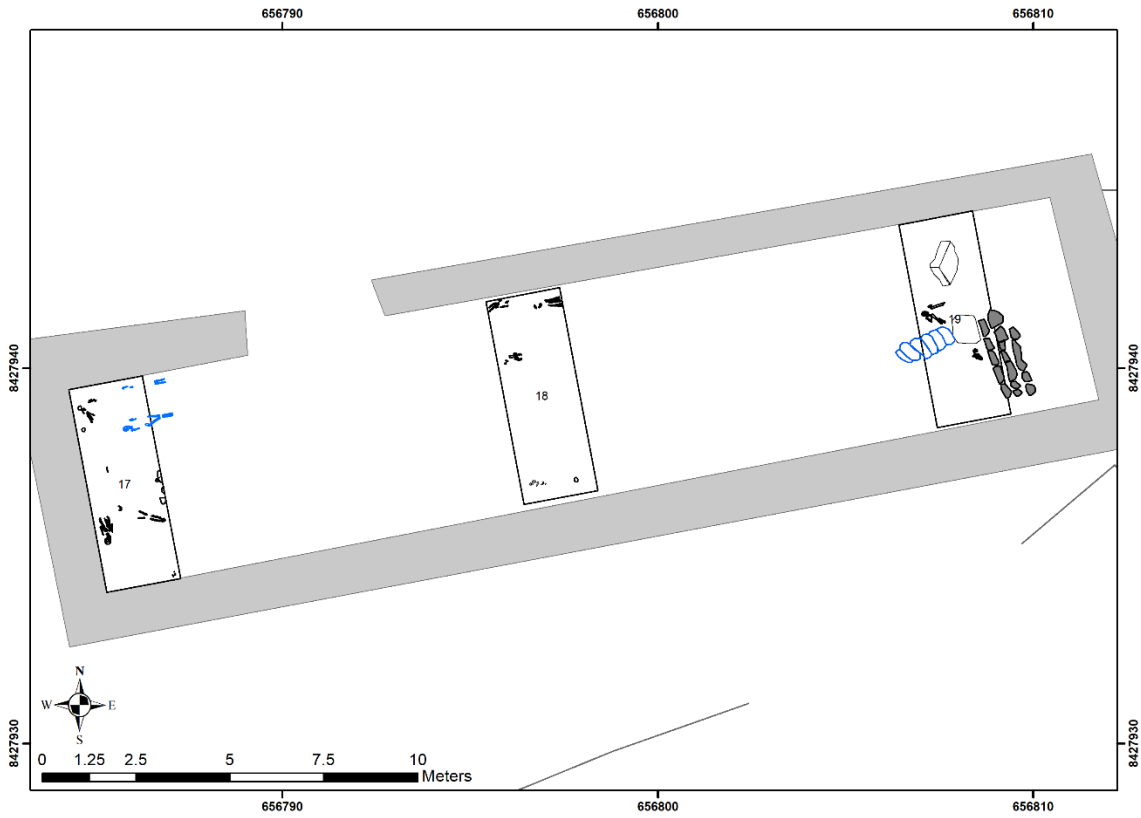


Figure 7.3. Primary extended burials (in blue) recovered at Igleziachayoq.



Figure 7.4. Primary extended burial and metal pendant.



Figure 7.5. Burial goods interred with extended burial.

The third extended burial (Locus 1010) was uniquely interred below the center of the altar in a stone sarcophagus. The extended burial was surrounded by two courses of roughly dressed fieldstone in an oval shape, and topped with large, flat slabs of stone in order to protect the body (Figure 7.6). The feet of the individual were oriented toward the altar with the head to the west. Although we found the tomb seemingly undisturbed, the preservation of the bones was

very poor, not unlike the majority of the other burials in the church. The spatial location of this interment, in combination with the mortuary treatment, suggests that this individual held the most prominent status in the community at Iglesiachayoq.¹⁰² He was likely the priest which tended to the church and/or was a high-status Andean individual. This burial was the only one in which we found neither biological (shoveled incisors) or cultural (flexed positioning, orientation, grave goods) markers of indigenous identity.

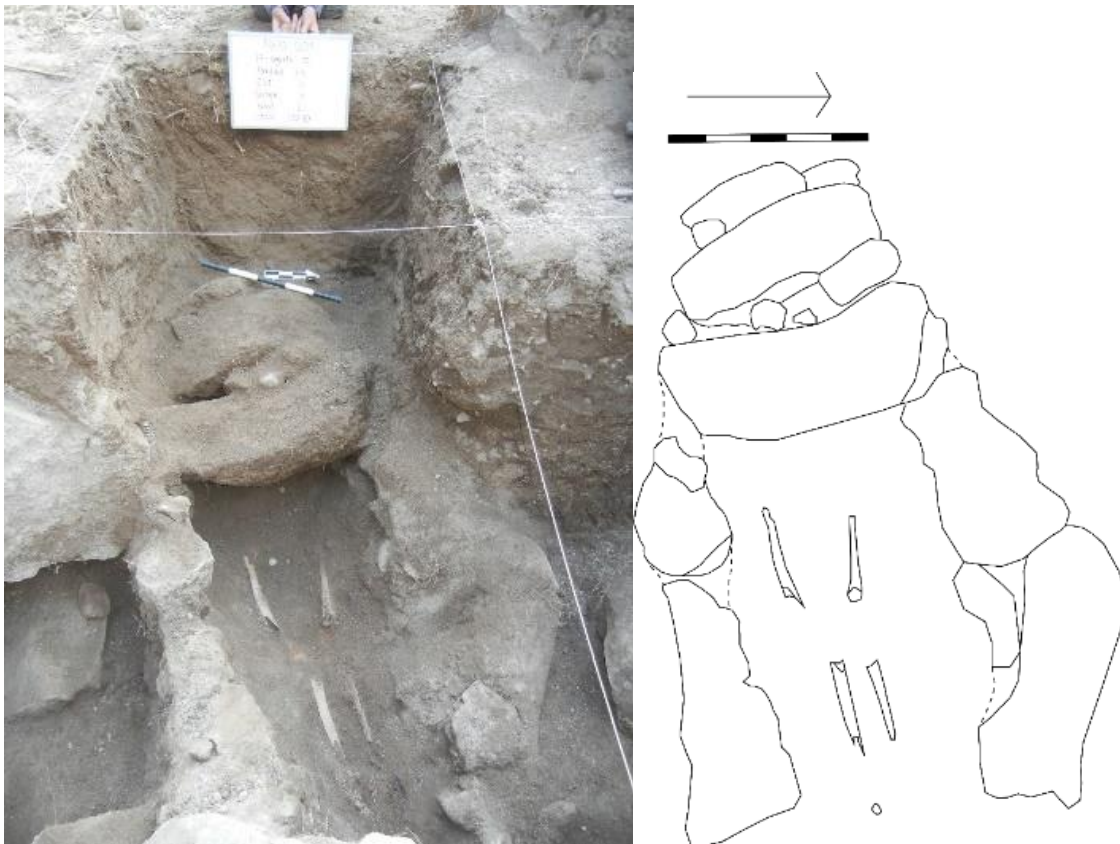


Figure 7.6. Sarcophagus with leg bones showing, photo looking west.

The bioarchaeological analysis of Individual 1010 indicates that the individual was a young adult (20-35 years of age). The three teeth recovered from this individual are relatively clean,

¹⁰² The stone sarcophagus also echoes findings of Larsen's 1993 chapter on Mission Bioarchaeology in La Florida, where he found one single instance of coffin burial directly associated with the altar (325).

and have almost a polished sheen to them—this is different from the rest of the burials, whose teeth often had black spots of discoloration or a soot-like residue on the tooth surface. The lack of discoloration is likely due to the protection offered by the stone sarcophagus—the teeth would have spent less time in direct contact with the surrounding soil. No additional information could be retrieved from the postcrania given the level of degradation.

The pattern demonstrated by the primary extended burials mimics documentary evidence about these types of interments in the Spanish Americas. All three individuals were interred along the long axis of the church, with their feet oriented toward the altar. Moreover, all three individuals were spatially located in places of religious importance—either below the Holy water or directly below the altar. These interments thus likely represent “proper Catholics” in that they followed the dictates put forth in the Early Colonial Period by the First Council of Lima (see above).

Flexed Primary Burials

Flexed primary burials (n=2) were those individuals interred in the church as their original resting place, but in typical Andean style in the fetal position. We could only definitively identify two burials as primary flexed burials, and both were located in the westernmost portion of the church, abutting the western wall (Figure 7.7.).

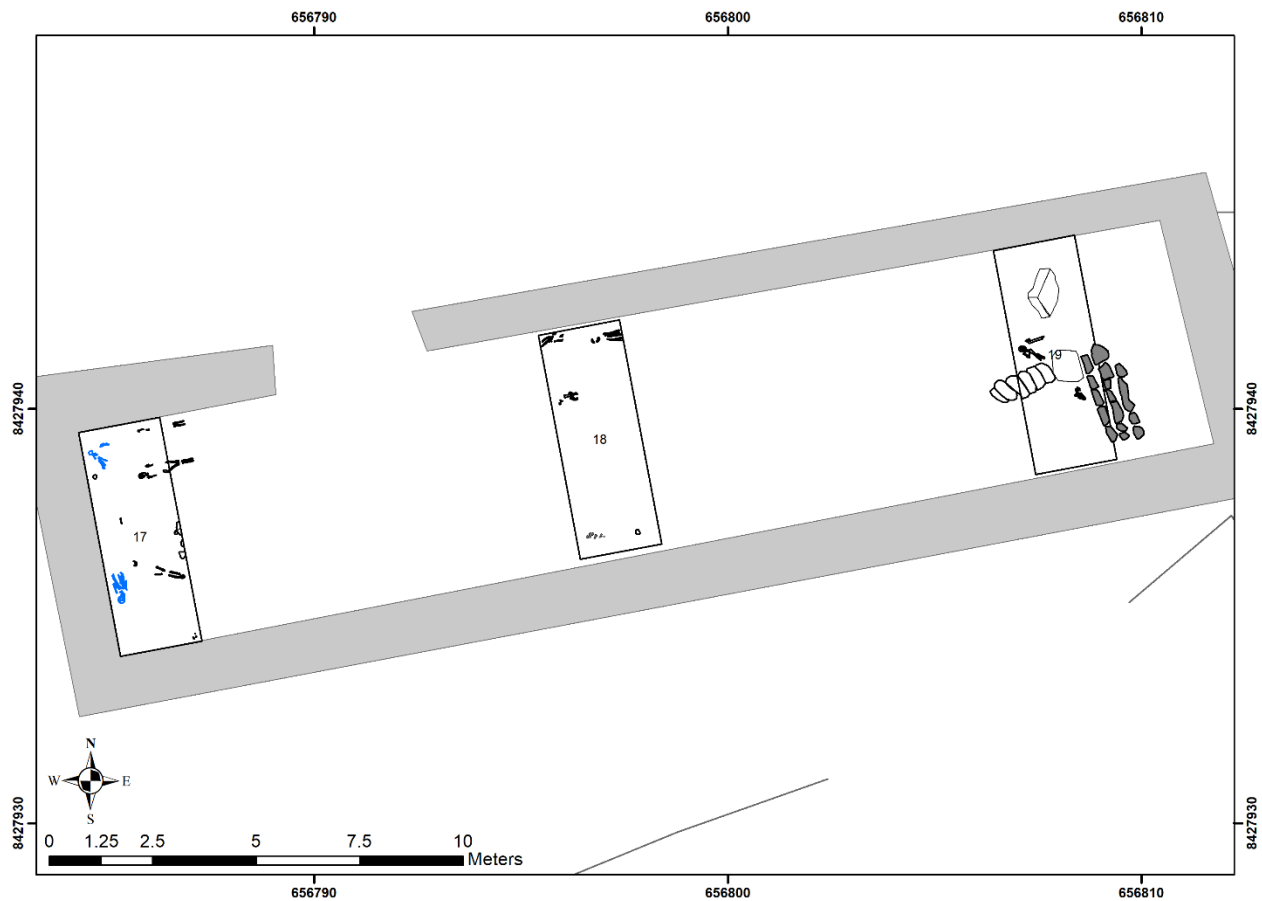


Figure 7.7. Location of primary flexed burials in the church.

The first of these primary flexed individuals (Locus 906) consisted of long bones (ulna/radii, tibia/fibula), crania and mandible fragments, and four teeth (Figure 7.8.). There is a possible lesion on the distal portion or patellar surface of the right femur. The cranial fragments have no visible sutures and are also very worn, with evidence of cracking. The mandible is small, with a width of ~89.31mm at the ramus, and there are strong indentations to the chin. The right side of the mandible is almost closed over, indicating teeth loss. On the left side of the mandible, the alveoli are still intact, confirming that the teeth were still present antemortem. We recovered four teeth from this individual, two of which had dental caries. The bioarchaeological data from this individual asserts that he/she was at least a middle adult (35-50 years)—the fully sutured and

worn crania in combination with the worn mandible indicates that the individual had lost teeth *prior* to death, and likely would have needed assistance from other members of the community. The burial positioning was in a typical Andean style, flexed position, interred along a north/south axis as opposed to an east/west axis.

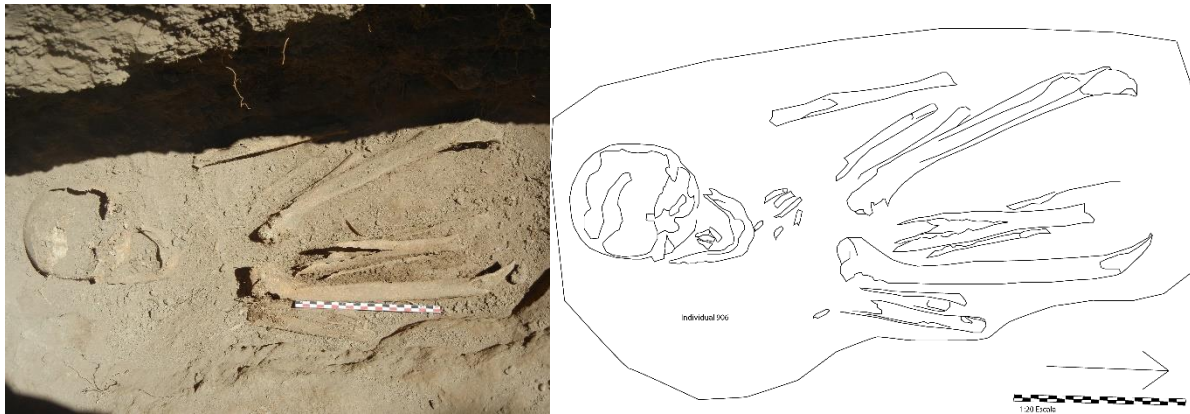


Figure 7.8. Primary flexed interment abutting western wall of church.

The second primary flexed individual (Locus 907) was interred with his/her head directly in the northwest corner of the unit, with the long bones extending to the southeast (Figure 7.9.). The burial area measured 110cm x 80cm. The bone was extremely degraded in this individual, such that the cranium was completely disintegrated, with only teeth and long bones intact. There were a few anomalous aspects of this burial: first, there appeared to be two distinct bone groupings, which we divided into two features (hallazgos). Hallazgo 2 (as seen in Figure 7.9) was determined to be a separate individual during analysis. Second, this was the only burial in which we recovered grave goods other than metal artifacts. While we did recover two identical metal tupus from the neck area of this individual, we also collected a miniature ceramic teacup buried near the mandible of the individual (Figure 7.10). The tupus have a greenish hue in their oxidation, suggesting that they were made of copper. They both have a half-moon at one side

with a small hole near the center, a shape very typical in the later periods of the Andes (Tiballi 2010). Although we were not able to gather much data from either the long bones or the cranium in this individual, we did recover the entire set of teeth. Nearly all of the teeth had black and blue discoloration—in other contexts, this pattern of discoloration may indicate burning. However, since the soil degraded the bones in each burial, we suggest the black/blue color is more likely a result of the soil properties. Individual 907 had between 4 and 10 dental caries. The third molars of this individual had not erupted yet, indicating that she/he was an adolescent (12-20 years).

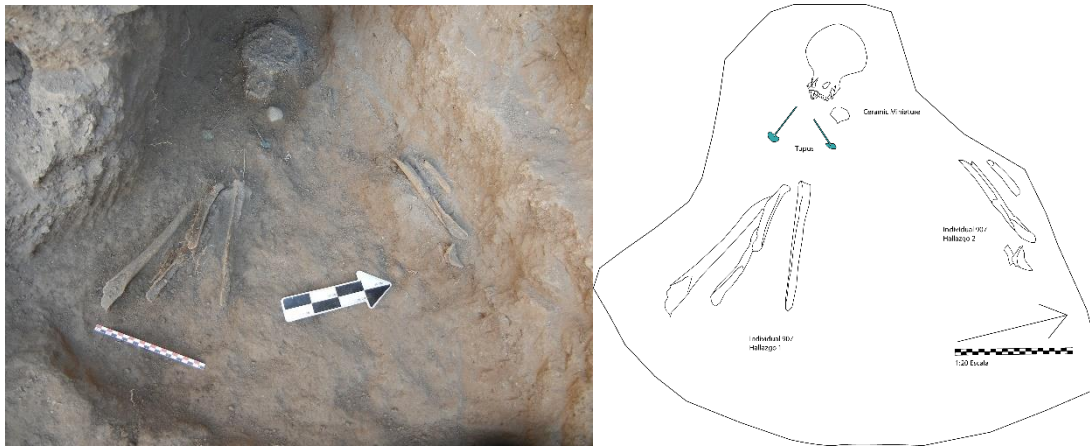


Figure 7.9. Primary flexed interment with tupus and teacup.

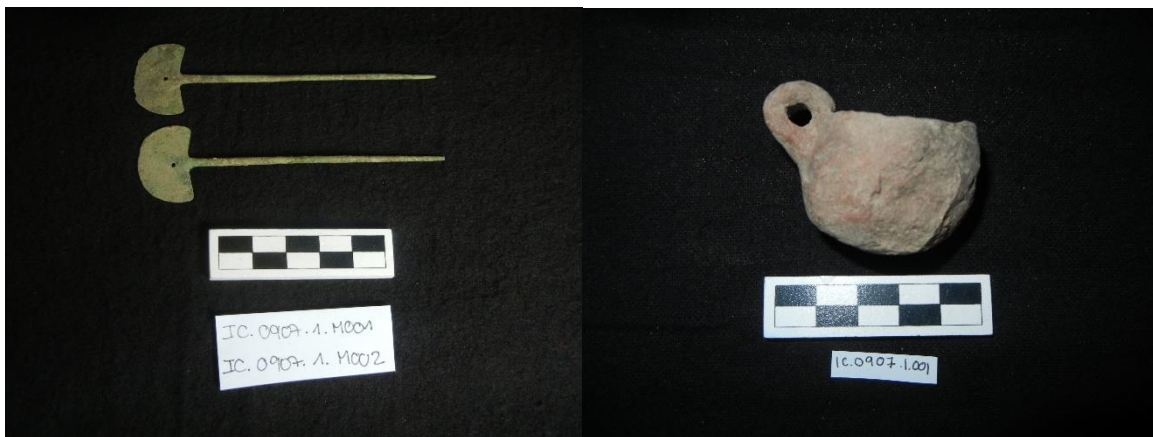


Figure 7.10. Left: matching tupu pins. Right: miniature ceramic teacup.

The bioarchaeological and archaeological data from this individual suggests that she/he was an Andean teenager who was interred with some form of prehispanic traditions by her family. The tupu pins and miniature teacup contrast with the idealized Catholic Church burial style. Specifically, the miniature cup suggests that those who interred this individual were deliberately ignoring or subverting the edicts put forth by the First Council of Lima, which affirmed that dead Catholic converts were not to be interred with any grave goods, especially those related to consumption of food or drink (Vargas Ugarte 1951).

The two primary flexed burials were both located in the westernmost portion of the church, furthest from the altar. Their flexed positioning and variable angles in relation to the altar, in conjunction with the grave goods recovered with Individual 907, suggest that these interments were Andean individuals. Additionally, the presence of the miniature teacup suggests a retention or renewal of prehispanic Andean practices perhaps associated with Taki Onqoy—this cup could have been intended for use by the dead kin.

Extended Secondary Burial

We recovered one extended secondary burial (Locus 1008)—this interment was the best-preserved, and was abnormal in its positioning. Several aspects of the burial suggest that those who interred this individual attempted to arrange the bones in an anatomically-extended position with the head to the west and the legs toward the east (Figure 7.11).

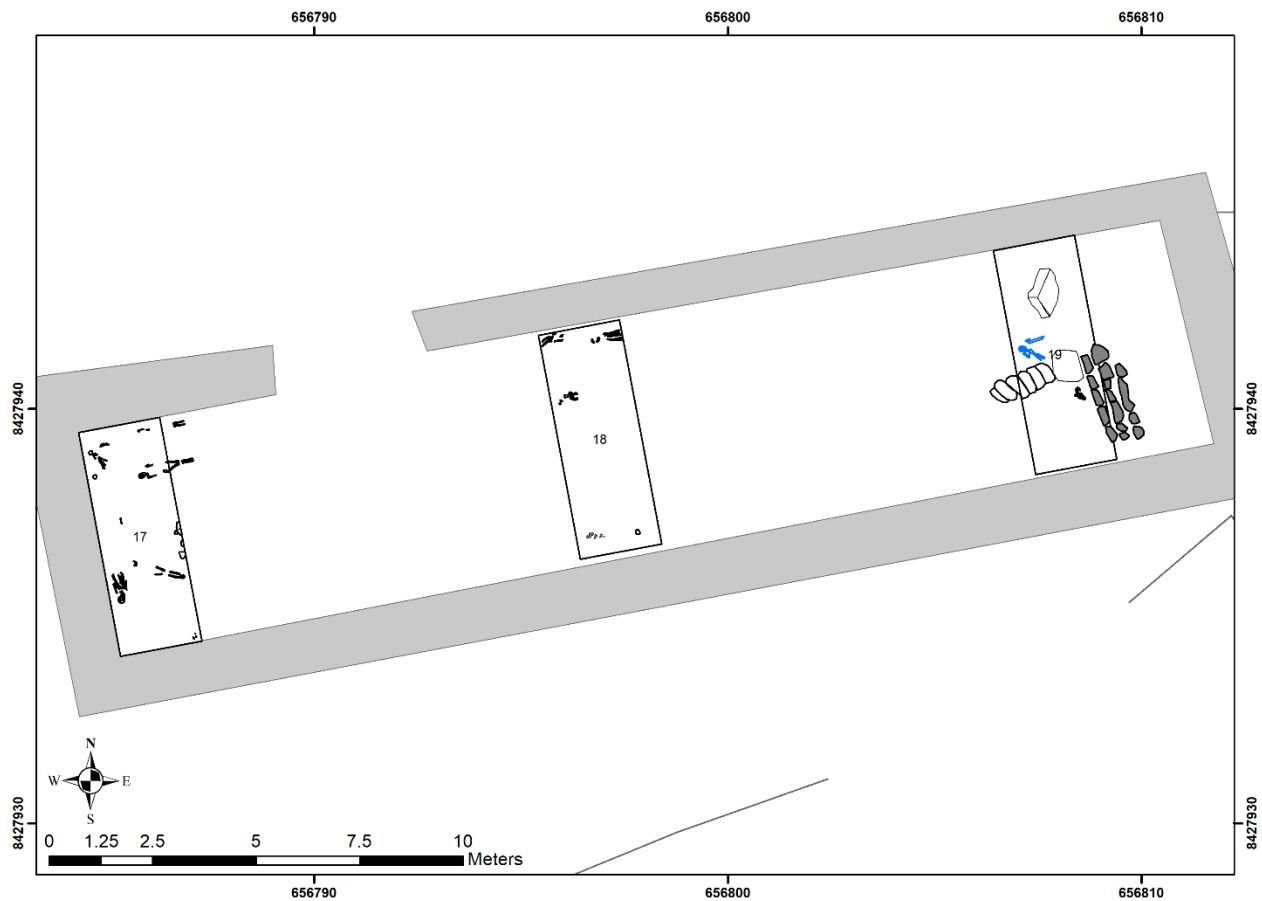


Figure 7.11. Secondary extended burial beneath the altar.

First, the cranium of 1008 was propped up on the surface so that it was directly looking at the altar. If this were a primary burial, the cranium would have been laid to rest such that the individual would have been looking up at the sky. Second, the arm bones are shifted toward the cranium such that the individual is resting with perpetually shrugged shoulders. Finally, the leg bones were also moved toward the cranium and were spread apart (Figure 7.12). No tarsals or carpals were found, suggesting that only the most visible parts of the skeleton—the cranium, arm bones, and leg bones—were relocated to the church.

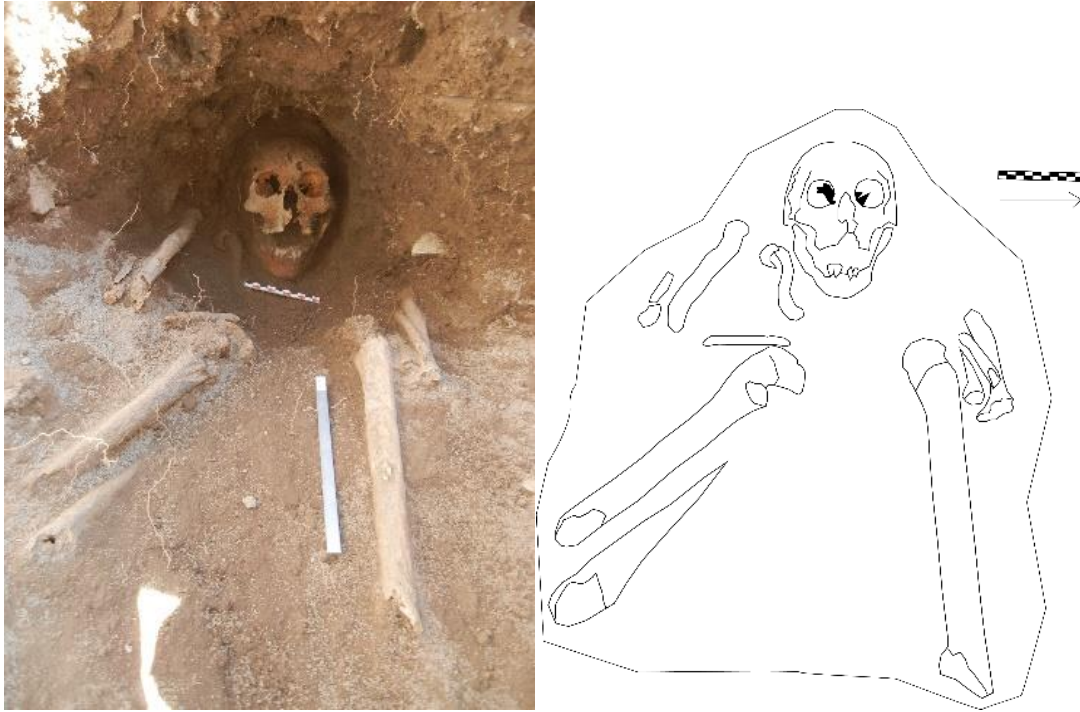


Figure 7.12. Secondary extended individual.

The interment of Individual 1008 indicates yet another type of burial practice. In this case, descendants of 1008 attempted to inter him/her facing the front altar, and in traditional extended positioning. This individual was categorized as a young adult, and its secondary burial status could have several explanations. First, this individual could have been a case of “baptizing the ancestors,” in which the kin interred him/her in the church in hopes of Catholic redemption. Second, Spanish authorities could have demanded that this person was interred in the church, and forced the kin of the deceased person to inter him/her in this place in this style. Third, there is the possibility that this individual was originally interred in the church, then removed, and then reinterred in this location. The spatial location of this individual beneath the altar suggests that it may have been a person with high status, or someone with importance to the community of Iglesiachayoq.

Flexed Secondary Burials

Flexed secondary burials (n=2) were those which had originally been interred elsewhere, and then were relocated to their final resting place in the church. Both flexed secondary interments were recovered from the central unit of the church (Figure 7.13).

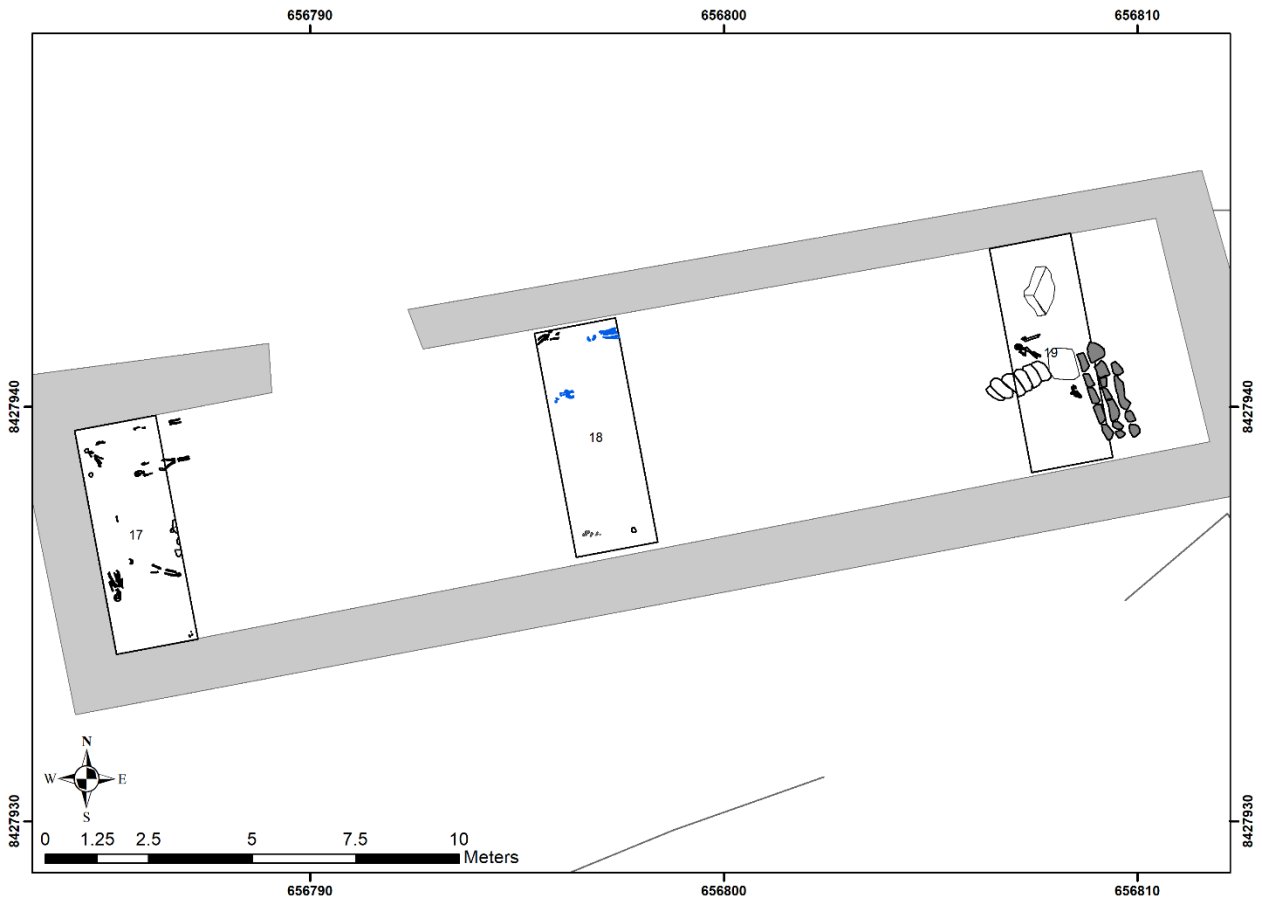


Figure 7.13. Secondary flexed individuals in the center of the church.

The first of these interments was buried with its feet toward the altar, corresponding with the Catholic orientation. That is, although the burial *style* reflects Andean traditions, the burial *position* (head to the west, feet to the east) indicates Catholic idealized practice. In the photo and drawing, it is possible to identify the “bundled” nature of the postcranial bones (Figure 7.14).

The bones were interred in a group, with femur, humeri, radii, tibiae, and even tarsals mixed together. The fact that the tarsals were still present, albeit distributed throughout the bundle, suggests that this individual was previously interred in another location, and was then brought to the church and reinterred. The anatomical positions of the bones cannot be due to natural decomposition processes. Additionally, there were no teeth recovered with this individual, confirming its secondary status. Because teeth preserve much better than other bone, if this were a primary burial, we would expect to find teeth present along with the other bone. I therefore suggest that Individual 958 was previously interred in Andean tradition in a machay or other local burial location, and at a later time was brought to the church and intentionally reburied in Catholic positioning. This individual was categorized as a young adult (20-35 years of age).

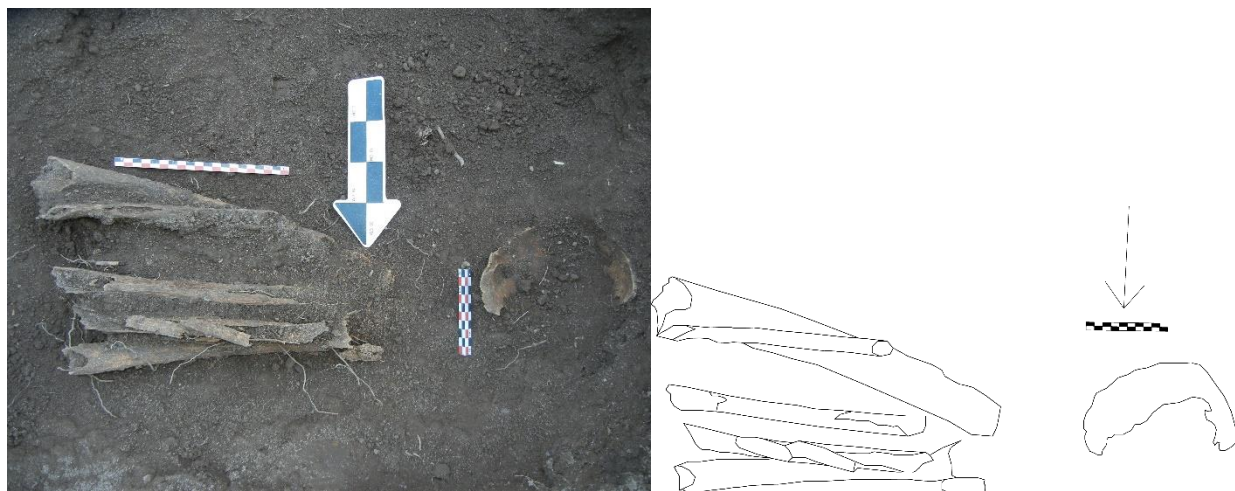


Figure 7.14. Left: Photo of interment, right: drawing of interment.

The second of the flexed secondary burials (Locus 960) was located very near the first, and had the same orientation. Like the other flexed secondary burial, this interment also contained a mixed bundle of postcranial long bones, with some degraded cranial fragments oriented to the western side of the burial (Figure 7.15.).

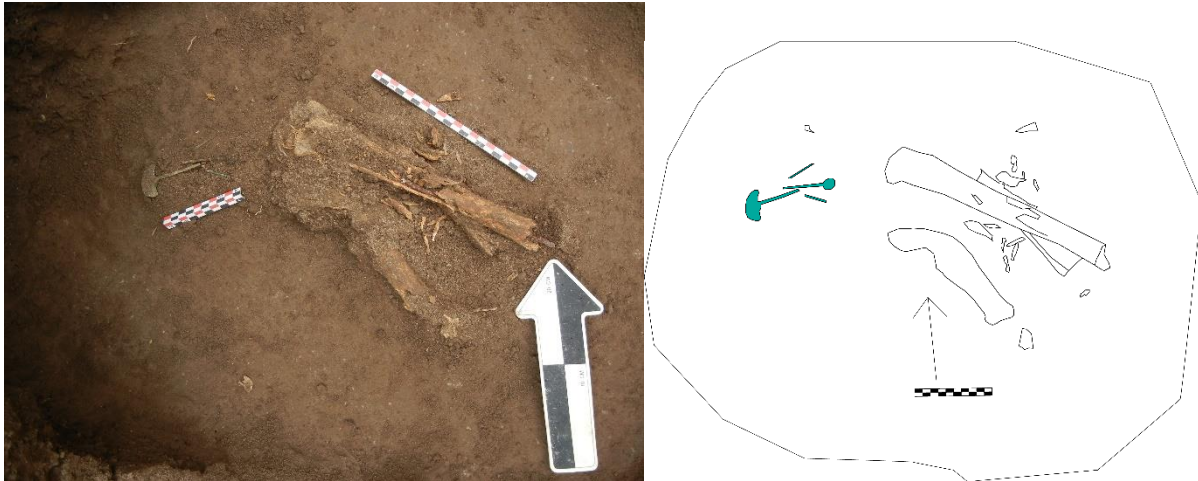


Figure 7.15. Secondary flexed burial.

As can be seen in the photo and drawing, we recovered four metal fragments of tupus positioned approximately where the neck of the individual would have been located. One of the tupus is in the classic half-moon style of the Inka, while the other one has a pin with a small, flat circle at the top. In sum, both of these secondary flexed interments were located in the center of the church, and both were young adults (20-35 years of age). They each had the correct orientation for Catholic edicts, but retained positioning of Andean traditions. The fact that these burials were secondary contradicts the edicts of the First Lima Council, and suggests that these individuals were unbaptized and relocated to the church.

Removed Burials

We recovered evidence of four removed burials from the westernmost portion of the church at Iglesiachayoq. I define removed burials as those which maintained the same loose soil matrix as the rest of the interments, and which only contained distal bones such as tarsals or carpals, or had evidence of intentional refilling of the void left by the skeleton. Removed burials

made up 20% of the sample and all were in the unit closest to the western wall. Since all evidence of removed burials comes from the unit furthest from the church, it appears that burial practices were more variable in the location which would have held the least religious prestige in that it was the furthest away from the altar (Figure 7.16.).

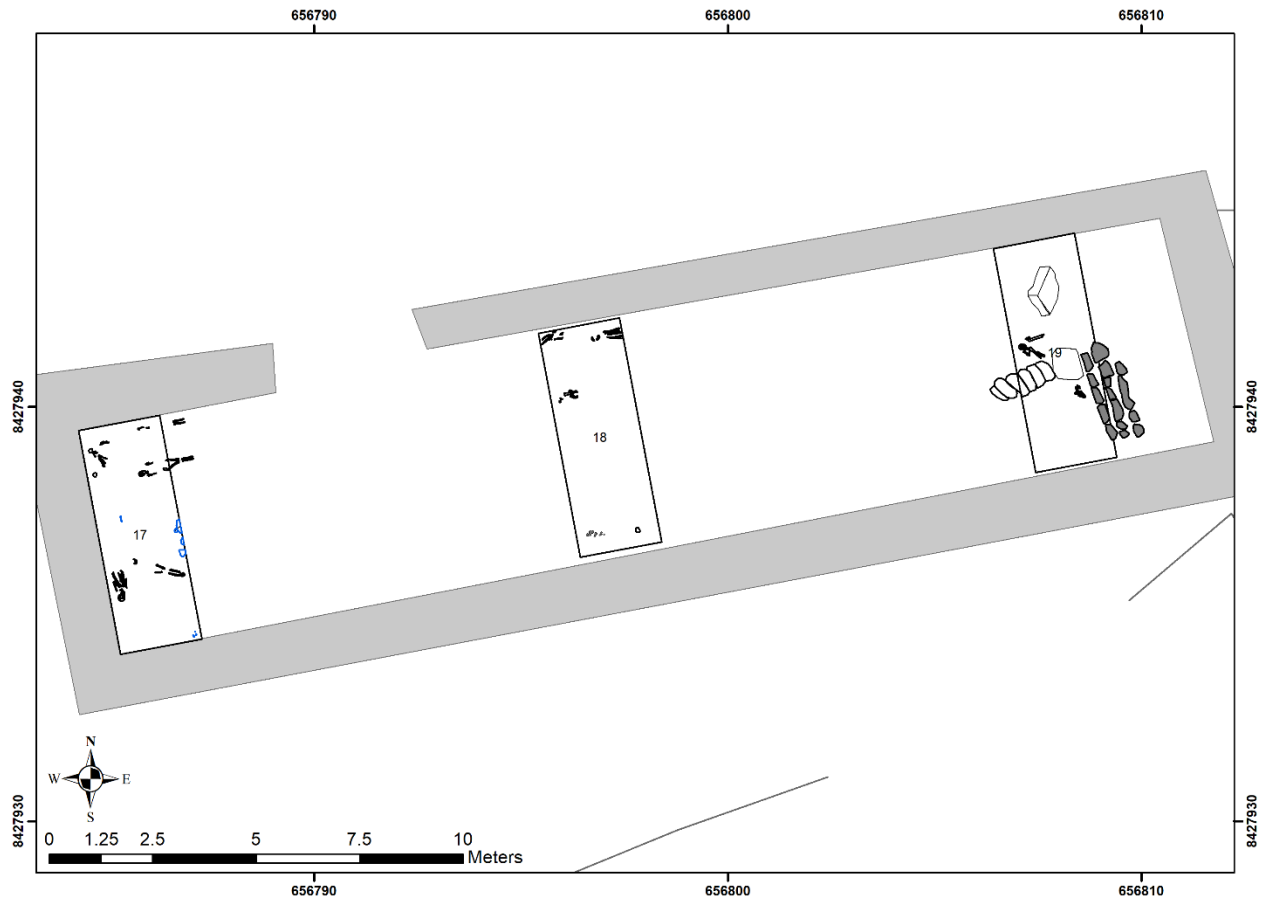


Figure 7.16. Locations of removed burials in the western portion of the church furthest from the altar.

The first removed burial (Locus 909) presented an individual which was interred in the church and may have been removed at a later date. This locus was located in the southeastern corner of the unit. We only recovered seven bone fragments and one tooth from this burial area. Of the bone, six out of the seven bone fragments were short bones, likely carpals or tarsals. These bones are found at the extremities of the human body, and are usually the first to detach in

normal processes of degradation (Pankowska 2018; Schroeder 2001). The tooth was an unerupted lower first molar, and thus we categorized the likely previous inhabitant of this locus as a child (3-12 years of age). The fact that we found only short bones and one tooth makes a strong case for burial removal—the head and the long bones were completely absent. In the process of disinterring and relocating individuals in a rushed, perhaps clandestine manner, the cranium and the long bones would be collected first, leaving the smaller bones to detach, fall, and be left behind (Schroeder 2001).

We also recovered two tupus from this locus, although they did not appear to be in situ and could have also been forgotten when the body was moved. These two tupus were not of the traditional Inka style (see Figure 7.17). The conical tupu (IC.0909.2.M002) has two tufts of brown fibers still attached, affirming its attachment to the clothing of the interred individual.



Figure 7.17. Tupus associated with the disinterment of Individual 909.

The second individual disinterred from the church (Locus 910) was located on the eastern portion of the unit, and the soil matrix was much like those of the other burials—a loose area of

medium-grained sand disrupting a much more compact level of soil. This locus contains the most convincing evidence we have for a removed burial. We recovered only a few small distal bone fragments, and the pit had been loosely filled with large stones (see Figure 7.18). Locus 910 contained the only soil matrix which was made up of larger stones, thus affirming that the stones were deliberately placed in this locus. The refilling of burial areas within churches has been documented in archival records and was a practice which plagued church authorities (Gose 2008).



Figure 7.18. Left: indented area of loose sand among the compact soil matrix. Right: excavated pit filled with larger stones.

The last two removed burials (Loci 913 and 914) were both areas of loose, medium-grained sand matrix within the more compact surrounding matrix. Locus 913 contained three small distal bones, while Locus 914 had no evidence of bone fragments or any other goods, and was just an area of loose soil.

Burial removal has been explicitly linked to both Taki Onqoy and broader idolatrous practices (Albornoz 1990; Doyle 1988; Gose 2008; Saignes 1999). Andean peoples were documented interring their dead in the church by day, and disinterring and relocating these same

relatives under the cover of night, in a covert fashion. I argue that burial removal may have been a strategic component of Taki Onqoy—by outwardly conforming to Spanish mandates, Andean peoples secured favorable social and political standing in the eyes of the new authority. However, by removing and reburying their dead in secret, takiongos would have demonstrated their respect for and belief in huacas and prehispanic Andean traditions. It is impossible to overstate the importance of removed burials in the church. In the center of the site, the space in which Spanish authorities had the most control and oversight, Andean peoples were so appreciative of their prehispanic beliefs that they were willing to risk severe punishment in order to make sure their dead had an “Andean” afterlife. Moreover, not only would the Andean agents removing their dead be punished, but the physical bodies of the ancestors they were removing would have been publicly burned, thus preventing a smooth transition into the afterlife (Ramos 2010).

Disturbed and Indeterminate Burials

The last two types of burials were disturbed (n=5) or indeterminate (n=4). Disturbed burials were defined as disarticulated and arbitrarily strewn skeletal elements, or evidence of interaction with specific body parts post-interment (Figure 7.19.).

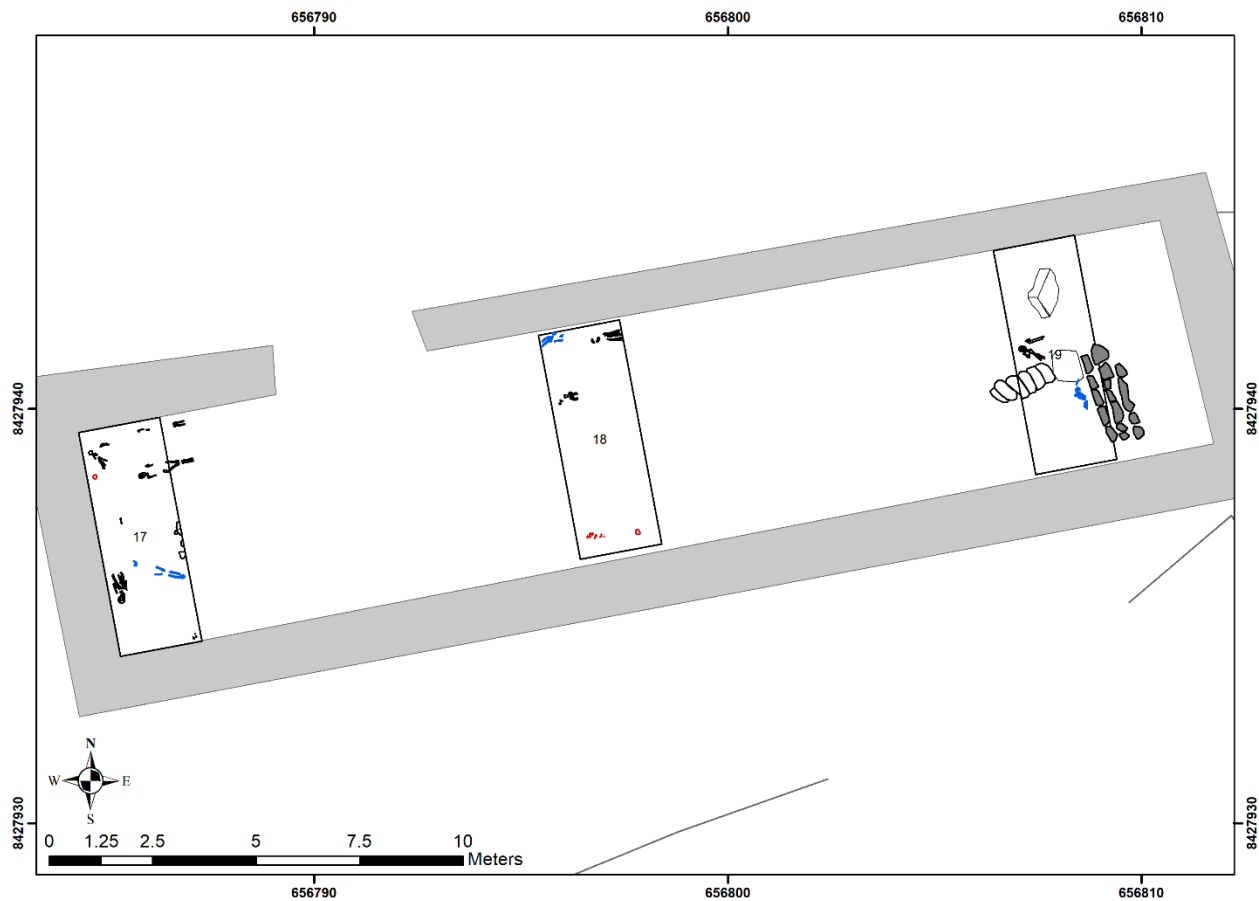


Figure 7.19. Disturbed burials in blue and indeterminate burials in red.

We recovered disturbed interments in every spatial location in the church. In the westernmost location, one individual (Locus 915) appeared to have originally been interred in extended supine style oriented with feet toward the altar. However, at a later date, the cranium was removed and subject to interaction with the living. We first encountered the cranium, which was on a shallower plane than the rest of the skeleton (only the lower extremities). The cranium was at a depth of 103cm below the surface, while the rest of the lower extremities were at a depth of 126cm below the surface. The cranium was inverted, with the foramen magnum in a superior position, meaning that the individual's face would have been upside-down and looking at the western wall of the church (see Figure 7.20). If the positioning of the cranium were

anatomically associated with the rest of the skeleton, then the individual would have been buried upside down and backwards. Furthermore, the teeth and mandible associated with the cranium demonstrate evidence of at least one indirect burning event—they are caked with a black soot-like substance, but lack the distinctive blue/purple coloration of direct burning. The teeth for this individual were also exceptionally worn, allowing us to categorize this person as at least a middle adult (35-50 years of age).

While the cranium had an inverted and backwards positioning, the associated lower extremities were interred in a primary extended position, with the feet oriented toward the eastern altar. The fibulae, tibiae, and tarsals were laid in an anatomically accurate position, and the spacing between these bones indicates normal decomposition processes (see Figure 7.20). The lower extremities do not show the same pattern of burning that is present on the teeth and mandible in the cranium.



Figure 7.20. Left: inverted and backwards cranium. Right: articulated, extended lower extremities.

In sum, it appears that the cranium associated with the burial was repeatedly removed and replaced in the burial locus, while the lower extremities remained in place. The disjuncture

between the cranium and the long bones could indicate several possible scenarios. The most plausible explanation is that the cranium was removed and reinterred at least once. During disinterment, the cranium could have been located near an open flame, which caused the indirect burning pattern on the front teeth. Since we did not find any evidence of additional, primary-interred crania in this burial locus, it seems as though those who were removing the cranium remembered its location within the church, and were able to return it to its approximate original positioning. Alternatively, the cranium we recovered could have been from a separate individual altogether, completely distinct from the lower extremities.

A second disturbed burial (Locus 962) was located in the central portion of the church and has evidence of post-interment disturbance. We collected primarily long bones and distal limb fragments from this bundle, but the bones were strewn about such that there was no real anatomical association between all of the postcrania (Figure 7.21). The dispersed nature of the bones suggests that they were tousled at some point after their interment. No tapers or other artifacts were recovered from the burial. Individual 962 was classified as a young adult (20-35 years of age).



Figure 7.21. Left: photo of Individual 962. Right: drawing of remaining disturbed bones from 962.

The remaining disturbed burials were located nearest to the altar. The first of these (Locus 1005) was likely a secondary burial. Individual 1005 was a secondary burial in a very unique position—the interment abutted the third and final step of the altar, and the individual appears to have been arranged on his/her left side facing the altar in a north/south orientation (see Figure 7.22).

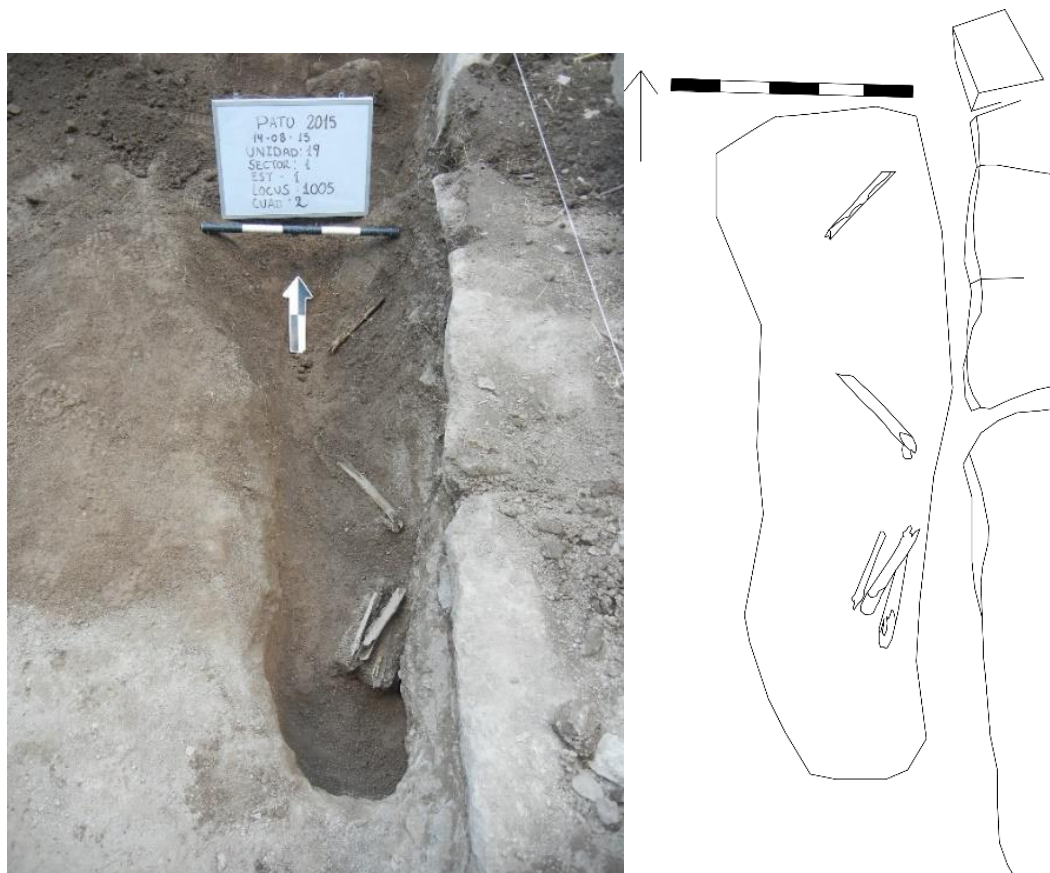


Figure 7.22. Left: Photo of Individual 1005. Right: Drawing of 1005.

The anatomical association of the humerus with the femur is spaced too far apart to have been anatomically possible. Furthermore, the relation of the femur to the lower leg portions leave too great a space where the patella should have been. We did not recover a cranium nor any teeth, which could be due to the looting of the northern portion of the unit. The postcranial bones we did recover were of a relatively small size, and had evidence of weaving. Weaving in long bones indicates that the bones are not fully hardened, and suggests that this individual was a child or adolescent. Just west of the eastern altar and abutting the lowest step, then, a child was interred on his/her side facing the altar. Those who interred this individual likely removed him/her from a primary burial location and attempted to reinter in what they thought was the

correct anatomical positioning. The individual's orientation adjacent to the altar suggests that he/she was of high status within the community.

Finally, the last disturbed burial (Locus 1009) contained the cranium of a child and the postcranial skeleton of an adult. This individual was also centrally located below the altar, and was *vertically* interred such that we first found the cranium, with the leg bundle underneath (see figure 7.23). I believe that Individuals 1009a and 1009b were originally interred in a group tomb in another location. When the descendants of this individual attempted to relocate the burial, they likely selected a skull and bundled legs which were spatially near each other, but not from the same individual. The cranial bones were both small in size and contained the weaving pattern present in other juvenile bones, while the femurs indicated normal adult stature and mature bone development.

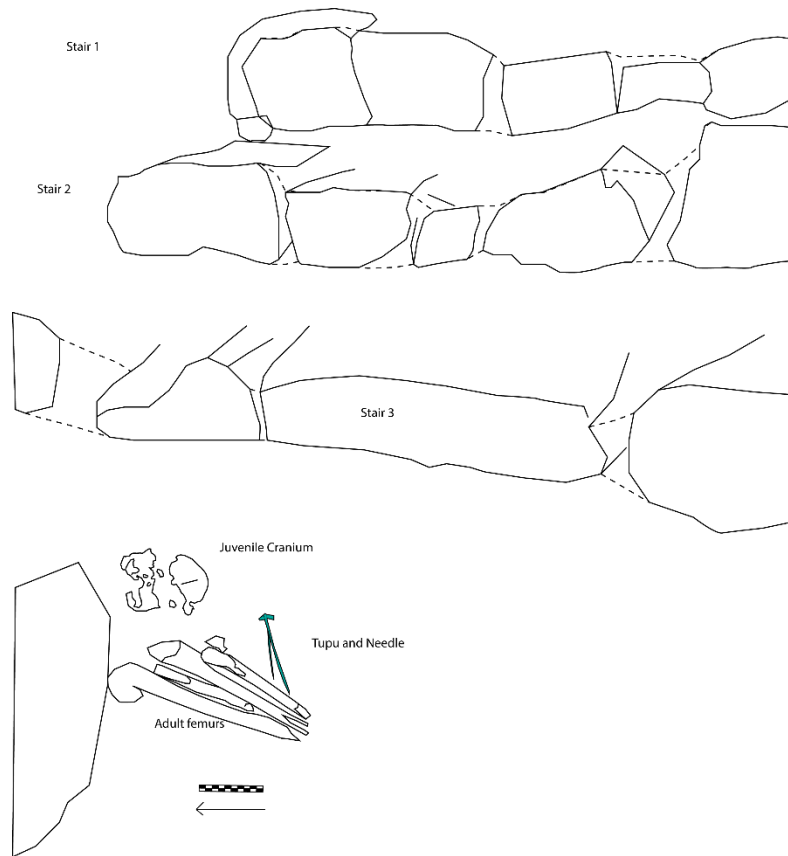


Figure 7.23. Vertical orientation of juvenile cranium, adult leg bones, and tupus.

Individual 1009 actually consisted of two individuals. Directly south of the bundle of legs, we recovered an unorthodox tupu and a sewing needle, suggesting that at least part of this burial consisted of an individual who was female (see Figure 7.24).



Figure 7.24. Top: sewing needle. Bottom: unorthodox tupu.

The interment of juvenile individuals in Early Colonial Period churches is well documented, including the intentional interment of juveniles below the church altar. In his 2013 book on the bioarchaeology of mission cemeteries in La Florida, Stojinowski asserts that subadults occupied a prominent position near the altar. In the cemetery of Guale at Santa Maria, Stojinowski documents a trend in which “the very young (less than five years of age) were buried only in the front row of the church” (2013: 152). Stojinowski suggests that this pattern may hint that subadults occupied a privileged position in death, although he does not provide any further elucidation on the meaning of this trend.

The disturbed burials are indicative of post-interment interaction between the deceased/interred and the living. This practice would have been forbidden by Spanish church authorities, and simultaneously was indicative of Taki Onqoy veneration of ancestors. The final four interments consisted mostly of fragments of individuals, and we were unable to determine

mortuary treatment due to preservation concerns. Disturbed individuals were located throughout the church's interior space.

The first indeterminate individual (907) consisted of only a scapula isolated in the westernmost part of the church. The second indeterminate individual (908) was also located in the western portion of the church with its head to the north and legs to the south. Individual 908 suffered from extremely bad erosion—diagnostic fragments included 22 teeth and small crania fragments from this interment, and we recovered no grave goods. Of the 22 teeth recovered, 6 of the molars were deciduous (baby teeth), affirming that this individual was a child (White et al. categorize child as 3-12 years old, and Gurevitz narrowed this down to between 5-6 years old, plus or minus two years). The young age of the individual may explain the extreme degradation experienced by the bones. We categorized this individual as indeterminate given the presence of only the cranium and teeth, without evidence of long bones.

The next two indeterminate interments were located in the center of the church. The first (Locus 955) contained only a very poorly-preserved cranium. It is likely that this individual was a secondary burial, since we have only a cranium and no other connected human bone. The cranium was situated upside-down, affirming that this interment was either secondary, disturbed, or both. We also did not recover any teeth with this cranium, suggesting that it may have been moved from another location. Due to the small size of the cranium, taken together with the fragility of the remaining bone, we believe this individual was likely a child (3-12 years of age).

The fourth indeterminate burial (Locus 956) shared the same horizontal plane as Individual 955, and was also located in the center of the church. Here, we recovered the remains of a cranium, this time with assorted teeth. The teeth consisted of a mixture of unerupted canines, incisors, and first molars, indicating that this individual was approximately 4-5 years of age plus

or minus one year and thus categorized as a child. We did not recover any postcranial bones for this individual—since in this case we had cranial fragments with an absence of long bone fragments, it is likely that Individual 956 was also secondary. In addition to the cranium and teeth, we also collected a tupu in the same spatial proximity of the bones (Figure 7.25). The tupu, cranium, and teeth seem to be intermixed, however, suggesting that not only was this individual a secondary burial, but also that it was disturbed at a later date.



Figure 7.25. Mixed cranium and dental fragments, with tupu pin in the center.

Disturbed and indeterminate burials are grouped together here because they are similar in the unorthodoxy of their interments. Disturbed burials were recovered throughout all units, suggesting that there was no spatial patterning to those interments which were the foci of kin interaction and repeated post-interment contact. Indeterminate burials were located in the western and central portions of the church, and primarily consisted of body *parts*, including a

scapula and three crania. The indeterminate burials were also children. I suggest there are two possible explanations for the indeterminate burials. First, these burials could have been primary interments which degraded at a rapid rate due to the delicate nature of juvenile bone. Second, these burials could have represented the secondary interments of parts of individuals—since there was a prehispanic Andean focus on saving crania, it is possible that three of these indeterminate burials were unsanctioned intrusions by living Andean kin.

Discussion of Spatial Location and Burial Styles

The Spanish religious center of Iglesiachayoq was a place full of contested practices and competing notions of orthodoxy and heterodoxy. While the recovered mortuary assemblage demonstrated six distinctive types of interment or disinterment (and an indeterminate category), it is critical to highlight that we only excavated 12.5% of the surface area of the church. Our sample is thus not representative of the overall church population, nor of the broader population of Iglesiachayoq as a whole. With this caveat aside, we can still interpret the array of burial practices as part of a spectrum of mortuary treatments in this Taki Onqoy center (Table 7.2.).

| Ind. No. | Location | Style | Orientation | Age | Sex | Grave Goods? | Notes |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 906 | Western | Flexed Primary | S-N | Middle Adult ~35+ | ? | -- | Mandible closed, perhaps elderly |
| 907a | Western | Flexed Primary | NW-SE | Adolescent ~15+/-36 mo | F? | Ceramic teacup, 2 tupu pins | |
| 907b | Western | Indeterminate | -- | -- | ? | | Jumble of arm bones |
| 908 | Western | Flexed Secondary | N-S | Child ~5+/-36mo | ? | | Only crania and teeth |

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|--------------|---------|--------------------|-----|------------------------|----|---------------------------|---|
| 909 | Western | Removed | -- | Child ~4 | ? | 2 tupu pins | |
| 910 | Western | Removed | -- | -- | ? | | Locus refilled with large stones |
| 911 | Western | Extended Primary | E-W | -- | F? | Tupu, 4 Nueva Cadiz beads | Very disturbed, but likely extended |
| 912 | Western | Extended Primary | E-W | Young Adult ~25 | ? | Metal pendant | |
| 913 | Western | Removed | -- | -- | ? | | |
| 914 | Western | Removed | -- | -- | ? | | |
| 915 | Western | Disturbed | E-W | Middle Adult ~35 | ? | | Lower limbs primary, head secondary |
| 955 | Center | Indeterminate | -- | Child ~10 | ? | | Very disturbed, no teeth |
| 956 | Center | Indeterminate | -- | Child ~5+ 36mo | F? | 1 tupu | |
| 958 | Center | Flexed Secondary | E-W | Young Adult | ? | | Possible bundle |
| 960 | Center | Flexed Secondary | E-W | Young Adult | F? | 4 tupu pieces | Possible bundle |
| 962 | Center | Disturbed | -- | Young Adult | ? | | |
| 1005 | Altar | Disturbed | N-S | Child | ? | | Interred partially extended on left side facing the altar |
| 1008 | Altar | Extended Secondary | E-W | Young Adult ~25 | ? | | Head propped up facing altar |
| 1009a | Altar | Disturbed | -- | Child Crania juvenile | F? | Tupu and needle | Juvenile cranium |
| 1009b | Altar | Disturbed | -- | Young Adult postcrania | ? | | Associated with 1009a |
| 1010 | Altar | Extended Primary | E-W | Young Adult ~25 | M | | Stone coffin |

Table 7.2. Summary of data from burial loci at Iglesiachayoq.

There are several notable trends in the burials we recovered, which are distinctive on different levels. In the following discussion, I will hypothesize as to explanations for some of these trends, and discuss select individuals or groups of individuals to highlight my interpretations. There are many ways in which the data from the burials at Iglesiachayoq can be summarized, particularly in regards to the relationships between burial types, sex of burials, burial positioning, ages of burials, and the spatial locations of these interments in the church.

Burial Type and Spatial Location

Overall, the 21 burial loci we excavated broke down into seven basic types of burials uncovered at Iglesiachayoq, shown below in a bar chart (Figure 7.26). I have further broken down the types of burials found in each spatial location (unit) in the church, as can be seen in Figure 7.27.

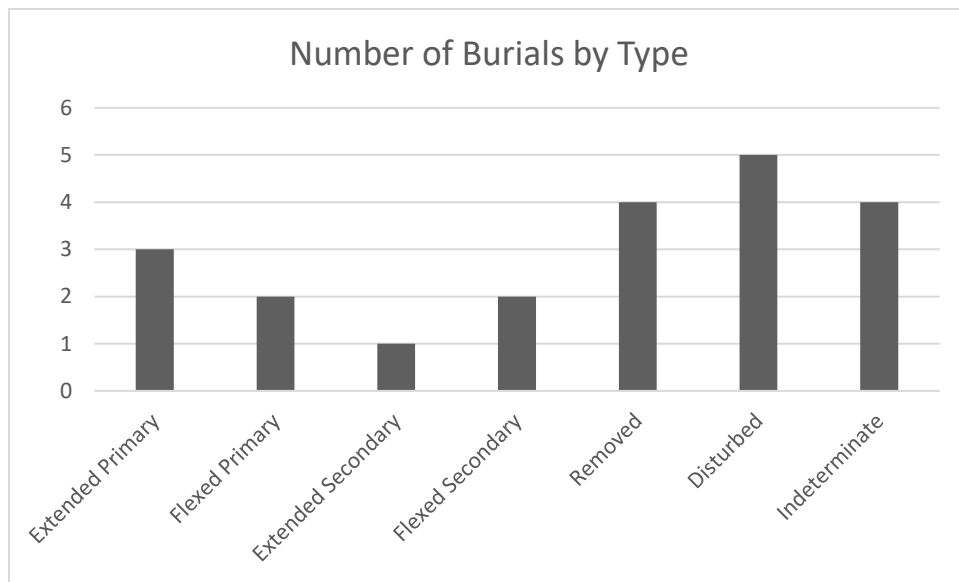


Figure 7.26. Burial type distributions in the church.

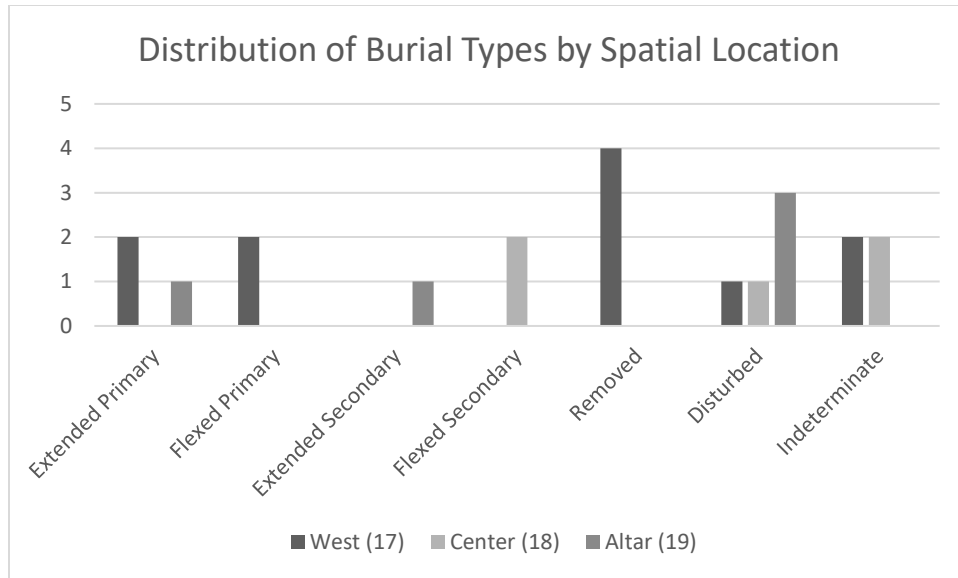


Figure 7.27. Burial types by location.

As is seen in the charts, the most common burial type disturbed (n=5). The justification for the overrepresentation of disturbed burials likely is due to the categorization strategy, which included burials with missing bones, areas where there may have been looting (below the altar), or loci in which the bones did not contain anatomical associations.

The second most common burial type was removed burials (n=4). This number may seem high in relation to the array of other burial types--it makes up 20% of the sample. However, all of the disinterred burials we found were in the unit closest to the western wall. Burial removal has been explicitly linked to both Taki Onqoy and broader idolatrous practices (Doyle 1988; Gose 2008; Saignes 1999). Andean peoples were documented interring their dead in the church by day, and disinterring and relocating these same relatives under the cover of night, in a covert fashion. I argue that burial removal may have been a strategic component of Taki Onqoy—by outwardly conforming to Spanish mandates, Andean peoples secured favorable social and political standing in the eyes of the new authority. However, by removing and reburying their

dead in secret, takiongos would have demonstrated their respect for and belief in huacas and prehispanic Andean traditions. The importance of removed burials in the church is hard to overstate. In the center of the site, the space in which Spanish authorities had the most control and oversight, Iglesiachayoq community members risked severe punishment to make sure their dead had an “Andean” afterlife. Moreover, not only would the Andean agents removing their dead be punished, but the physical bodies of the ancestors they were removing would have been publicly burned, thus preventing a smooth transition into the afterlife (Ramos 2010).

My team and I recovered three examples of primary extended burials, and all were located in sacred spaces beneath the church floor. Since this was the idealized type of burial for the Catholic Church, it would make sense if the majority of burials were of this type. However, because of the early date of the usage of Iglesiachayoq, I suggest that the array of burial types predates Spanish Catholic insistence on extended style in the New World.¹⁰³ There were anomalies in the extended primary burials, however. First, Individual 911 and Individual 912 were buried in the northern portion of the westernmost unit, below the pillar which held the baptismal font. This space would have been sacred for devout Catholics, and thus it is reasonable that two extended burials were found here. However, both individuals were interred with luxury items, including a metal pendant, Nueva Cadiz beads, and a tupu. Second, the extended burial beneath the altar was the only individual interred in a stone sarcophagus. This individual was also the only one which lacked any physical or cultural evidence for indigeneity—there were no shovel incisors or grave goods.

Secondary flexed burials (n=2) were those which had likely been relocated from prehispanic burial places. Both of these interments were oriented toward the altar, suggesting

¹⁰³ For example, in this early phase, the variable nature of the burials is very different from the record at Morrope (Klaus 2008) or in La Florida (Larsen 1993), where most burials were in extended form.

that these individuals had been relocated to the church and interred in Catholic orientation. The intentional removal and relocation of Andean bodies potentially demonstrates a documented tradition of “baptizing the dead,” or, interring previously deceased ancestors in Catholic spaces. Andean individuals could have regularly practiced this in order to ally with the new dominant power. By conforming to Spanish burial norms, Andean peoples demonstrated their support of the church, and would have received social and/or political benefits from this association. However, one of these burials included tupu pins—in this case, Andeans were subtly thwarting strict Catholic laws by providing their ancestors with the clothing and drinking vessels necessary for bodily fulfillment in the afterlife. Alternatively, those Andeans who reinterred deceased ancestors could have been coerced or forced by Spanish authorities to do so. However, church authorities would thus have been in violation of church edicts promoting separation of baptized and unbaptized individuals. A third scenario is also possible in which Catholic church authorities and Andeans were both willing to defer to the others’ traditions, thus creating entangled spaces of interment. Without further investigation (not just at Iglesiachayoq but also at other Early Colonial Period sites and in archival research), I am unable to conclude the intent behind the secondary burials in the central church.

The primary flexed individuals were both recovered in the westernmost unit, though there could have been more in the unexcavated portions of the church. Interestingly, Individual 906 was also the first burial we excavated, the closest to the church floor, had better preservation than most of the burials, and was thus likely one of the last individuals interred given his/her location abutting the western wall of the church. If Individual 906 was indeed one of the last burials interred in Iglesiachayoq, his/her mortuary treatment could mark a return to indigenous burial styles in a somewhat syncretic fashion, and is perhaps indicative of Taki Onqoy. It is important

to note that the Type 2 burials were found in the westernmost portion of the church, the location farthest away from the altar and by proxy, farthest from the area of Catholic importance while still remaining in the church.

In contrast, while primary flexed burials could possibly indicate a form of religious resistance in the face of Spanish authorities, the secondary extended burial constituted the other end of the spectrum. The secondary extended burial was found below the church altar and may have signified a completely different attitude toward Spanish religious beliefs. This individual was brought from a previous resting place and reinterred in the Catholic extended orientation. His/her position in the front of the church below the altar suggests that the descendants of these individuals would have fought for their place of spatial importance.

Age, Gender, and Spatial Context

Although we uncovered 17 individuals at Iglesiachayoq, the disintegrated nature of the skeletal material made identification of biological sex impossible (Agarwal and Wesp 2017).¹⁰⁴ For all individuals, we thus suggest that those interred with tupus may have been female, but we also cannot rule out the possibility that other individuals without tupus were female, nor that the absence of tupus affirmed the individual was male.¹⁰⁵ There were two individuals in the westernmost region and two individuals in the center region who were interred with tupus and thus were likely female. I am not comfortable making an overarching claim about gender

¹⁰⁴ Though bioarchaeologists actually work with “gray areas” more than the biological sex dichotomy would suggest, it is only in recent literature that these scientists have begun to acknowledge the “actual existence of less certainty and less dualism than the folk model that grounds the western dichotomous gender system in two natural sexes” (Joyce 2017: 2).

¹⁰⁵ This separation between male and female based on both biological determination and cultural markers of gender identity are both false constructs, and I am currently thinking through ways to step outside of the normalized dichotomy. aDNA and mtDNA testing is ongoing—if we find evidence of biologically male individuals interred with tupus, then this suggests the interment of nonbinary genders, a phenomenon which has been documented previously in the Colonial Period Andes (Horswell 2005).

patterning in church burials, however, given our small sample size and inability to confirm gender hypotheses with skeletal data.

We have a much better data set for the age of individuals interred in the church. For most individuals, we were able to either collect teeth, or judge the age at the time of death through the quality of the remaining bone. In order to understand the age distribution of the recovered individuals, Gurevitz followed the models of Buikstra and Ubelaker (1994) and White et al. (2013) (Table 7.3). Of the 17 individuals, we were only able to determine age estimates for 16.

| Age Classification (Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994; White et al. 2012) | Unit 17 | Unit 18 | Unit 19 | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Fetus (before birth) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Infant (0-3 years) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Child (3-12 years) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Adolescent (12-20 years) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Young Adult (20-35 years) | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Middle Adult (35-50 years) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Old Adult (50+ years) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 6 | 5 | 4 | 16 |

Table 7.3. Age breakdown of individuals at Iglesiachayoq.

When disaggregating the burials by age and compare them with burial location, the following pattern emerges (Figure 7.28):

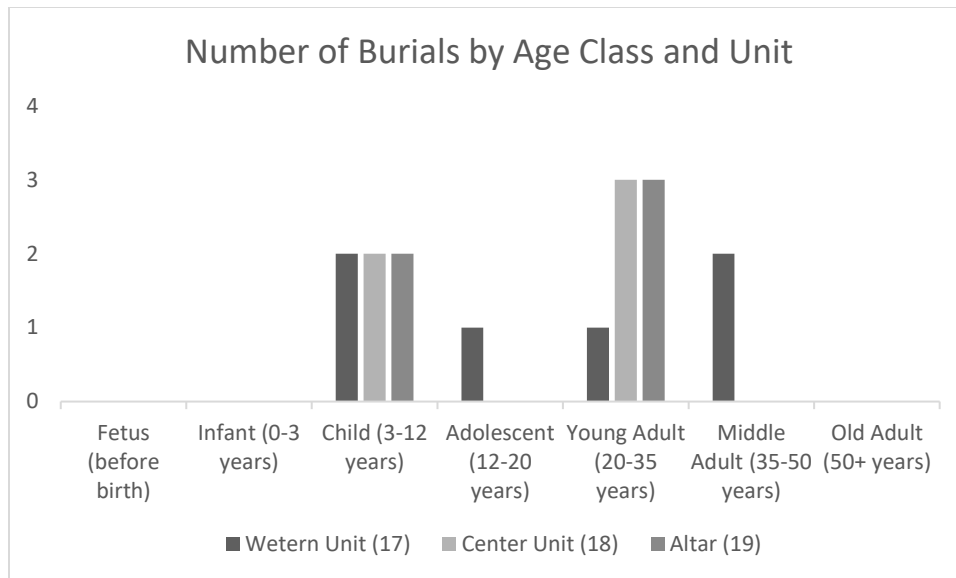


Figure 7.28. Number of Burials by age class and unit.

As one can be seen from the chart, the altar area (in gray), which would have been reserved for important individuals, had two juveniles and three young adults interred below it. There were two middle adults in our sample, and both were interred in the westernmost portion of the church away from the altar. There were seven young adults in the sample, and these were distributed throughout all of the units. The lack of “old adult” individuals indicates several possible scenarios: first, the absence of old adults could signify broader health problems in the overall population of Iglesiachayoq such that individuals were not living to old ages in general. Second, the lack of older individuals could also demonstrate a difference in burial treatment; older individuals may have lived both prior to and throughout the conquest and sought burial treatment elsewhere. Third, the sample may have simply lacked old adults because of the locations of units, or the remains of these individuals did not preserve well.¹⁰⁶

¹⁰⁶ Indeed, the poor preservation of very young and very old individuals can be greatly affected by pH levels in soil. See Walker, Johnson, and Lambert 1988.

Excavations in the central church at Iglesiachayoq recovered a total of six children (3-12 years of age) and one adolescent (12-20 years of age). These seven individuals were relatively evenly distributed throughout the church. Of the seven burials, three were indeterminate, two were disturbed, one was removed, and one was primary flexed. I hypothesize that some of the burials which were deemed as indeterminate or disturbed may have been due to the compounding factors of general poor site preservation, and the possibility of greater degradation associated with juvenile remains (Beauchesne and Agarwal 2018; Gordon and Buikstra 1981; Walker, Johnson, and Lambert 1988,). We believe this hypothesis is supported by the taphonomy of juvenile burials in general and the fact that this site was only briefly occupied after Spanish arrival. It is logical that juvenile individuals would be present in the church at elevated levels since survival rates for juveniles in history are low and children were often primary targets of evangelization. Thus, we would expect children to be interred underneath the church. We do not know if the children were buried coercively, willingly, or some combination of the two, but we can suggest that children were central to the Spanish's introduction and indoctrination into the Catholic faith and overall acceptance of Spanish authority (Stojanowski 2013).

Secondary Burials

In all, we confidently identified three secondary burials, two secondary flexed individuals in the center, and one secondary extended individual beneath the altar. These interments prompt several questions, particularly regarding the negotiation of these individuals in the church. In the eyes of the Catholic Church, unbaptized individuals were not to be interred in the church with baptized individuals, while baptized individuals were *supposed* to be interred in the church (Vargas Ugarte 1951). If all baptized individuals were to be interred in the church at this time,

then the secondary interment of these three individuals suggests that they were unbaptized. Why would the living reinter their ancestors from their original resting places into the church? This practice would not only make it more difficult for the ancestor population to interact with this kin, but it would also deny kinsmen a physical locator of social memory of identity. In reintering these individuals into the new Catholic space, familial members would have been forced to rupture portions of local memory and identity. The reinternment of skeletal bundles beneath the church can be interpreted in two possible scenarios. First, living ancestors actively chose to reinter their ancestors beneath the church in order to gain prestige or obey Spanish religious authorities and/or to claim a space for their lineage within the new religion. Conversely, the bundles may have been “captured” by the Spanish and were reinterred as part of a “forced baptism” of the ancestors. This second interpretation seems unlikely, however, as baptizing a dead body would have meant performing the very living/dead interactions which Spanish authorities viewed as idolatrous.

Individual 1010

Individual 1010 was a primary extended burial found in a stone sarcophagus which consisted of two courses of stones and sealed with five flat stone slabs on top, forming a stone coffin or tomb in front of the altar. This burial is notable because it is the *only* individual with no indigenous biological (shovel incisors) or cultural (grave goods, tupus, positioning) markers. Due to the elaborate mortuary treatment of this individual, we hypothesize that he/she was an attendant priest of Iglesiachayoq, or someone of high church standing. We are currently performing aDNA and isotopic analyses in order to test this more conclusively.

Transforming Identities: Extended Burials in the Western Area of the Church

Individuals 911 and 912 were primary extended burials following Catholic tradition which were recovered with the richest grave goods of any of the burials. Individual 911 was recovered with both a tupu and colonial era Nueva Cadiz beads (Smith and Good 1982; Wernke 2013). The terminal production of these beads dates to the 1550s, and the beads have been shown to be some of the earliest artifacts brought from Europe. Individual 912, located just south of 911, was interred with a metal pendant, and had most of his/her teeth present giving us an age of ~25 and demonstrating shoveled incisors. We conclude that individuals 911 and 912 were both likely indigenous, as demonstrated by biological and cultural markers, but buried in Catholic tradition and containing evidence of colonial contact and connection. The shoveled incisors suggest Individual 912 was indigenous, while the combination of the tupu and Nueva Cadiz beads affirms an intermixing of cultural artifacts.

Readdressing Hypotheses

To close this chapter, I revisit the hypotheses I generated in earlier sections. My general hypothesis regarding mortuary practice at Iglesiachayoq was as follows:

If the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic mandates in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of burial position, burial goods, and disinterment or interaction with interred bodies.

My archaeological excavations in the church at Iglesiachayoq demonstrated a wide array of burial practices which were in contrast to the idealized mortuary treatments put forth by the First Council of Lima. We only recovered three primary extended individuals—these individuals were located in sacred spaces within the church (below the Holy water and the altar), and I

suggest these were examples of Andean converts.¹⁰⁷ Beyond the three primary extended burials, we recovered one other extended individual below the altar, although this interment was secondary. These extended burials all signified orthodox Catholic practice vis a vis mortuary treatment. However, the vast majority of interments beneath the church floor at Iglesiachayoq were unorthodox or heterodox. I argue that inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were subverting or ignoring Catholic burial traditions, or that these Andeans were attempting to adapt to Catholic mandates and were acting independently of a Spanish authority. A third possibility could be that the Spanish priest which attended Iglesiachayoq did not demand uniformity in burial practices. Materially, this divergence from Catholic traditions manifested materially through the flexed primary and secondary burials, the evidence of interactions with the deceased, the inclusions of grave goods, and most significantly, burial removal.

Since Albornoz listed burial removal as a practice indicative of Taki Onqoy, I support the hypothesis that removed burials are clear evidence of the religious revitalization movement. This conclusion is far more compelling when paired with the findings of household excavations, which recovered no clear evidence for rejection of Spanish goods. Taking the two chapters together, then, my findings at Iglesiachayoq create a paradox: in private areas away from the religious center in Sector 1, there was no clear indication of Taki Onqoy, as manifested through the rejection of Spanish goods. However, it is in the area with (nominally) the most Spanish oversight—the church—in which we see the greatest variety of unorthodox practices which directly relate to how Taki Onqoy was performed at Iglesiachayoq.

¹⁰⁷ See Appendix D for isotope and carbón dating—Isotope data confirmed that all of those interred beneath the church were consuming the same diet prior to death, so I hypothesize that all were local individuals.

Conclusion

Although the sample of burial loci was relatively small, my excavations at Iglesiachayoq can provide preliminary data regarding the array of burial treatments—and by extension, a diversity of intra-community orientations regarding mortuary practice—in the Early Colonial Period. The Spanish Catholic church at Iglesiachayoq visually dominates the settlement, and would have been the locus in which Spanish religious authorities had the most control and oversight. Nonetheless, in this place of ideological importance, we find the most evidence for a spectrum of resistive practices in burial style and positioning. Because the dead and the treatment of the dead were ideological dimensions so critical to Andean peoples, many went to great lengths in order to insure the protection of their ancestors after death. By completing practices which reflected Andean traditions (flexed positioning, burial goods, burial direction, burial removal), local peoples were demonstrating their respect for their native traditions.

Taki Onqoy was a movement in which local preachers advocated for the rejection of Spanish tradition in favor of a return to prehispanic huaca worship. I suggest that Andean peoples caught between these two extremes could not simply choose to follow one or the other and hope that they selected the “winning” side. Instead, I believe Andean peoples took a variety of stances in their negotiation of indigenous and Spanish religious traditions. As we can see from the burial data, some individuals interred their dead in deliberate Catholic extended style, with heads to the west and feet to the east. On the other side of the spectrum, some individuals interred their ancestors, only to remove them at a later point in time. Andean peoples likely practiced aspects of both Taki Onqoy and Catholicism—in doing so, they could navigate both poles of control. The diverse array of burial practices asserts that while bodies may have been

spatially interred in a Catholic center, the physical placement of the body often conformed to Andean beliefs.

As discussed in previous chapters, I do not find evidence of ruptures in daily life which suggests Taki Onqoy had a massive effect on sixteenth century Andeans. Indeed, the sparse quantity of Spanish authorities led to a material imprint that was very faint in the first decades after the conquest. That is, Old World pottery, animals, crops, and material traditions did not become commonplace in the archaeological record until their presence was established. Thus, the continuity of prehispanic daily practices in the immediate aftermath of the conquest is expected. However, it is within the critical religious and ideological place—the church—where I find variance consistent with Taki Onqoy. While Andean peoples may have attended church services, they still interred or disinterred their dead in heterodox ways which were distinctly Andean.

CHAPTER 8

SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF VISIBILITY AND WALKING PATHS AT IGLESIACHAYOQ

The previous two chapters presented aspects of the recovered data which demonstrate clear variations in household and burial practices at Iglesiachayoq. Domestic assemblages showed inconsistent incorporation or rejection of Spanish cultural practices and materials, though no clear discrepancy could be discerned between Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period assemblages. There were few definite or obvious changes in consumption, ceramic traditions, and daily practices during the Late Horizon and throughout the Early Colonial Period at Iglesiachayoq. The exceptions to this trend were located in household excavations in Sector 1 (the Spanish ritual center), which had a higher proportion of Old World foodstuffs and artifacts which are contextually consistent with the sixteenth century. Similarly, mortuary remains excavated from beneath the central church also demonstrated variations in practices in mortuary treatments, reflecting a range of interments—traditional Catholic-style burial (primary extended), traditional Andean highland-style (primary flexed with a range of orientations in relation to the altar), secondary burials in both Spanish and Andean styles, interaction with burials, disturbed burials, and finally, removed burials. What could account for the continuity in domestic assemblages and the proliferation of change in mortuary contexts?

At its core, Taki Onqoy was a movement fraught with ambiguity and contradiction—it was both anti-Catholic, yet its framework was influenced by Catholic tenets. It preached the rejection of Catholic and Spanish goods and traditions, yet many of the female leaders of Taki Onqoy took Catholic names such as Mary and Magdalena. While Molina and Albornoz described Taki Onqoy as a covert movement, its main practice—dancing—was performative and required several days of drinking and fasting. How can the archaeological record provide

material insight into a movement which was laden with these contradictions, and whose main performative practice was ephemeral? Specifically, this chapter addresses the final hypothesis to be examined in this dissertation:

If Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement, evidence of the materials associated with its performance will be uncovered in private areas away from central religious spaces. If there are public spaces of Taki Onqoy performances, these will be located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices.

In this chapter, I consider how spatial structures—visibility and invisibility, and proximity to sacred landscape features or distance from the Spanish church—can aide inference of Taki Onqoy and Catholic spatial practices. I will first discuss visibility and sacred landscape, and then briefly summarize the distribution of structures and sectors, denoting areas which were more associated with local ceramics and locations. Next, I will show how spatial analysis methods (Viewsheds and Spatial Network Analysis) can model places of *invisibility* and local and Spanish movement through the various spaces at Iglesiachayoq. By combining these two methods, I aim to understand what daily life was like for local people at Iglesiachayoq in two contrasting ways—a static approach which analyzes specific visibilities from fixed points at Iglesiachayoq, and a dynamic approach which explores travel through a landscape.

For both of these analyses, I consider variation in the spatial organization not only among the different sectors of the settlement, but also specific buildings (determined as anomalous in their domestic assemblages), open spaces (central plaza, upper plaza), areas of sacred importance (the church or proposed Taki Onqoy spaces), and, more broadly, potential differences between structure types. In this way, I hope to gain an understanding not only of how Spanish authorities

may have manipulated the spaces of daily interaction and ritual, and also how local peoples resisted these transformations during Taki Onqoy.

Taki Onqoy Spaces and Catholic Spaces

The primary source documents which discuss Taki Onqoy provide little information as to *where* the ritual drinking and dancing occurred at the site-level, and the witnesses who describe these rituals often provide contrasting accounts. Moreover, the physical spaces where Taki Onqoy was performed changed over its lifetime and were variable between different settlements. In the earliest account from 1564, the letter from Guerrero to Luis de Olvera (Chapter 2), *takiongos* are described as climbing to mountain peaks and other places of importance in the landscape which were venerated as *huacas*. It was at these remote locations where Taki Onqoy rituals were performed, thus allowing the movement to remain underground for the initial years of its existence. During the 1570s, when Taki Onqoy was understood as a distinctive idolatrous phenomenon by Spanish extirpation priests, the documents affirm that these dances were undertaken in circular outdoor enclosures which were explicitly constructed as Taki Onqoy spaces (Albornoz 1990: 191, Molina 2010). Finally, in the 1580s and 1590s, after the active campaigns of Albornoz, the movement is described as being driven underground, and accounts suggest that the movement's performative aspects were enacted within domestic households (Álvarez 1998: 126-127).

With these contradictions in descriptions of the physical spaces of Taki Onqoy performances, I suggest it is useful to broaden the frameworks within which we interpret these places. It would be an impossible task to excavate every household, outdoor space, and sacred mountain top at or around *Iglesiachayoq*. However, advances in GIS and spatial analysis allow for the modeling of potential spaces of Taki Onqoy performances. Specifically, I utilize two

analytical concepts to model where these performances may have occurred: visibility and invisibility, and proximity to Spanish and Taki Onqoy sacred landscapes, as considered through pathways and walking time.

Visibility and Invisibility

Taki Onqoy was described by multiple priests as a covert movement (Albornoz 1990; Álvarez 1998; Gose 2008). These priests and witnesses were alarmed at their collective impression that the movement had arisen—fully formed—so rapidly, thus leading them to conclude that Taki Onqoy had been practiced in hidden places at carefully-planned times when Spanish authorities were absent. Punishments for Taki Onqoy practices were harsh and swift (Chapter 2), and involved physical violence (whipping), symbolic embarrassment (shaving of heads, hats), and forced attendance at Catholic rites (Albornoz 1990). Yet, Taki Onqoy rituals often lasted several days—they were not ephemeral, rapid performances which were complete in the span of an afternoon. They were likely important community events. Since these performances were lengthy and yet, seemingly clandestine, I suggest that they were enacted in spaces which were less visible to Spanish authorities. In this chapter, I use notions of visibility and invisibility to model spaces where Taki Onqoy performances may have occurred. To address this spectrum of visibility, I utilize viewshed analyses at Iglesiachayoq.

Measures of visibility as assessed through viewshed analyses have become a common method in the archaeological toolkit, and have been used to address a number of theoretical questions such as visual connectivity (Lake and Ortega 2013), visibility in the structuration of sacred landscapes (Bongers et al. 2012), or even phenomenological understandings of visual perception (Tilley 2010). Viewshed analyses display a rather simple visible/not visible map

which has been refined according to “manipulation of view angles and parameters, fuzziness, visual acuity, visual prominence, horizon delineation, and 3D visibility modeling” (Gilling 2015: 1).¹⁰⁸ Yet, the rise of viewshed model modification has not concomitantly inspired theoretical diversification (Gillings 2017). Archaeologists still use visibility as a dominant characteristic for assessing the importance of sites, features, and interconnectivity.

Notably under-utilized is the application of viewshed analyses to address *invisibility*. With an emphasis on seeing and being seen, viewshed studies have largely neglected desires for seclusion, privacy, or the necessity for being unseen (Gillings 2015). In his 2015 article, Gillings applies viewshed analysis models to assess non-intrusive prehistoric megalithic monuments, concluding that the monuments were “neither visually prominent or show any evidence of being concealed, hidden, or deliberately tucked out of view” (Gillings 2015:13). Gillings conducts these analyses largely as an example of how they could be applied, and he takes a regional view of the monuments. Building off of his study, I use visibility and invisibility to model spaces for future investigation, and as an analytical tool to explore which areas of Iglesiachayoq might have been more beneficial to takiongos who sought privacy and seclusion in order to avoid potential punishment. In addressing the final research question regarding where Taki Onqoy was performed, I hypothesized that if Taki Onqoy was clandestine (as suggested in documents), then evidence of the materials associated with its performance would be uncovered in spaces which were less visible to Spanish authorities.

Proximity to Sacred Landscapes

¹⁰⁸ See Bernardini et al. 2013, De Reu et al. 2011, and Ogburn 2006 for examples of these.

In addition to the notion of covertness or invisibility, Taki Onqoy performances were also intended to reestablish connections to a prehispanic pantheon of huacas, while simultaneously explicitly avoiding Catholic spaces (Chapter 2). As discussed in Chapter 2, initial Taki Onqoy rituals were performed at the sacred places of landscape huacas, often at mountain peaks, streams, lakes, rock outcrops, etc. It is thus likely that in addition to being performed in places invisible to Spanish religious authorities, Taki Onqoy rituals also were enacted in places associated with prehispanic landscapes, and further from Catholic spaces. I thus suggest that Taki Onqoy dances would be located in places which were clearly connected with local traditions and simultaneously explicitly detached from places of Catholic or Spanish importance. In order to model where these places might be located, I utilize a Spatial Network Analysis, which measures movement throughout a defined network of pathways.

Spatial Network Analysis (SNA) allows modeling of movement through the built environment of any landscape (Cooper 2017; Entwisle 1997; Wheatley and Gillings 2002; Wernke 2012, 2013, and 2017). Although SNA is most commonly used in modern urban planning, the tool has more recently been employed by archaeologists to map past movement and changes in access to various areas of sites. For example, in the Peruvian Andes, Wernke has demonstrated that Spanish restructuring of the built spaces at the site of Malata (Colca Valley, Peru) routed traffic away from the Inka ceremonial center of the site and toward the Spanish Catholic center of the site, despite the two regions being spatially near one another (Wernke 2012). The site of Malata is directly comparable to Iglesiachayoq—both are small (80-90 structures) settlements with Inka and Catholic public and ritual spaces which are near in proximity to one another. Additionally, Iglesiachayoq and Malata both have standing architecture, allowing for the clear discernment of accessways, pathways, and walls at both sites.

Building on Wernke’s work at Malata, my own work at Iglesiachayoq considers past pathways and accessways as potential areas of movement—spaces where individuals could move *through* an environment. In contrast, walls, other structures, and environmental barriers such as steep rock faces or impassable boulders were considered to be impedances which helped shape movement by leading people to move *around* these obstacles. Doorways and walls were assumed to be guiding factors in shaping movement—that is, people likely moved through doorways instead of climbing over walls.

Built Environment and Architectural Styles at Iglesiachayoq

Since I have already provided a full description of sectors and structure types in Chapter 6, I will provide a spatial history and discussion of architectural masonry styles here. As discussed previously, the occupation at Iglesiachayoq spans from the Late Horizon through the Early Colonial Period, until the people were relocated to the reducciones of either Soras or Larcay. Within the site layout, it is possible to discern broad differences between construction periods, with Sectors 1 and 2 containing the shortest occupations and most recent built constructions, and Sector 3 marking the oldest portion of the site.

The Central Church Complex (Sector 1)

Although there has been little work completed at Iglesiachayoq, the two scholars who have invested time surveying the site—Meddens (1985) and Mallco (2013) both categorize the site as being constructed during the Late Horizon, as suggested by the Inka cut-stone masonry in several structures. For example, in his 2013 article, Mallco suggests that the large central rectangular structure “because of its dimensions and the form it has, the population have deemed

it a church, from which the name Iglesiachayoq is derived, but in reality the residence is a kallanka which pertains to the Inka epoch” (Mallco 2013: 227).¹⁰⁹ Although Mallco is correct in that the church does share the proper dimensions as a typical kallanka, I suggest that he is focused on categorizing sites according to architectural canons which have been used as markers of “Inka.” He thus does not consider the possibilities of a colonial occupation at Iglesiachayoq. Meddens is slightly more cautious in his description of Iglesiachayoq, despite excavating a “few” test pits at the site. Like my own experience at the site, Meddens found a low density of surface ceramic, and that which he did recover he considers Late Horizon or Early Colonial. Meddens goes on to say that “the largest rectangular building may be of early colonial date (pers. Comm. J.H. Rowe), whereas some of the others, like the ones with polygonal ashlar masonry, date to the Late Horizon” (Meddens 1985: 103).

Albornoz’s documentary account and my own archaeological research at Iglesiachayoq support Meddens’ proposal that the site consists of a mixture of Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period structures. Albornoz attests that those takiongos punished for their idolatrous practices were put to work constructing the church here. There are two significant conclusions which can be drawn from Albornoz’s account regarding church construction: first, this suggests that the church was constructed *as a church*, and was not a kallanka which was later converted into a church. Excavation results confirm this conclusion, as my team and I encountered a stratigraphy which consisted of fill with few ceramic fragments in the upper levels of excavation, then burials, and finally, sterile soil which was nearly impossible to remove. Excavation results from the church, then, contrast with excavations of other kallankas at contemporary sites. For

¹⁰⁹ Translated from: “Por la dimension y la forma que tiene los pobladores lo denominan como iglesia, de alli proviene el nombre de Iglesiachayoq; en realidad el recinto es una kallanka que pertenece a la época Inka y se encuentra en buen estado de conservación, solo las paredes cerca de los accesos presentan derrumbes” (Mallco 2013: 227), translation mine.

example, at Huánuco Pampa, Morris et al. report that in their excavations of kallankas, they recovered intense food preparation areas, ash lenses, secondary activities indicated by spindle whorls and needles, musical instruments, and abundant ceramic material (2011: 43-45). Had the church at Iglesiachayoq been originally conceived of as a kallanka, I would have expected to find evidence of diverse activities ranging from food preparation to ceremonial events and other assorted contexts. Notably, in my research on kallanka excavations, I have not found any examples of multiple burials beneath the surface.

Second, Albornoz suggests that as part of the takiongos' punishment, they were conscripted to assist in construction on the local church. The church masonry is clearly in the style of other local structures at the site, with large base stones at the bottom supporting roughly dressed fieldstone, which is finally covered with stucco. On the western wall of the church, this stucco was decorated with black, cream, and red paints and likely once depicted a mural. In the eastern altar, there are three low steps leading up to a flat space, and the eastern wall contains an altar niche as well—these features are characteristic of church construction at this time period. The four interior corners each contain two diagonal wooden braces, which likely were placed to enhance the stability of the structure. The construction of the outside corners of the church are modified angular blocks, again very similar to the other structures with angular corners at the site. Finally, although the church contains no niches consistent with Inka construction styles, it does have three rectangular windows on each long axis, as well as two circular apertures, one in each of the short axis gables. When considering all of the characteristics of the church and comparing them with other structures at the site, as well as other contemporaneous local or Inka

structures, it is likely that local individuals were heavily involved in both the design and realization of this structure.¹¹⁰

It is reasonable to conclude that community individuals constructed the central church at Iglesiachayoq—there would not have been enough of a permanent Spanish presence at the site to completely oversee the project. Instead, Spanish authorities likely tasked the local population with constructing the church, and then this population was given leeway to erect the building utilizing local traditions of construction. Archaeological investigation and architectural analysis thus are consistent with Albornoz’s account which suggests that local individuals were *actively* invested in constructing the *new* church.

The church’s construction and placement in the built environment are both critical to examine in order to understand its desired function within the site, as well as how the structure incorporated Spanish and local traditions. As Moore writes, “Architecture is more than a passive product of potential later investment; it reflects other dimensions of public life and in turn, helps shape the nature of social interaction” (1996: 3). The architectural styles influence the overall ritual experience—accessways can funnel individuals to certain spaces and the altar can impart a feeling of sanctity given its elevated location within the church. Similarly, the church’s overall location within the built environment can provide clues as to prehispanic practices and Spanish attempts at physical dominance of local places on the landscape. In some cases, colonial religious structures were deliberately located atop spaces of indigenous religious importance, or incorporated aspects of the indigenous sacred landscape. As Lara writes, “keeping existing shrines intact allowed the Spanish to bring people to God in a familiar place” (Lara 2008: 20).

¹¹⁰ So much so that my own excavation team thought that the structure could have dated to the Late Horizon initially because the construction styles were identical.

There are several examples of Spanish church construction deliberately placed atop Inka structures, a literal physical dominance of the previous religious order.¹¹¹ As Abraham points out, however, placing a church on top of an Inka or local structure is not the same as constructing a church which includes aspects of local religious architecture (Abraham 2017:220; Rosenfeld and Bautista et al. 2017). Moreover, indigenous religious practices did not always require a specific sacred structure, but rather the spaces where people worshiped were imbued with meaning through dance, chanting, and music.

The church at Iglesiachayoq differs from other churches at this time in greater Peru. For example, in the Colca Canyon, Wernke documents several churches and chapels at *doctrinas* which were of a much smaller scale than at Iglesiachayoq, and which were constructed with the access on the short axis, and a hexagonal altar area (Wernke 2013:168-175). The idealized church construction plan imported from Europe, however, included a cruciform floor plan with both an apse and a nave, with the altar situated toward the east, where Jesus would rise (Abraham 2017: 231). In contrast to either of these floorplans, the church at Iglesiachayoq is fully rectangular, with no apse and only one long solo nave, 33m x 9m. Although the church at this site does not follow typical canons, it is remarkably similar to other churches in the Huamanga and Apurímac regions.¹¹² For example, the church of San Cristóbal de Pampachiri has only one solo nave and measures 35m x 8m. In addition, the church of San Juan Bautista constructed above the Inka ruins at Vilcashuaman shares these same dimensions. All three churches are oriented with the long axis running east/northeast to south/southwest (Barnes 1993: 7). Perhaps, then, in this region rife with Taki Onqoy practitioners, the church construction style

¹¹¹ For examples see Huaytara, Vilcashuaman, and the Santo Domingo convent in Cuzco.

¹¹² I would also argue that given the paucity of archaeological investigation into the Early Colonial Period, there is no cohesive “standard” construction style for these very early churches.

took on a distinct local form, while still conforming to the proper orientations dictated by the Spanish.

The church at Iglesiachayoq seems to have been inserted into the sacred built environment at the center of the site. The church dominates this sector of the site, and has both a circular plaza upon which it opens, as well as an anterior plaza behind the church. These spaces located adjacent to church construction were often used as overflow burial spaces once the interior of the church was full (Ramos 2010). Beyond utilizing this large space, the construction of the church effectively blocked off the kuraka house (Figure 8.1). The entrance to the church is located to the north, while the entrance to the kuraka house is to the south, and they are situated adjacent to one another, such that the kuraka would not have been able to see church activities from his home. A small wall was also assembled physically separating the kuraka house from the church, clearly dividing the space to create two distinct areas of use.

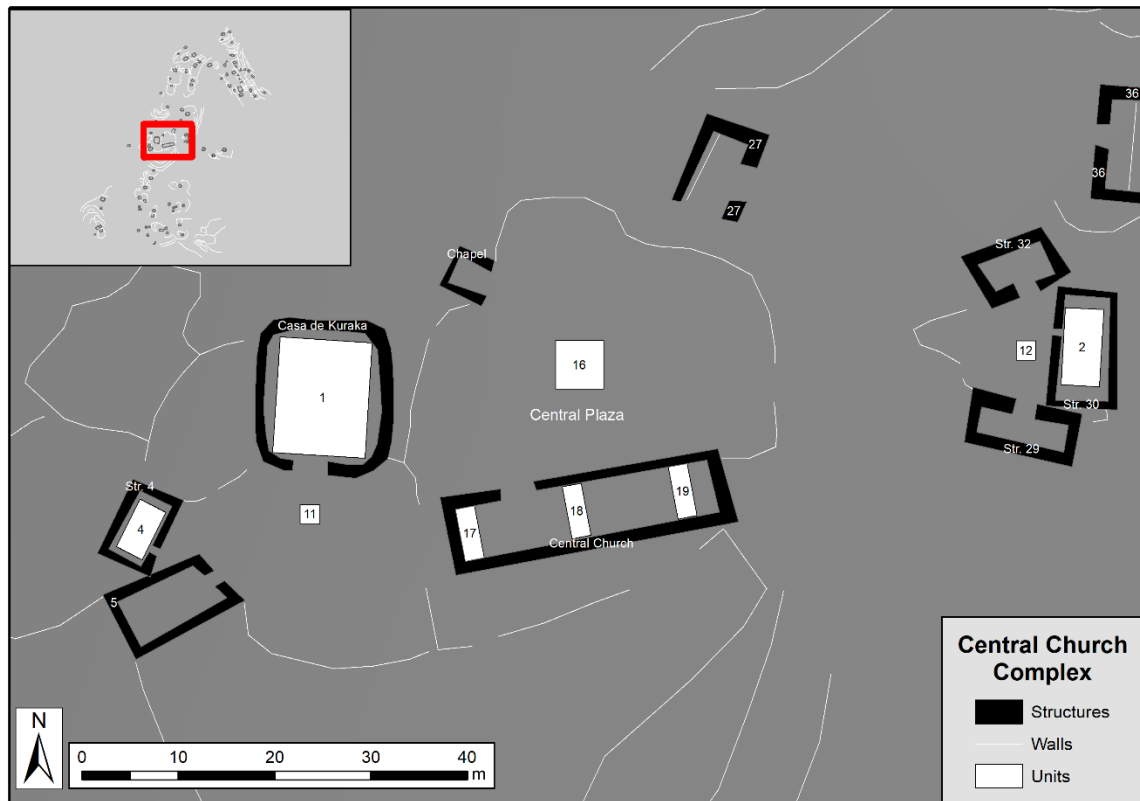


Figure 8.1. Map of central church complex with structures and plaza mentioned in the text.

This low wall continues mostly uninterrupted, encircling the entire plaza with the exception of two accessways (one to the east and one to the west), and a small 5m x 5m rectangular structure with squared corners (Structure 003). This small, symmetrical structure appears to have been an associated chapel—its entrance opens onto the church plaza, and its form is consistent with chapels in other parts of the Andes (Wernke 2013).

Lastly, the church complex was likely associated with eight out of the nine rectangular structures with squared corners other than the church itself. To the northeast of the church and central plaza, there is a small complex of three structures surrounded by a privacy wall (see

Chapter 6 Unit 2, Structures 029, 030, 032). These structures were constructed such that their entrances faced one another and opened up onto a shared common space. The privacy wall has only one access, which is located in the western portion of the complex, facing the central church. These three structures were the closest residential structures, and would have had visibility and easy access to all church activities. Excavations in one of these structures (Chapter 6) revealed two very shallow occupation levels, and recovered a mixture of domestic artifacts such as lithic tools, grindstones, and ceramic from both the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period. The size of the structures within this complex, the short occupation period, and the restricted access to the complex suggest that these structures were built at a later date than most areas of the rest of the site, and that they may have been occupied, at least periodically, by elite individuals, or Catholic authorities or practitioners.

One last notable feature of the central church complex was Structure 004, a small rectangular structure with squared corners which was used for extensive food and drink preparation. Because of the comparative well-preserved contexts of this structure, it likely suffered much wall collapse at a relatively early date. Structure 004 had several enormous rimmed-vessels, likely used for either food prep or storage. There was a concentrated burning lens which contained the remains of a juvenile camelid, as well as burned maize (Chapter 6 Unit 4). Given the large size of the vessels in conjunction with the broad hearth, it is apparent that those who were utilizing this structure were preparing food and drink on a scale beyond the nuclear family. I suggest that this structure, then, was associated with activities in the central plaza and church.

In sum, the built environment of this central church complex extended beyond the church and central plaza. The architectural form of the church corresponds to other churches in this

region, while the masonry of the church aligns with local construction styles. This suggests that those who constructed the church were local, but also mapping onto church forms in the greater region. Finally, the spatial layout of the church complex can give clues into the rearrangement of space post-conquest. The church and many of the rectangular structures were likely additions to this central sector, and they effectively shifted the layout of the built environment to detract from the spatial dominance of the kuraka house. By constructing a low plaza wall and dividing the kuraka house from the church, the postconquest spatial layout shifted the focus of the site to the church, and set this complex apart from the rest of the sectors.

The Upper Prehispanic Plaza Complex (Sector 3)

The southwestern sector of the site (Sector 3) contains the deepest occupation levels, and artifact assemblages confirm the more “localized” nature of deposits in this area. Most strikingly, there is a semi-circular plaza in this area of Iglesiachayoq, which was constructed by incorporating boulders and large fieldstones into the natural hillside (Figure 8.2). The “prehispanic plaza,” as I am calling it, resembles an amphitheater with its inset construction style. This plaza is walled on all sides and can be accessed only by specific entrances toward the east, west, and south. Furthermore, it occupies the highest point in the southwestern sector of Iglesiachayoq, and so foot traffic from the church and central plaza could be easily monitored by those in the local plaza. Supported by archaeological evidence from domestic excavations in this area of the site, I suggest that this prehispanic plaza corresponds with descriptions of the outdoor enclosures constructed for Taki Onqoy dancing, as affirmed by Albornoz. Other sites such as Torata Alta have similar built environment features: for example, Rice writes that “the walls of structures at Torata Alta frequently incorporated sizable boulders, which calls to mind the well-

known Inka veneration of rocks and stone outcrops, many of which are large and elaborately carved” (Rice 2012: 22). Similarly, the upper plaza walls integrate carved boulders within the built space.



Figure 8.2. Prehispanic plaza in southern sector (Sector 3). Notice the large boulders incorporated into the built environment, photo looking north.

There is only one structure associated with this upper plaza, which is a 6.45m diameter ovoid structure, whose only accessway opens northward into the upper plaza. Excavation units placed in both the plaza and the circular structure did not recover the typical indicators of household activities (Chapter 6, Units 8 and 15). In the circular structure, there was very little ceramic, and that which was recovered was incredibly fragmentary and difficult to identify. Some of the larger boulders incorporated into the wall construction of this structure had dark discoloration, suggesting they had been exposed to multiple burning events. However, no concentrated hearth or faunal remains were recovered in this structure. It may be that these large boulders were reminiscent of the burning events described by Rice 2012 at Torata Alta, in which she argues that “what is particularly striking is that in six residences, hearths were positioned at

the base of these boulders (or against the bedrock). This suggests the continuation of long-standing indigenous practices of burning offerings to stones, use of fire in divination, and Aymara beliefs in ‘house spirits’” (Rice 2012: 22). Since excavation results demonstrated a lack of clear evidence of domestic activities in the circular structure and the semi-circular plaza, it is plausible that these spaces were used for more ephemeral activities such as performance or dancing. The structures in this broader “local sector” share attributes suggesting they were both older, and could be considered “Soras” or “local.” The units excavated here had more extensive occupation levels, the ceramic was much more “rustic” in nature and largely undecorated, and the sector is the nearest to Soras households located to the southwest on a related hillside. If Taki Onqoy was preferentially practiced in areas of local importance, then the local sector would have been an ideal location for the ritual dancing.

Sector 2 Layout: A Haphazard Grid?

The spatial layout of Sector 2 (northeastern) was distinct from Sectors 1 and 3, in that it was plausibly intentionally gridded. In fact, Sector 2 is known as an entirely different site to some local people, called Wallpa Wiri. For example, in his 2013 survey, Mallco separates this sector as its own separate site apart from Iglesiachayoq. In his dissertation, Meddens does not acknowledge the local denomination “Wallpa Wiri,” but in the 2010 article with Schreiber, the two authors also affirm Wallpa Wiri as a separate sector rather than a separate site. From my own work at Iglesiachayoq, the Wallpa Wiri sector has masonry styles and architectural types which are consistent with those of the rest of Iglesiachayoq, suggesting that the same construction tactics were used in all sectors. Wallpa Wiri consists of quadrangular structures with either rounded or squared corners. Like Sector 1, there is one massive structure (Structure 107)

which dominates the landscape—this 13.7 x 8.5m rectangular structure has a north/south orientation, with entrances on both short axes. Although Meddens documents that there is only one entrance in the southern short wall, my team and I confirmed the presence of a northern accessway as well, lined with Inka polygonal cut-stone masonry. Like the kuraka house in Sector 1, this structure was constructed of roughly-dressed field stone with a mud mortar. Most strikingly, there are also 18 niches decorating the inside of this rectangular structure, matching the kuraka house from Sector 1. According to Meddens and Schreiber’s 2010 article, there were wooden braces in the corners of this structure, much like in the central church; however, my survey at the site did not document these wooden braces, so they may have been removed in the last several years.

Thus, the rectangular church and Structure 107 in Wallpa Wiri share many architectural features. First, the large Wallpa Wiri structure is the only structure of this form in Sector 2—all of the other rectangular structures with squared corners are located within 100m of the central church. Second, the wooden braces documented in the corners of both structures suggest that either the same populations built both structures, the structures may be contemporaneous, or the structures may have utilized existing knowledge in the region. Third, Structure 107 also contains at least four floor-level arched niches (a colonial feature, see Wernke 2013: 194; Figure 8.3). Given the presence of these altar niches, it is possible that this structure has an Early Colonial Period construction date, consistent with the church. That this structure mimics not only the form and construction style of the church, but also borrows traits from the kuraka house in Sector 1 (same amount of niches, Inka cut-stone masonry) is intriguing. Could this structure have been an Inka construction in the face of Spanish conquest? More research is necessary to identify the

function and construction date of this structure, and I will look into excavation here in future years.



Figure 8.3. Floor-level arched niches and rectangular niches in Structure 107, photo looking west.

The rest of the structures in Wallpa Wiri also seem to have been constructed at a later date than the rest of Iglesiachayoq, indicated by the spatial layout of this sector and excavation findings. The vast majority of the structure forms here were quadrangular with rounded corners (n=24/27 total structures), and most were relatively the same size, average 6.45m x 4.87m (standard deviation 0.74m x 0.87m). Unlike the distribution of ovoid structures in Sectors 1 and 3, there were only two ovoid structures in Sector 2, both of small size and which my team considered colqas or small storage areas. These two structures were associated with larger quadrangular structures. Furthermore, the layout of the structures in Wallpa Wiri seems to have been more clearly planned—although the accesses to the structures vary in direction, the structures themselves are laid out in several rows which follow the natural landscape. There are systematic walls which define the property lines, each with clear accessways for people passing

through. The partial grid in Wallpa Wiri is not consistent with the sprawling nature of the structures in Sectors 1 and 3, and thus may have been planned beforehand or constructed at a later date (Figure 8.4).



Figure 8.4. Sector 2 layout with Structure 107 and units.

As mentioned briefly above, the excavation findings from Wallpa Wiri support the hypothesis that this sector of the site may have been constructed post-conquest. My team and I excavated three units in three separate households, finding occupation levels well under 50cm in depth, some Old World faunal remains, and what appears to have been an iron doorlatch, dating to the sixteenth century. All ceramics date from the Late Horizon, and possibly some from the Early Colonial Period.

Synthesis of Iglesiachayoq building phases and sectorization

Although the three sectors of Iglesiachayoq are clearly related and contemporaneous, each sector also has its own distinctive “identity” which separates it from the other two. Each sector has a central focus—whether it be the central church and plaza, the prehispanic plaza, or the large rectangular structure in Wallpa Wiri, those who resided at Iglesiachayoq in the different areas had clear spaces in which they could interact publicly. Similarly, the masonry techniques in all three sectors consisted of roughly-dressed fieldstone with mud mortar, and rectangular or trapezoidal doors and niches in some structures. Finally, ceramic findings were relatively consistent site-wide with nearly all dating to the Late Horizon, with the possibility of some Early Colonial Period sherds.

Conversely, there are broad differences between each sector as well—these differences can be categorized according to common structure form, overall layout, and occupational deposits. The three sectors have significant differences in the amounts of each structure form: while Sector 1 contains all but one of the rectilinear structures (quadrangular with squared corners), Sector 2 is dominated by quadrangular structures with rounded corners, and Sector 3 has an even mix of ovoid structures and the rounded-corner square structures. The overall layout of each sector differs greatly from one another as well. While the sectors 1 and 3 both appear to have been unplanned, with urban sprawl organically radiating from site centers, Wallpa Wiri seems to have been planned on a haphazard grid. In this sense, the built environment of Sectors 1 and 3 corresponds to some areas of Huánuco Pampa. As Morris et al. attest in their Huánuco Pampa 2011 monograph:

The encroachment of residential areas onto open spaces and accessways suggests that the Inka state took a fairly hands-off approach to local residence at the provincial capital—local groups might be required to be in the plaza on a given

day for a festival or administrative proceeding, but state administrators were not necessarily concerned with how they arrived at the city or the nature of their accommodations...there is little evidence of central planning or layout, and houses are fairly undifferentiated and laid out opportunistically, leaving open spaces for accessways and modest open spaces for communal activities. Morris et al. 2011: 31.

Although Iglesiachayoq was founded by the Inka in the fifteenth century, the site grew through unplanned urban sprawl. The built environment and spatial layout of Iglesiachayoq consists of residential structures in their own private areas, often with an associated patio or low-walled open space. Most structures stood apart from other structures, with the exceptions of a few small complexes—in these complexes, multiple houses faced one another and shared a communal area in which group activities could have taken place. These complexes were often located so as to develop their own group privacy, and were surrounded by large natural rock faces or hills, or walled enclosures.

The residents of Iglesiachayoq manipulated existing landscape features to suit their own needs. The site is decorated with large boulders of andesite and other stones, which were often incorporated into domestic structures or restraining walls. Smaller fieldstones were added to buttress the large boulders, such that most walls at Iglesiachayoq consist of a combination of both types of building material. The built environment of the site thus assumes the appearance of being heavily manipulated by human actors, who transformed the built environment to suit their own needs.

Modeling Visibility at Iglesiachayoq—Viewsheds as Indices of Privacy

Visibility of specific features in built environments of landscape are thought to have indicated overall “importance” or meaning to various cultures. The construction of monuments, placement of cemeteries, or “capturing” of natural features are often intended to create a

significant impact on individual senses. Visibility within archaeological landscapes are of interest to researchers because they can lend insight into location choices for particular settlements, the potential for intervisibility between sites and features, and the ability to model past cognitive decision-making using visual acuity as a clue. In their 2002 spatial technology volume, Wheatley and Gillings argue that visual aspects of places are “the most significant impact a location has upon any individual’s many senses...in some instances, visibility can be regarded as a key factor in attempting to answer the question as to why a particular site is in a particular place, rather than all the other places it might have been located” (180). That is, the sense of sight is considered to be the most dominant of all human senses, largely because of its permanence—sound, smell, and taste are all ephemeral sensations, while touch requires close proximity to be relevant. Thus, visibility and intervisibility analyses are critical to understanding broader archaeological landscapes (Llobera 2003, 2007).

As discussed briefly above, though visibility and intervisibility have been common measures for “importance” or “interaction” between distinct places within the landscape, notions of *invisibility* have been far less theorized. The importance of seclusion in past communities is difficult to assess and measure, largely because the intentionality motivating hiding of places in the landscape is impossible to quantify (Gillings 2015). In this respect, Taki Onqoy is a unique case study—takiongos often purposefully hid their performances from Spanish authorities and thus, modeling spaces which were hidden to Catholic areas of Iglesiachayoq can shed light on where these performances likely occurred. In this analysis, I utilize the spatial modeling tool known as Viewshed, which analyzes raster digital elevation models to theoretically calculate which areas could be seen from any one point. It is important to note several caveats of viewshed analyses--they are positivistic in nature and fail to account for the degrees of variation in human

eyesight, the angles of sight, and the potentials for vegetation and other interference. Other scholars in the Andes have used visibility analyses for other projects. For example, GIS analysis demonstrates that apus are visible from important architectural complexes in the Moquegua Valley (Williams and Nash 2006). Additionally, Arkush (2011) found that pukaras were located in visible proximity to one another and Bongers and Arkush found that both visibility and elevation were mitigating factors in the placement of chullpas in the Titicaca Basin (2012).

The common, guiding factor in all of these studies is that they take a *regional* approach to studies of visibility. In contrast, for this chapter I will utilize a site-specific approach in order to model *invisibility* between sectors and plazas rather than sites or landscape features at the regional scale. If, as Wheatley and Gillings argue, visibility is the dominant sensory input for an individual, then it is also important to consider visibility at the site level. I propose that there are two contrasting aspects of visibility at Iglesiachayoq, which broadly align with the two competing religious movements, Catholicism and Taki Onqoy. As discussed above, Spanish authorities often constructed their churches atop or near places of Andean importance. In this way, religious officials could draw analogies based on sacred space—Andean peoples would not have to completely shift their worldviews, but only alter them to account for the new religion. The church at Iglesiachayoq is an example of this phenomenon, dominating the primary site entrance by its presence and visibility erupting out of the flat plaza. Conversely, it is likely that takiongos sought a completely different type of space for their activities—a space which had a high degree of *invisibility*. By selecting locations for performance which both had visibility of approaching individuals, but also were protected from being seen by these individuals, takiongos could practice their huaca possessions in private, covert ways and thus avoid punishment.

Viewshed Modeling at Iglesiachayoq

The order to test my visibility/intervisibility hypotheses, I first had to manipulate my DEM in order to include the visual impedances of the structures at Iglesiachayoq. During my architectural survey (Chapter 5), I recorded the heights of the remaining walls of the structures and walls at the site. I then converted this polygon shapefile of structures into a raster whose values ranged from 0 (the NullData value) to 4.1m (the height of the walls of the tallest building). Next, I resampled a 30m resolution DEM from NASA JPL. Ideally, in a site-level viewshed analysis, I would first generate my own DEM utilizing elevation and location indices from Total Station points. In creating this fine-resolution DEM, the models for determining visibility between different points at Iglesiachayoq would then be able to take building heights into account and produce a more accurate viewshed map. Unfortunately, during my fieldwork in 2015, we were utilizing a Total Station which lacked the software and cables necessary to download the data points. All were hand written in a small journal, but will not be used here in order to account for human error. Instead, I have utilized the resampled 30m resolution DEM (resampled to 1.7 x 1.7 cell size using bilinear interpolation) as a base raster at Iglesiachayoq. I then applied the Raster Calculator to add the structures raster and the resampled DEM, thus resulting in a cumulative raster which contained both topography and building heights. For all viewshed models, I assumed a viewer of height 1.5m.

Model 1: Sector 1 and Church Complex

First, I ran a multiple viewshed analysis from all accessways from all structures in Sector 1. As can be seen in Figure 8.5, the resulting viewshed demonstrated that the Sector 1 structures predominantly had visibility of the northern portion of the quebrada, including where the

probable site entrance was located, with visibility to the Inka road. The orientation of the central plaza promoted visibility to this site entrance. Notably, the viewshed demonstrated that Sector 3—and explicitly the prehispanic plaza—was not visible from Sector 1. This viewshed thus indicates that activities or performances occurring here would not have been visible to the central cluster of residences in Sector 1. The Sector 1 cumulative viewshed also suggests that much of the southeastern portion of Sector 2 would have been hidden from the eyes of those residing in Sector 1.

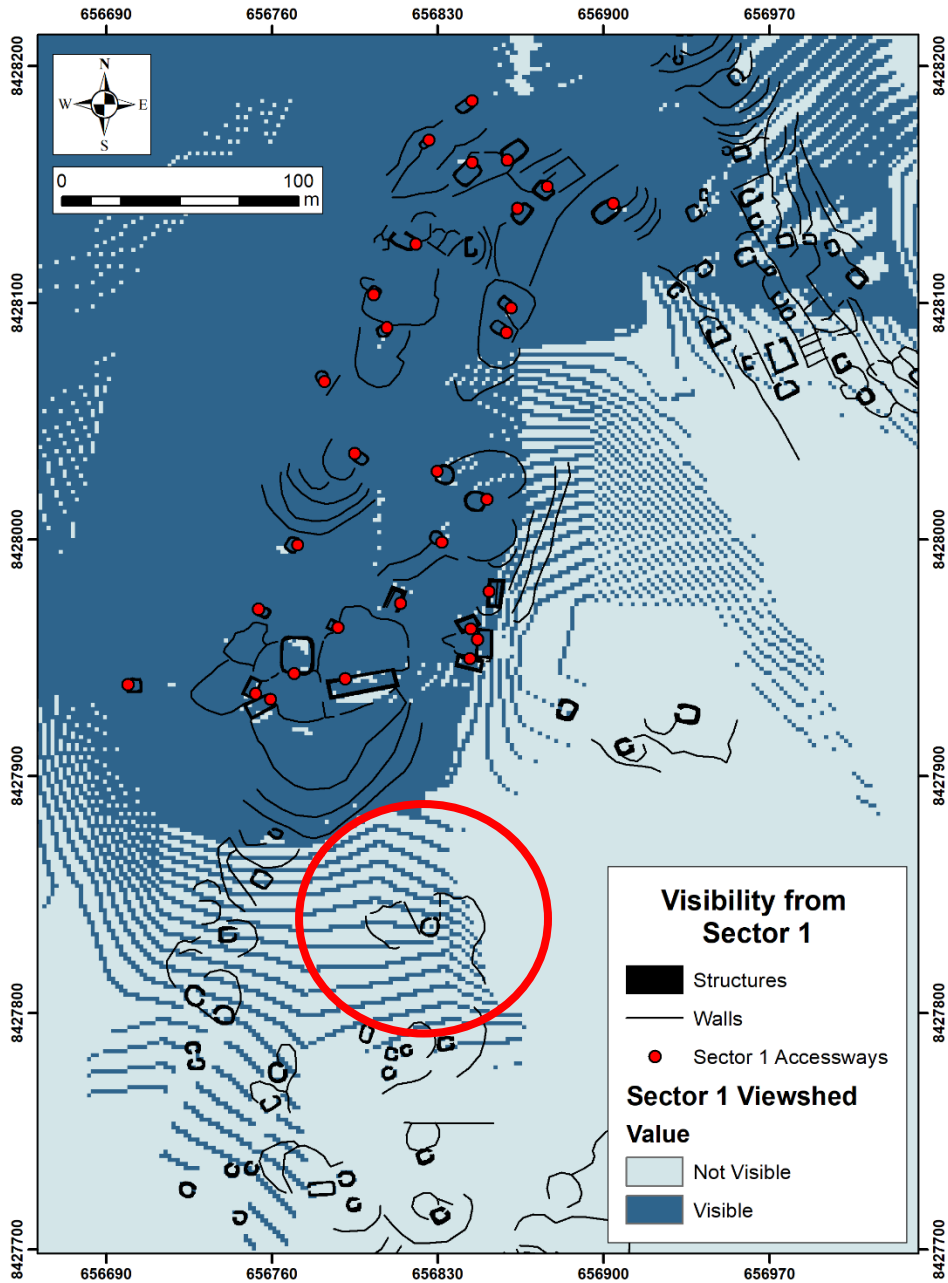


Figure 8.5. Multiple viewshed from all structures in Sector 1. Red circle: local plaza and location of proposed Taki Onqoy performances.

Model 2: Local Plaza

Next, I ran a multiple viewshed analysis all of the structures in Sector 3. As can be seen in Figure 8.6, the viewshed output raster only had visibility to the eastern and northwestern areas

of the valley. All religious performances which were related to the Catholic church in Sector 1 would not have been visible to those residing in the more local Sector of the site. Similar to the cumulative viewshed for Sector 1, the southeastern portion of Sector 2 was also not visible to those who lived in Sector 3.

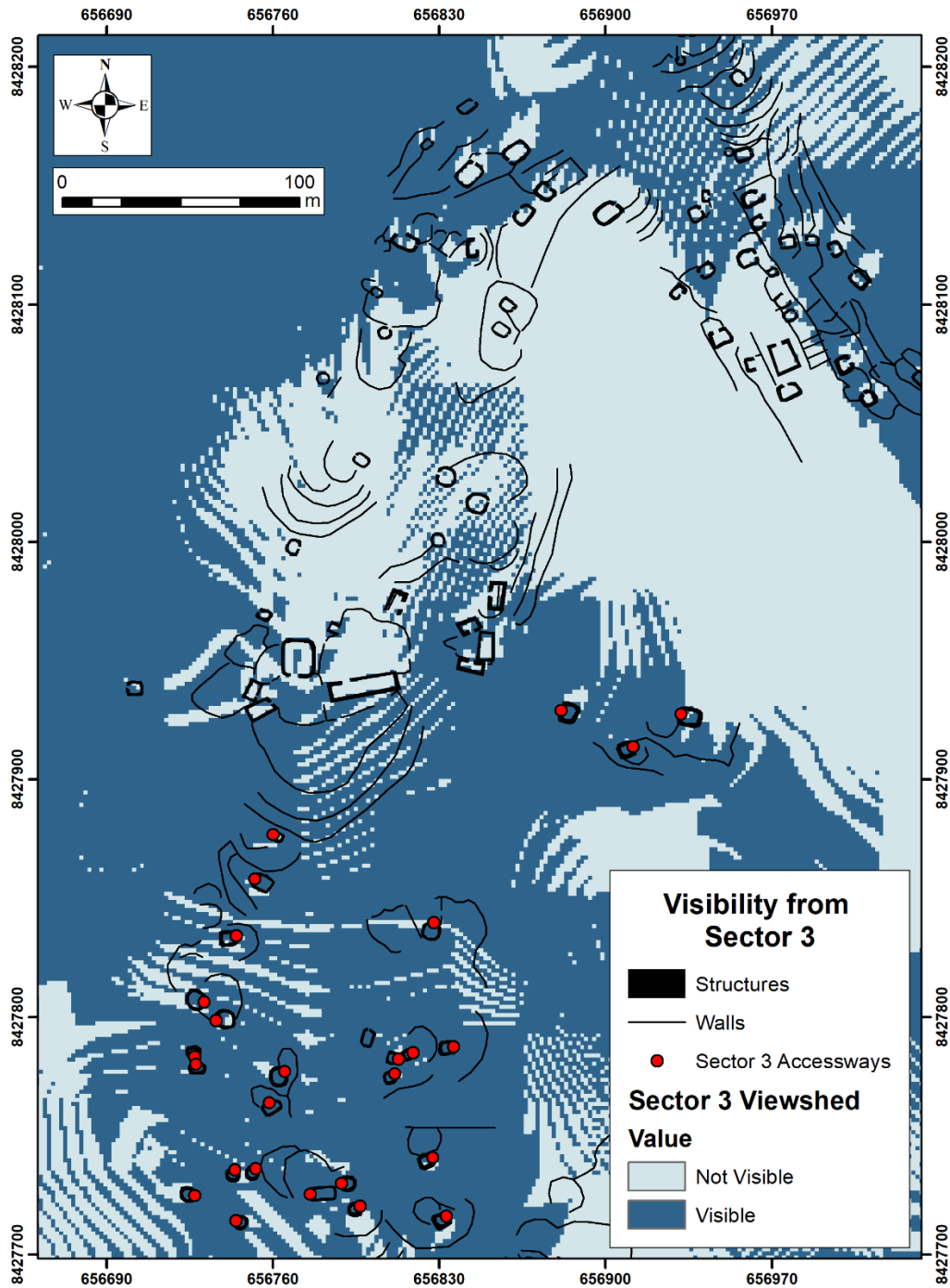


Figure 8.6. Multiple Viewshed results from Sector 3.

Model 3: Wallpa Wiri

Finally, I ran a third multiple viewshed analyses, this time from all of the structures in the Wallpa Wiri Sector (Sector 2). As can be seen in Figure 8.7, the cumulative viewshed modeled visibility of the majority of Sector 2, and no visibility of the Catholic church complex in Sector 1 and all of Sector 3.

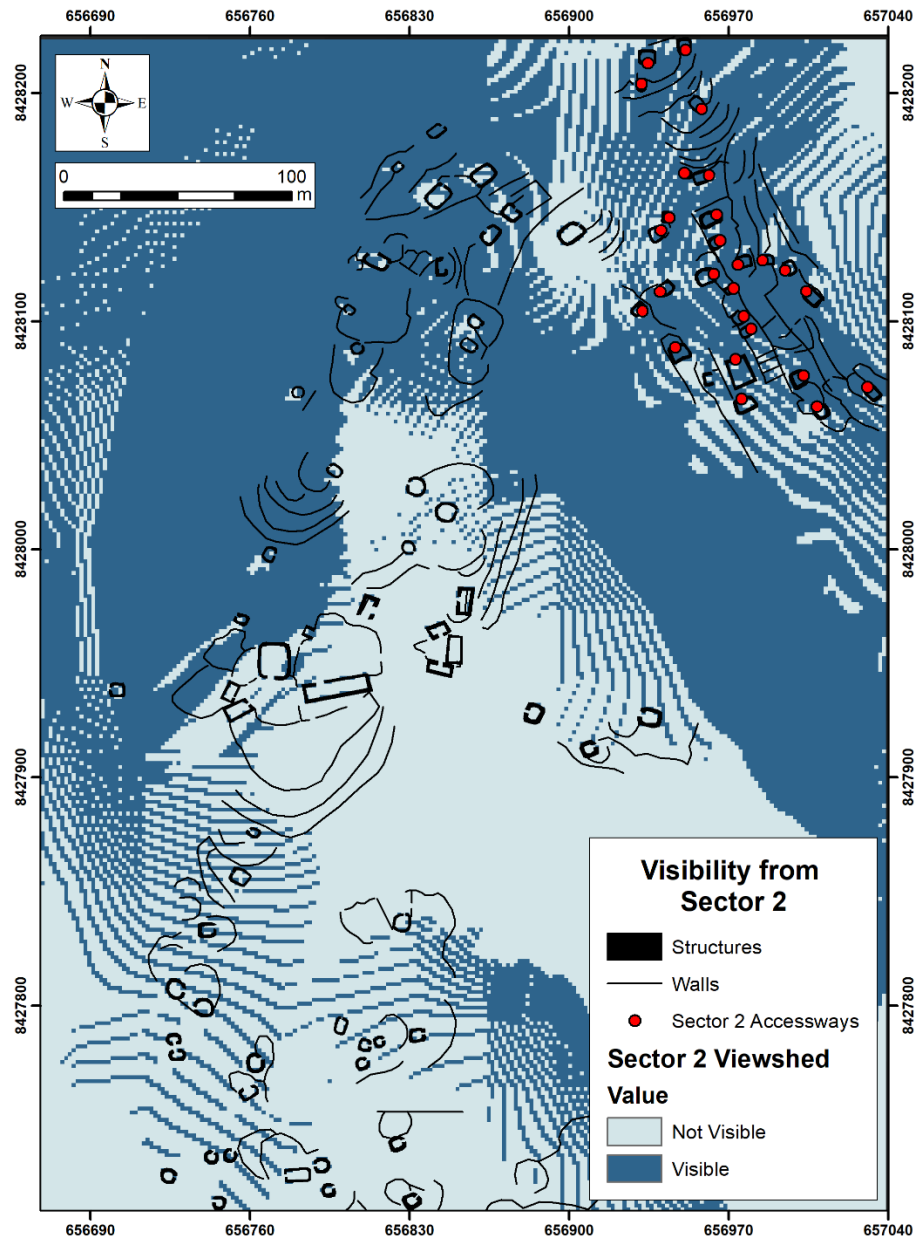


Figure 8.7. Sector 2 multiple viewshed.

Discussion of Viewsheds and Visibility

The three multiple viewsheds demonstrate that the three distinct sectors of Iglesiachayoq were relatively isolated from one another, at least in terms of visual interconnectivity. The inability to see other sectors of Iglesiachayoq from any one particular vantage point contrasts with the relative nearness in spatial proximity of all sectors—for example, the Spanish plaza and the local plaza are 110m from one another as the crow flies, yet neither would have been able to see the activities occurring in the either space (Figure 8.8). The local plaza's relative invisibility to the Spanish sector of Iglesiachayoq mirrors some of the contradictions in the movement itself: while Taki Onqoy activities were explicitly anti-Spanish, yet shaped by Spanish cultural frameworks, similarly the spatial locations of Taki Onqoy performances were positioned such that they were invisible to the Spanish ritual center of Iglesiachayoq, yet spatially near this center as well.

Viewshed analyses are useful for modeling places which could have been visible or invisible—the results of the multiple viewsheds presented here are intended to serve as possibilities for understanding why performances could have occurred in different areas. In emphasizing the notion of invisibility, I suggest that Taki Onqoy rituals were performed in places which were deliberately hidden from places where Spanish authorities would have resided. This claim is bolstered through the accounts of Spanish priests (Chapter 2) and the results of excavations in the local plaza in Sector 3.

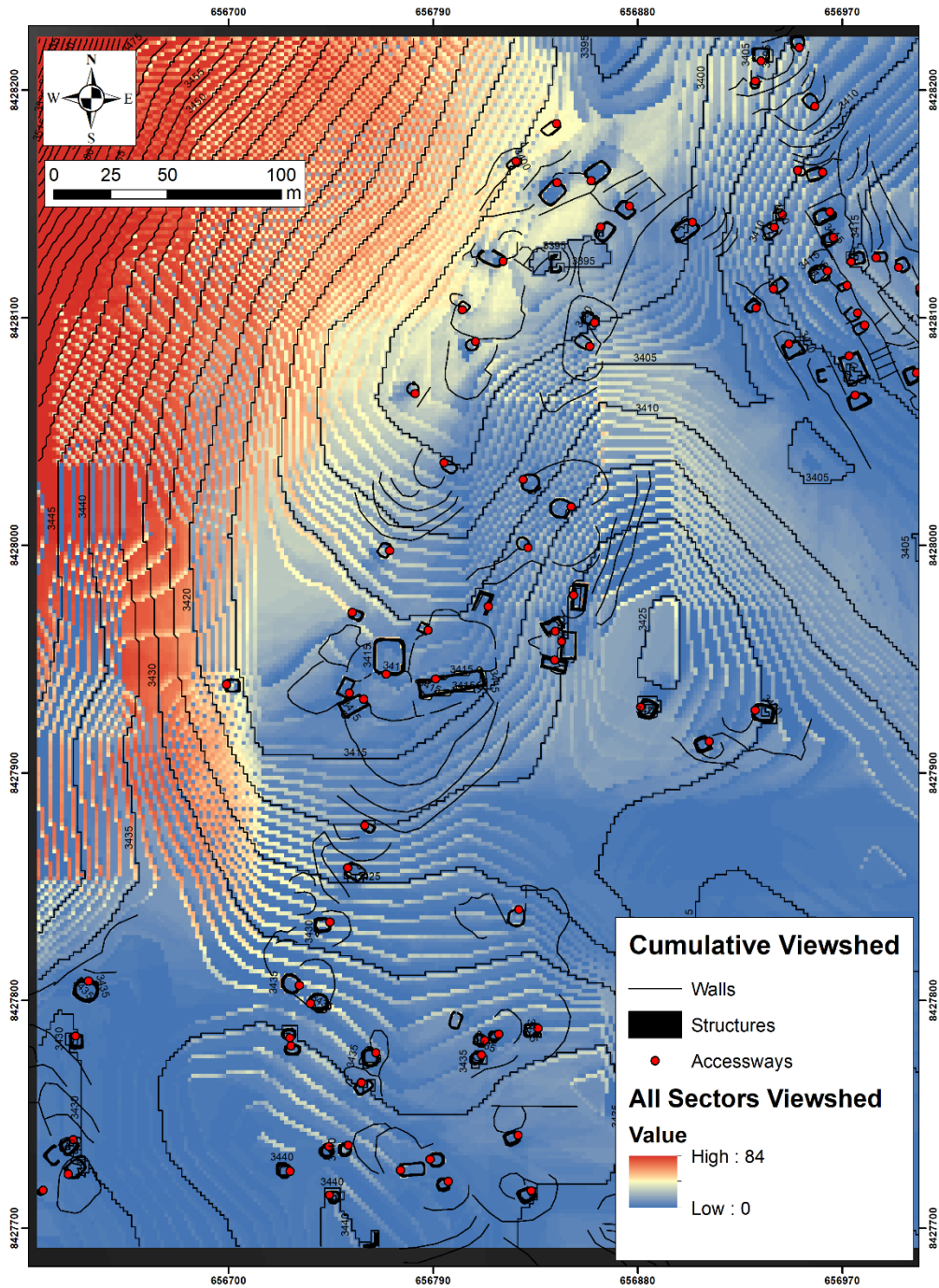


Figure 8.8. Cumulative viewshed from all structure accessways to all portions of the site. Those regions which were visible from the most other observer points are in red, and those which were visible from the least observer points are in blue.

Modeling Movement through Iglesiachayoq—Walking Times as Indices of Proximities to Sacred Landscapes

The second spatial framework I use to assess Taki Onqoy and Catholic spaces considers walking times as indices of proximity to sacred landscapes. Within landscapes, the structuration of mobility allows inferences into power relationships (Parno and Beaudry 2014). For example, Wernke's Spatial Network Analysis at the site of Malata, demonstrated that Spanish authorities restructured mobility away from the Inka center of the site and toward the Spanish center, thus shifting the site's focus and the resulting views of the people walking these pathways (2012). Similar to the site of Malata, the site of Iglesiachayoq is a strong location for running SNA. The standing architecture at Iglesiachayoq has preserved structure walls of original height for 30% of all structures (n=27/91, or 29.7%), and all other structures consist of preserved foundations and partial walls. Similarly, the walls (retaining walls, designations for property lines, terraces, etc.) which structured and guided movement throughout Iglesiachayoq are also still standing, allowing for identification of accessways throughout both types of architecture.

Mirroring the viewshed analyses of the previous section, I next utilized SNA to trace movement through Iglesiachayoq. Archaeologically, movement can be simulated by creating pathways which conform to the built environment of a landscape or site, but movement such as Taki Onqoy dancing is more difficult to infer because of its place-bound locations. However, it is more feasible to trace movement *through* a site or a landscape, utilizing the built environment and natural landscape as barriers or thoroughfares. At Iglesiachayoq, this modeling takes on a great importance, linking the previous two data chapters on archaeological results in domestic households which largely demonstrated continuity over time, and the array of burial practices in the central church. Although its main practice is characterized by dancing, we can begin to

hypothesize areas where Taki Onqoy may have been practiced by modeling movement between areas of Catholic sacred importance and local, private areas of Iglesiachayoq.

At the site of Malata, creating a network was much simpler because pathways and routes to different areas of the site were clear, took place over a relatively flat area with little change in slope, and well-preserved. Conversely, Iglesiachayoq is draped between two steep hills and a central flat area, is covered with natural immovable boulders which were worked into the built environment, and lacks the convenience of a grid system from which to work. Since SNA was developed for optimization in travel time according to vehicular travel, it does not take slope into account. However, assessing the walking times between sectors at Iglesiachayoq is still worthwhile, as it can provide a model other than visibility or spatial proximity for assessing interconnectivity and the construction of movement throughout the site. In testing the final hypothesis, I propose that the accessways and pathways at Iglesiachayoq structured movement in meaningful ways to both the Spanish center and the local center. Specifically, I suggest that those living in Sector 3, the local sector of Iglesiachayoq, constructed their plaza in a restricted manner such that Spanish religious authorities would not have been able to unwittingly surprise Taki Onqoy performances. Similarly, I suggest that Spanish religious authorities structured movement away from the kuraka house and Inka center of the site, moved along the long axis of the church, and into the central Spanish plaza through a restricted access point. In this way, those individuals traveling from the local sector would have been forced to pass by the immense presence of the church on their way to Catholic masses. This hypothesis also has implications for burial removal from the church—the walled plaza in Sector 1 with its one public accessway would still have forced takiongos moving to covertly remove their dead along the length of the church, thereby increasing the chances of being caught and punished.

Spatial Network Analysis Modeling at Iglesiachayoq

In my architectural survey of Iglesiachayoq beginning in 2013, I traced all walls and accessways so that I would be able to create pathways of movement between different structures and sectors. By mapping every accessway to every large open space, structure, and wall, I was able to develop a complete map of the site which has the possibility of accounting for movement between all structures and spaces, giving 100% coverage. I must reiterate a central caveat here, that while traffic can be taken into account using SNA, slope cannot. Thus, traveling between two places which are at different elevations will generate the same time of travel, rather than accounting for a slightly elevated pace due to walking downhill or a slightly slower pace from traversing uphill paths.

The spatial modeling presented here considers past pathways and accessways as potential areas of movement—spaces where individuals could move *through* an environment. In contrast, walls, other structures, and environmental barriers such as steep rock faces or impassable boulders were considered to be impedances which helped shape movement by leading people to move *around* these obstacles. Doorways and walls were assumed to be guiding factors in shaping movement—that is, people likely moved through doorways instead of climbing over walls. Employing these pathways and impedances at Iglesiachayoq, I constructed a network dataset and ran the closest facility model in order to trace pathways of movement at the site. The construction of a network dataset involves demarcating endpoints (a point feature which denotes entrances or plaza centers) and paths (a line feature which connects endpoints through linear routes across the site). SNA is designed to optimize movement through a build environment, and so it works best when archaeological sites are well-preserved and can be considered as a whole. The closest facility function ranks endpoints in terms of walking time to their final destinations

(facilities) and allows a comparison of pathways between different sets of structures. Walking time was based on Wernke’s 2012 model of 68.9 meters per minute (Wernke 2012).

For the purposes of this chapter, I employed spatial analysis to consider interactions between two basic independent variables: population proxy and plaza. More specifically, using the rectilinear structures as a representation of those who were likely involved with Catholic services and the households in the local (Sector 3) area as those who were participating in Taki Onqoy, I modeled travel time and routes to both the central plaza and the prehispanic plaza (Table 8.1).

| | Start Point | End Point |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Model 1 | Rectilinear Structures | Church Plaza |
| Model 2 | Sector 3 (local) Structures | Church Plaza |
| Model 3 | Rectilinear Structures | Prehispanic Plaza |
| Model 4 | Sector 3 (local) Structures | Prehispanic Plaza |

Table 8.1. Four walking models between starting and ending points.

For the central plaza, there were three basic accessways, one at the eastern side of the plaza, one at the western side of the plaza, and one toward the north of the plaza (Figure 8.9). The western accessway was associated with preparation areas for church activities, and prevented clear movement from other sectors of the site. For the prehispanic plaza, there were three accessways, one at the east, west, and south ends of the plaza (Figure 8.10). The northern portion of the local plaza was hidden from view to those in the other two sectors by an immense rock face.

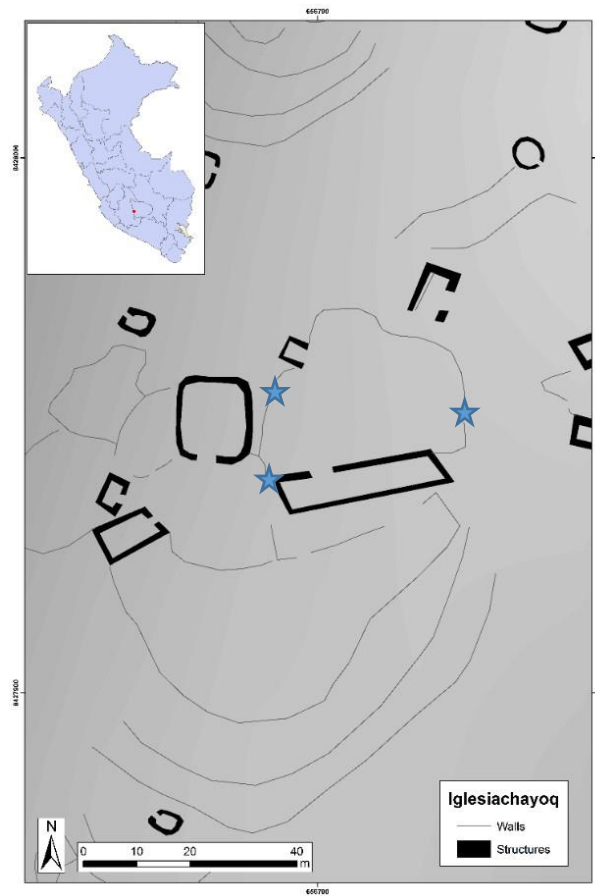


Figure 8.9. Central plaza with three accessways designated by stars.

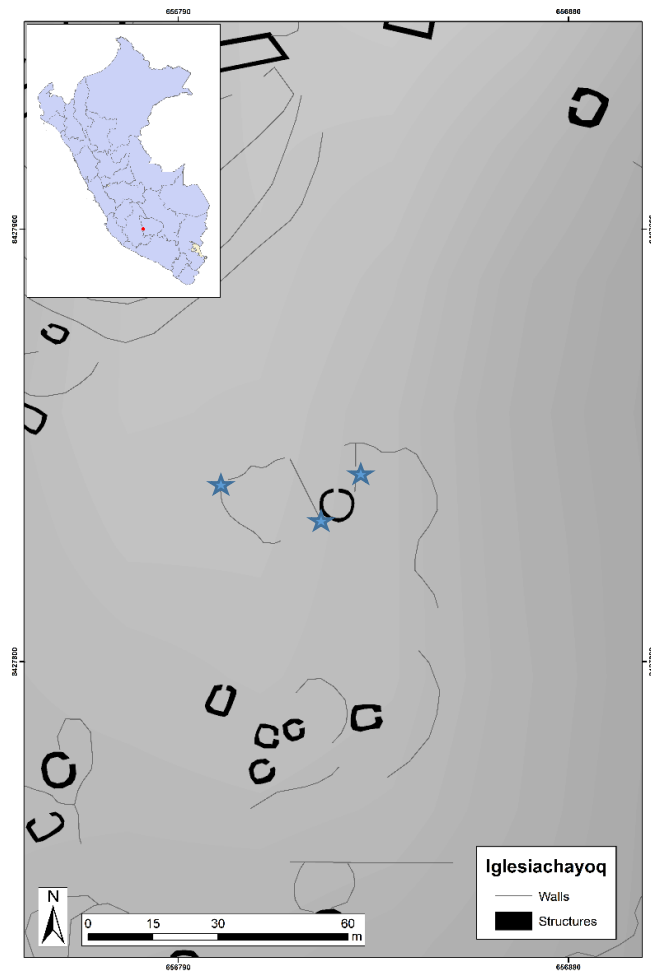


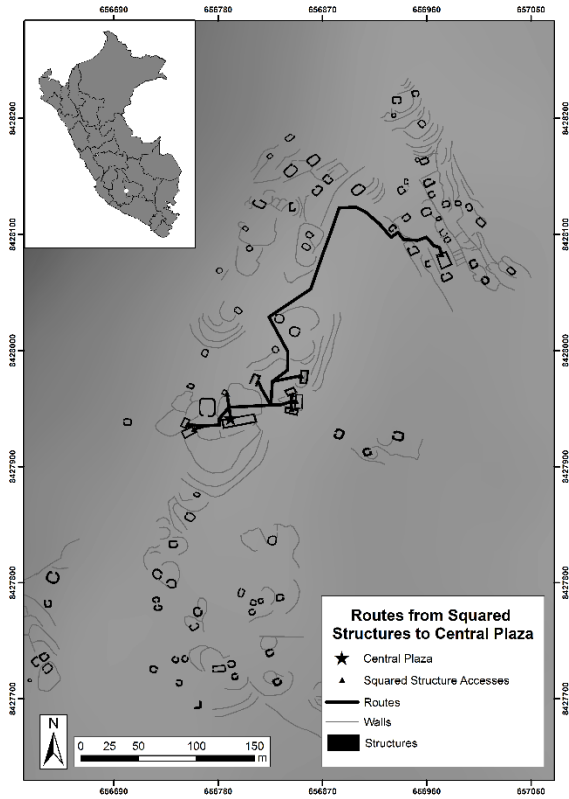
Figure 8.10. Prehispanic plaza with entrances designated by stars.

Model 1 Results: Rectilinear Structures to Church Plaza

For the rectilinear structures, I ran the model from the entry of each of the nine structures to the doorway of the church. As discussed above, eight of these structures are located within 100m of the church and have entryways which face the church, while the ninth rectilinear structure is located in the northeast sector, apparently removed from the center of the site. The overall average walking time from the rectilinear structures to the church was 73.43 seconds, and

seven out of the nine structures utilized the eastern accessway to the central plaza (Figure 8.11).

If the rectilinear structure from the northeast sector is removed from the analysis, walking time to the church drops to 47.9 seconds (Figure 8.12). Thus, the majority of rectilinear structures are located within a minute's walking distance to the church. The proximity to the church, the trend for entryways to face the central plaza and church, and the fact that 90% of the rectilinear structures are located within 100m of the church plausibly indicates that the inhabitants of the structures were associated with church activities. The individuals living in these structures likely publicly participated in Catholic rites, and were highly visible to the rest of the community at Iglesiachayoq. Further research is needed to determine the function of the rectilinear structure in the northeastern sector.



| ObjectID | Name | Total_Time |
|----------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | 3 - Church | 16.632012 |
| 2 | 4 - Church | 43.455039 |
| 3 | 5 - Church | 39.322348 |
| 4 | 27 - Church | 53.281026 |
| 5 | 29 - Church | 53.967212 |
| 6 | 30 - Church | 52.310978 |
| 7 | 32 - Church | 53.720857 |
| 8 | 36 - Church | 70.533795 |
| 9 | 107 - Church | 277.659094 |

Figure 8.11. Left: Map of routes used by rectilinear structures to the central plaza, $n=9/9$. Right: walking times from structures to plaza.

Boxplot Distribution of Walking Times from Rectilinear Structures to Central Plaza

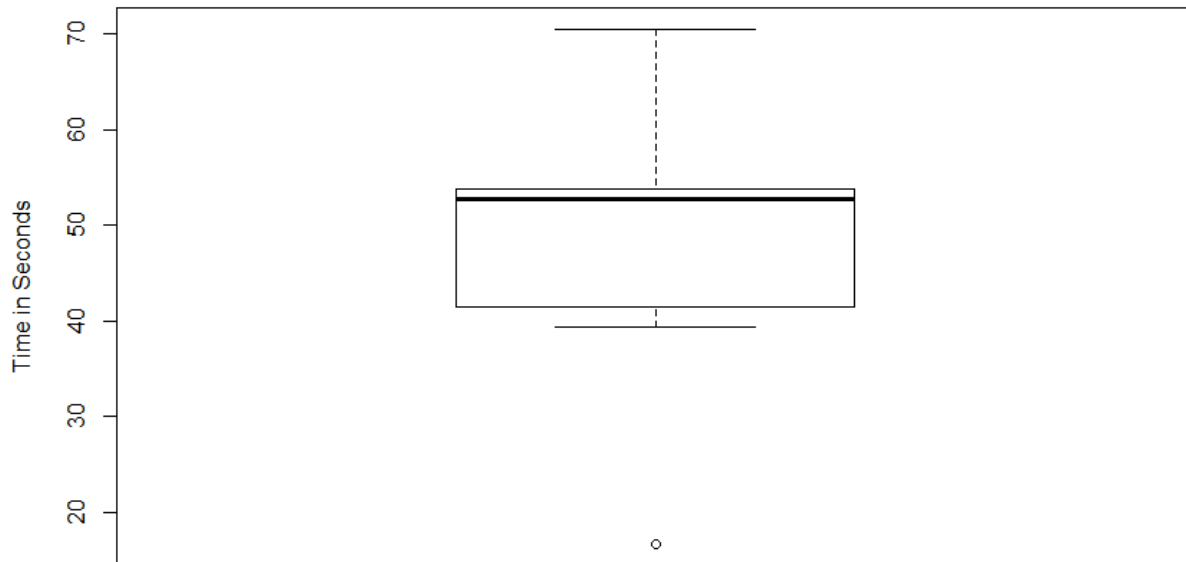


Figure 8.12. Boxplot distribution of walking times from rectilinear structures to the central church, one outlier removed, structure 107 with a time of 278 seconds; n=8.

Model 2 Results: Sector 3 Structures to Central Plaza

Conversely, I ran the closest facility model from households in Sector 3 to the church plaza. Those moving between these areas were routed to the eastern accessway of the central plaza, and their pathway took about four minutes and twenty seconds to traverse (Figure 8.13). Notably, the majority of these local structures are located southwest of the church itself. Thus, the individuals traveling from the local sector would have had to walk the extended length of the church in order to reach the eastern access, rather than being able to use the closer western access. The forced path emphasizes the grandeur of the central church and allowed visibility into the activities occurring in the central plaza. The difference in walking times between the squared structures and the local structures is seen in the side-by-side boxplot below (Figure 8.14). A

paired-samples t-test was conducted to compare walking time to the central plaza from rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures. There was a significant difference in the times for rectilinear structures (mean = 73.43s) and Sector 3 structures (mean = 257.23s); $t=-7.65021$, p -value is $<.00001$.

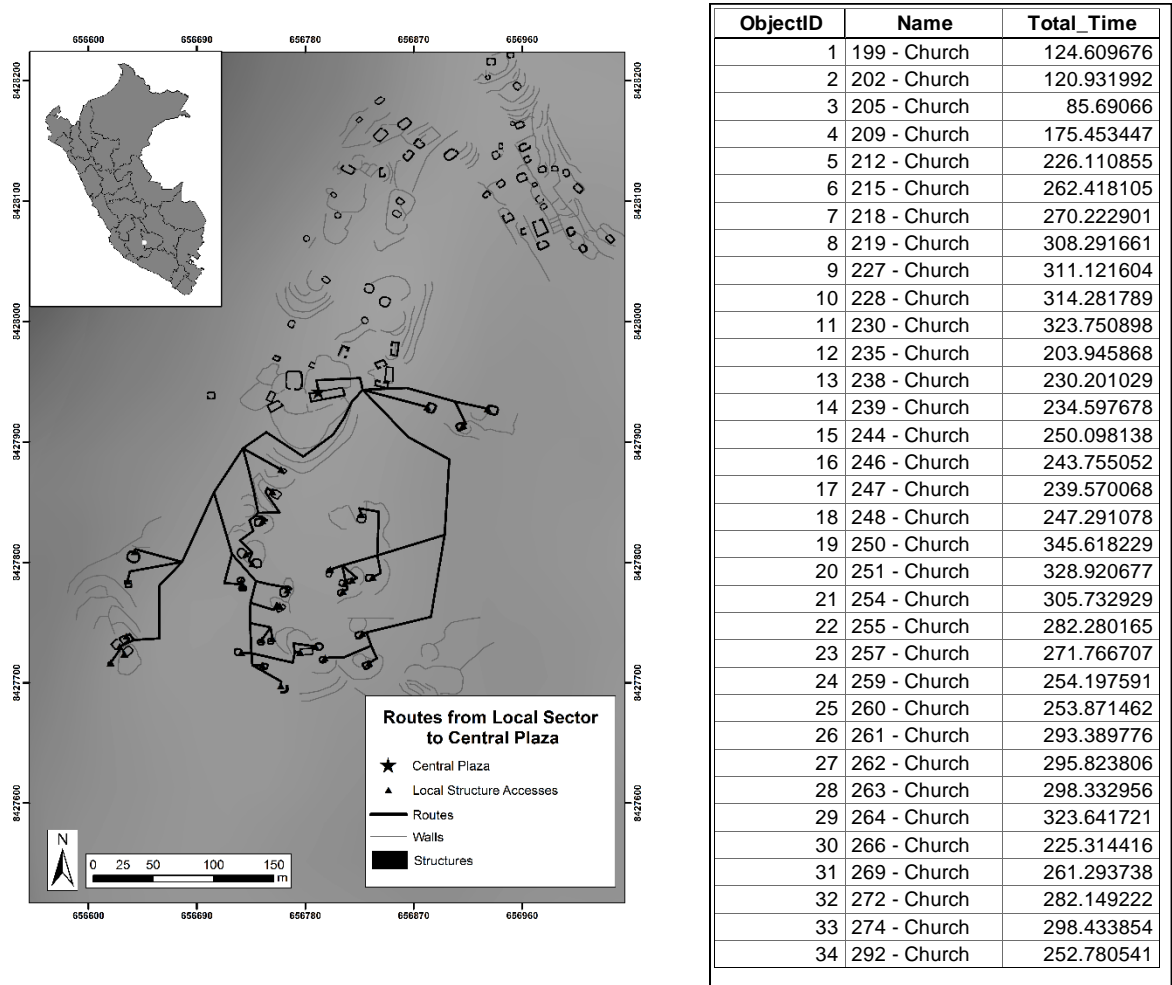


Figure 8.13. Left: Routes from the southwest sector to the church, all utilizing the eastern accessway and being directed to walk the length of the church. Right: walking times from Sector 3 structures to the church, $n=34/34$ structures.

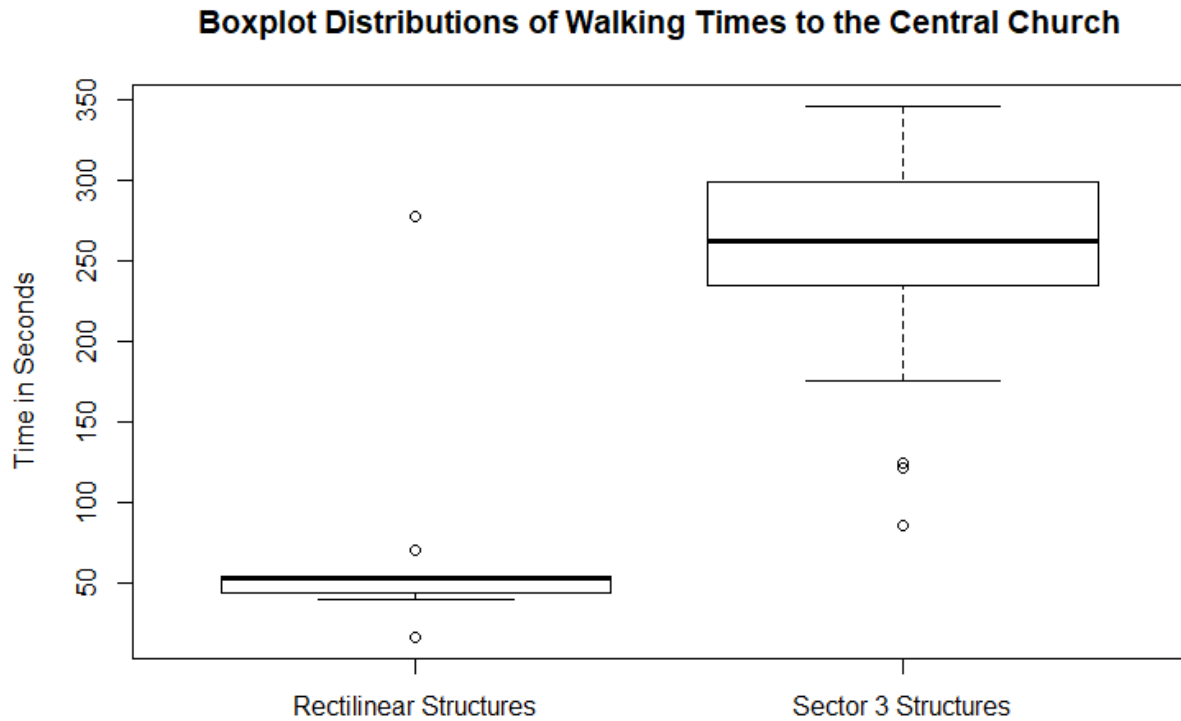


Figure 8.14. Boxplot distributions comparing walking times to the central church between rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures, rectilinear structures n=9; sector 3 structures n=34. There was a significant difference in the times for rectilinear structures (mean = 73.43s) and Sector 3 structures (mean = 257.23s); $t=-7.65021$, p-value is $<.00001$.

Model 3 Results: Rectilinear Structures to Prehispanic Plaza

Next, I ran the closest facility model from the rectilinear structures to the prehispanic plaza in Sector 3. As seen on the map, the pathways from rectilinear structures to the prehispanic plaza were all routed to either an eastern or western accessway in the prehispanic plaza. Access would have been restricted to this area, funneled to either side of the plaza due to the large rock face blocking direct access to the northern portion of the plaza. Those approaching the upper plaza from the lower sector could have been seen from afar. On average, it took over four minutes for those traveling from the rectilinear structures to arrive at the local plaza (Figure 8.15

and 8.16). However, because SNA does not take slope into account, the travel time of four minutes is likely a conservative estimate for those traveling from the rectilinear structures toward the upper plaza because they would have been forced to traverse a steep uphill slope.

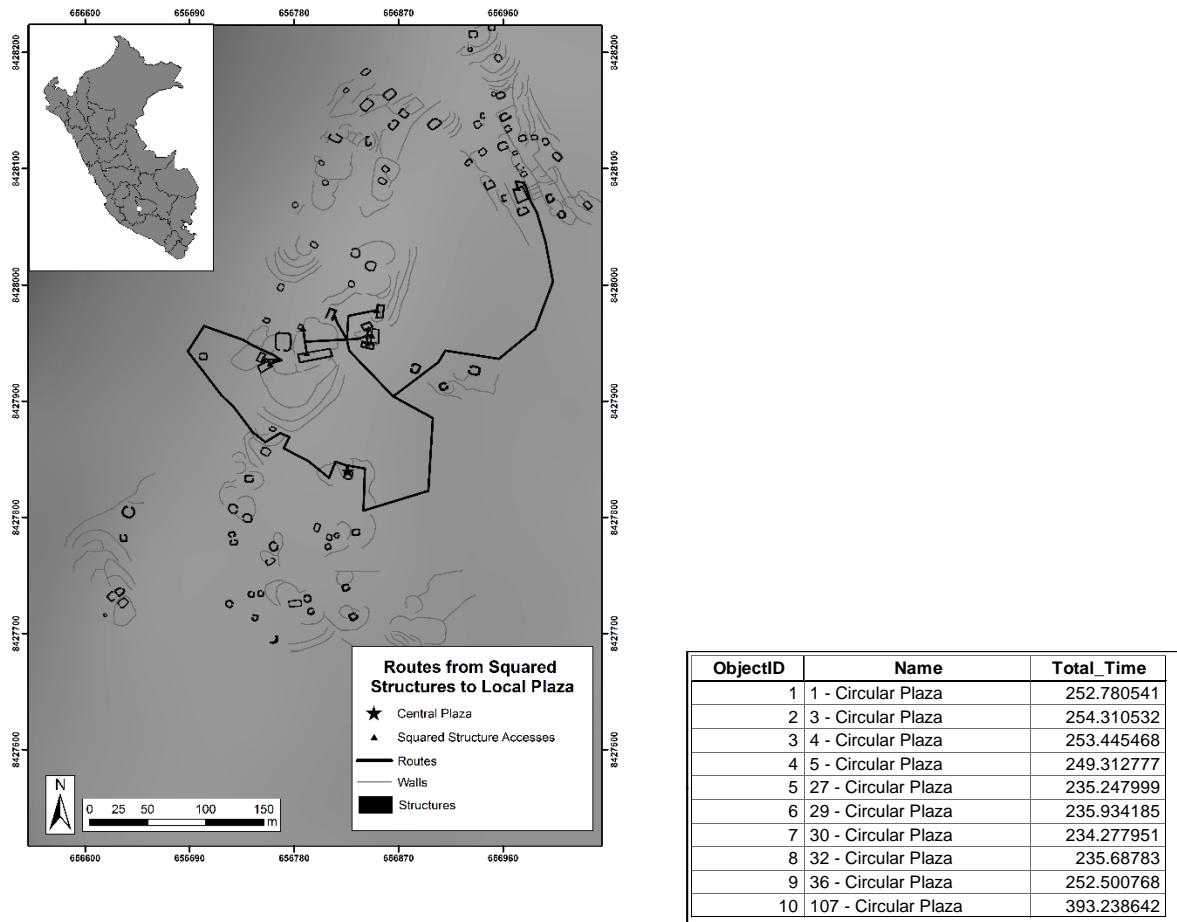


Figure 8.15. Left: Map of routes from rectilinear structures to prehispanic plaza. Right: travel times from rectilinear structures to local plaza, n =10/10.

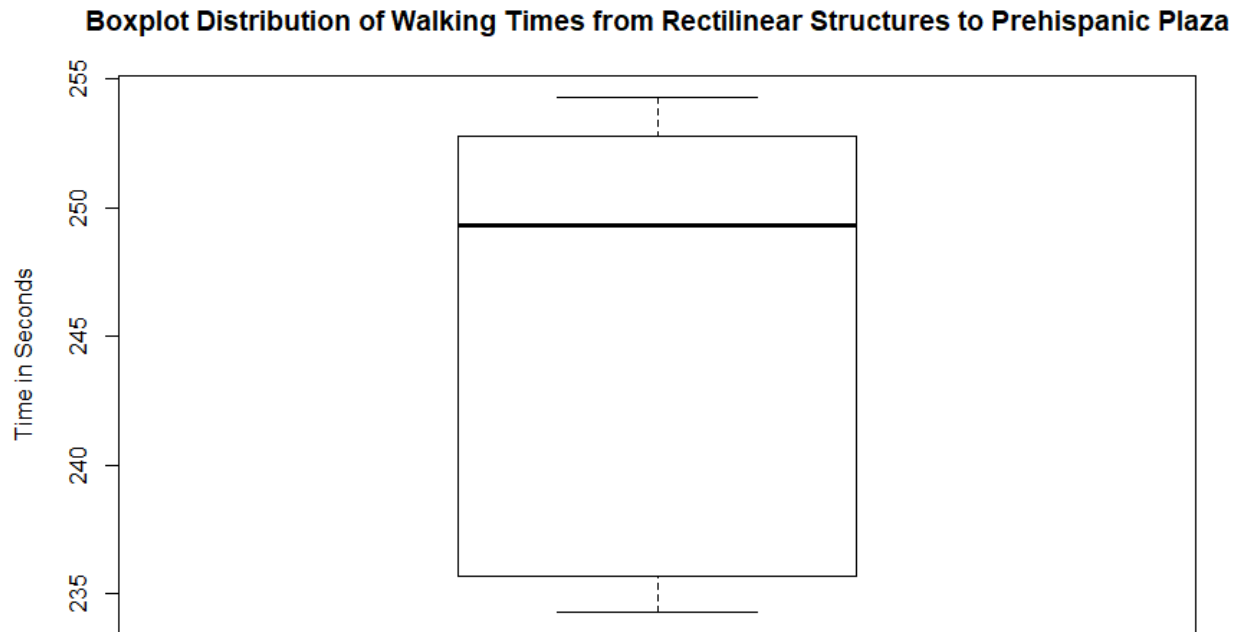
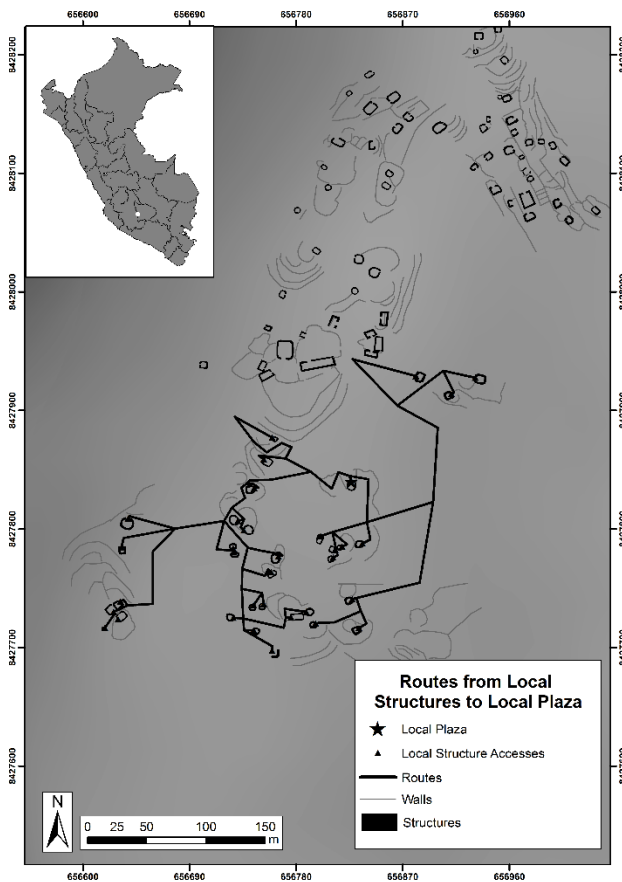


Figure 8.16. Boxplot distribution of walking times from rectilinear structures to prehispanic plaza, n=9, one outlier removed, structure 107 with a walking time of 393 seconds.

Model 4 Results: Sector 3 Structures to Prehispanic Plaza

Finally, I ran the closest facility model from the Sector 3 structures to the local plaza. Unsurprisingly, the walking time between these areas was two minutes and twenty seconds, and was shorter compared to both 1) the travel time from Sector 3 structures to the central plaza, and 2) the travel time from squared structures to the local plaza (Table 8.2). Notably, the model generated routes which utilized all three access points, including the southern access which was more conducive for those living in this local sector (Figure 8.17). In visually comparing the differences in walking time to the prehispanic plaza from rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures, it appears as though the two distributions were different (Figure 8.18). A Mann Whitney U Test was conducted to compare walking times to the prehispanic plaza from

rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures. There was a significant difference in the scores, with a z-score of -4.38288, and thus the difference in walking times was significant at $p < .05$.



| ObjectID | Name | Total_Time |
|----------|-------------------|------------|
| 35 | 199 - Circular PI | 226.607366 |
| 36 | 202 - Circular PI | 222.929681 |
| 37 | 205 - Circular PI | 252.305507 |
| 38 | 209 - Circular PI | 144.631879 |
| 39 | 212 - Circular PI | 80.487239 |
| 40 | 215 - Circular PI | 180.441102 |
| 41 | 218 - Circular PI | 188.245897 |
| 42 | 219 - Circular PI | 226.314658 |
| 43 | 227 - Circular PI | 229.144601 |
| 44 | 228 - Circular PI | 232.304785 |
| 45 | 230 - Circular PI | 241.773894 |
| 46 | 235 - Circular PI | 94.729669 |
| 47 | 238 - Circular PI | 120.98483 |
| 48 | 239 - Circular PI | 125.381478 |
| 49 | 244 - Circular PI | 86.60337 |
| 50 | 246 - Circular PI | 80.260284 |
| 51 | 247 - Circular PI | 76.0753 |
| 52 | 248 - Circular PI | 83.79631 |
| 53 | 250 - Circular PI | 239.165387 |
| 54 | 251 - Circular PI | 222.467835 |
| 55 | 254 - Circular PI | 199.280087 |
| 56 | 255 - Circular PI | 175.827323 |
| 57 | 257 - Circular PI | 165.313865 |
| 58 | 259 - Circular PI | 147.744749 |
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| 61 | 262 - Circular PI | 189.370964 |
| 62 | 263 - Circular PI | 191.880114 |
| 63 | 264 - Circular PI | 217.188879 |
| 64 | 266 - Circular PI | 61.819648 |
| 65 | 269 - Circular PI | 187.591214 |
| 66 | 272 - Circular PI | 208.446698 |
| 67 | 274 - Circular PI | 224.73133 |

Figure 8.17. Left: Map of routes from Sector 3 structures to prehispanic plaza. Right: travel times from Sector 3 structures to prehispanic plaza, $n = 34/34$.

| | Start Point | End Point | Travel Time |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Model 1 | Rectangular Structures | Church Plaza | 47.9 sec |
| Model 2 | Local Sector Structures | Church Plaza | 4 min, 20 sec |
| Model 3 | Rectangular Structures | Local Plaza | 4 min, 5 sec |
| Model 4 | Local Sector Structures | Local Plaza | 2 min, 20 sec |

Table 8.2 Summary of walking times for each model.

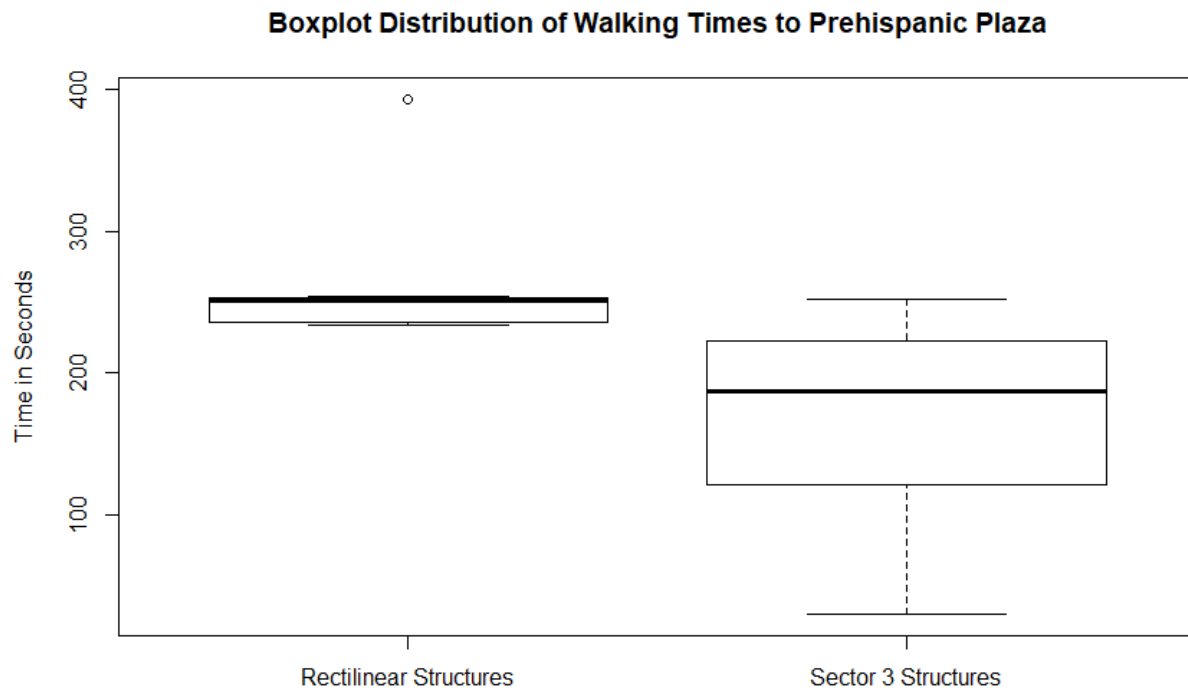


Figure 8.18. Boxplot distributions comparing walking times to the prehispanic plaza from rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures, rectilinear structures n=10, sector 3 structures n=34. A Mann Whitney U Test was conducted to compare walking times to the prehispanic plaza from rectilinear structures and Sector 3 structures. There was a significant difference in the scores, with a z-score of -4.38288, and thus the difference in walking times was significant at $p < .05$.

In sum, there is a pattern of differential access to either plaza, in addition to variances in the travel time walking between the two sectors and areas of ceremonial importance. In general, rectilinear structures were located a very short distance from the church and could access the central plaza from both the western and eastern accessways. Conversely, those residing in the Sector 3 had to travel four times as long to reach the central church, and were funneled through the eastern entryway. The fact that some rectilinear structures (as opposed to all other structures from all other sectors) had access to the western entrance in the central plaza suggests that this entrance was utilized by those assisting in church activities. In terms of access to the prehispanic

plaza, those traveling from squared structures were forced to travel uphill through narrow accessways to enter the upper plaza, and activities occurring in this plaza would have been obstructed from view. Those inhabitants of Sector 3 traveling to the prehispanic plaza could access this region from the southern direction, unlike those who inhabited the squared structures in the central sector.

Discussion: Taki Onqoy and movement through Iglesiachayoq

Because Taki Onqoy was a movement in which the main practice was performative and involved movement, I have utilized SNA to hypothesize an area in which Taki Onqoy may have been enacted. I suggest that Taki Onqoy activities likely were performed away from Catholic ritual spaces, out of sight of church authorities, and associated with the “local,” or prehispanic footprints of the site. The prehispanic plaza meets all three criteria, and the closest facility models generated support the removed nature of this plaza. That is, not only were those living in Sector 3 closer to the prehispanic plaza, but those living in rectilinear structures were more distant (by time) and would have been visible in their journeys to the prehispanic plaza. Excavation results from this plaza and the associated ovoid structure affirm that neither space was used for domestic activities—we recovered no evidence of food preparation, and the ceramic assemblages were sparse in comparison to those recovered across the other units. The results of these two excavation areas thus conform to assertions made by Albornoz and Molina that Taki Onqoy spaces were ritually cleaned. Furthermore, the prehispanic plaza is located in a rather private, protected area of the site—it was intentionally constructed with large boulders and it incorporates various rock outcrops. Since Taki Onqoy dance performances were ephemeral, it is difficult to definitively suggest that takiongos practiced their rituals in this space. However, SNA allows us to generate models of movement so that we can begin to see how local people may

have moved throughout their built environment, thus providing a local voice not present in primary documents.

Discussion and Conclusions

From both the SNA and the viewshed analyses, I suggest that those residing in the three discrete sectors of Iglesiachayoq were able to exist and practice in relative privacy. Both the SNA and the viewshed mimic my own phenomenological experience at the site, as well as the excavation results documented in Chapter 6. Although the artifact assemblages indicate that the three sectors were occupied more or less contemporaneously, SNA and viewshed analyses affirm the spatial separations between these three sectors.

Although the Catholic Church is imposing within the landscape of Iglesiachayoq, it is situated in the lowest area of the three sectors. Functionally, this could have been the only location with enough open space for the required church and central plaza. However, the church may also have been constructed here in order to challenge the large, preexisting Inka casa de kuraka. Moreover, the central Catholic Church is near the main valley road which was part of the Qhapaq Ñan, which both provides access to Cotahuasi and Yauca, as well as the most direct route to the mountain apu Carahuarazu. Furthermore, Iglesiachayoq's location borders the road from Pampachiri and north toward Soras. The location of the central church at Iglesiachayoq, then, was situated at the nexus of several major roads, and remains an imposing structure in the center of the site today.

While visibility may have been a concern for Spanish authorities in directing the construction of the Catholic Church, I suggest that *invisibility* was critical to those practicing Taki Onqoy in outdoor enclosures. While these performances could last for several days, their

frequency and intensity was likely dependent on multiple factors which varied according to the different settlements. For example, Albornoz suggests that kurakas were differentially invested in the Taki Onqoy movement. While some turned a blind eye, others participated or led this movement, and some instead allied with Spaniards to eradicate it. Another factor which influenced Taki Onqoy performances was the ability to practice these rituals in areas which were more “local” (i.e. closer to landscape huacas or apus, incorporating rock outcrops, etc.) and further from the vigilance of Catholic authorities. At Iglesiachayoq, both Sectors 2 and 3 would have been ideal for covert practices since these sectors are both located on high ridges above the central church.

CHAPTER 9

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Taki Onqoy was a revitalization movement whose leaders attempted to unify Andean populations across the dimensions of ethnicity, status, or gender with the avowed goal of rejecting Spanish culture and Catholicism and promote a return to prehispanic huaca veneration. By overlooking these internal differences in Andean groups, Taki Onqoy leaders were either explicitly or inadvertently mirroring Spanish essential divisions of “Spaniard” and “Andean” in order to create a unified force and resist Spanish colonialism. The movement was thus anti-Catholic and anti-Spanish, yet shaped by Catholic tenets of religious exclusion and Spanish social and racial divisions. In their attempts to gloss over critical social differences between and within Andean groups, Taki Onqoy leaders could not account for the array of indigenous positionalities toward both Catholicism and the movement itself, and thus Taki Onqoy was fraught with contradictions, partial participants, and a population of Andeans who practiced both religious traditions.

As Taki Onqoy was indelibly structured through the entanglement of both Spanish colonial frameworks and Andean notions of a prehispanic utopia, so too were the movement’s central practices a product of both cultural systems. Taki Onqoy was enacted through the interaction of people, places, and things in assemblages which were themselves already entangled through the colonial encounter. European objects and Andean objects interacted with one another, and their identities as “European” or “Andean” shifted as they were reused and repurposed in different cultural spaces. Places of prehispanic sacrality became imbued with Catholic importance as the Spanish constructed churches atop or near sacred landscapes. The Catholic god—who had demonstrated his power throughout the Spanish conquest—was

considered as an addition to the Andean pantheon, even as Spanish authorities emphasized religious exclusion.

Taki Onqoy has heretofore been studied through the primary accounts of Spanish priests who were attempting to extirpate the movement, yet I argue that these documents demonstrated uniform conceptions of “Spanish” and “Andean.” Taki Onqoy was enacted and structured in situ through entangled practices with entangled objects in places which held diverse meanings for different people, and thus an archaeological study of how these new colonial constructions interacted is a critical line of inquiry. While Taki Onqoy was powerful in the short term in its ability to create rapid cultural change and to frighten Spanish religious authorities, its promises to return the Andes to a prehispanic utopia was ultimately never fulfilled. However, the practices indicative of Taki Onqoy served as a blueprint for future Andean revitalization and millenarian movements (Dean 1999; Gose 2008), and some of its key practices are thought to still be practiced in the highlands of Huamanga, Huancavelica, and Apurimac today (Arguedas 1968; Bush 2012). Taki Onqoy’s legacies also endure in its central role in historical debate as a potential marker of Andean nationalism (Millones et al. 1990). In the remainder of this concluding chapter, I summarize the movement’s key practices, my hypotheses, and the results of my archaeological investigation into Taki Onqoy.

Taki Onqoy Sources and Practices

To date, there are four known primary sources which discuss Taki Onqoy by name—each of these sources was recorded at variable times and in different places, and they each provide unique accounts of the movement’s practices (Chapter 2). Of these accounts, the work of the Spanish priests Cristóbal de Molina and Cristóbal de Albornoz are considered the only lengthy

documents about Taki Onqoy: while Molina described the movement's origins, practices, and beliefs, Albornoz chronicled accounts of his work extirpating idolatries in the Central Highlands of Peru. Both Molina and Albornoz suggested that the movement originated in the last Inka holdout of Vilcabamba and was spread by traveling Inka priests who wandered throughout the highlands (Chapter 2). Both authors also affirmed that takiongos believed that the huacas—who had been neglected by Andeans or destroyed by Spaniards—were resurrecting into two armies, one following Pachacamac and the other supporting Titicaca. These two armies were forming in order to battle the Catholic God and return Andean peoples to a perceived revitalized utopia in the mold of prehispanic Andean belief systems. The reanimated huacas were said to fly through the air in order to inhabit various individuals, who claimed that they had been purified by huaca possession. Possessed takiongos would drink heavily and dance for days, often in outdoor enclosures specifically designated for Taki Onqoy practices.

Molina and Albornoz identified several Taki Onqoy practices related to the rejection of Spanish traditions, all which would indicate an absence of archaeological materials. This rejection included avoidance of Spanish foods, clothing, churches, and prayer—archaeologically, these practices would manifest in the absence of non-local (Spanish) artifacts in households. The two priests also identified Taki Onqoy practices which provide *positive* archaeological material correlates. Takiongos repurposed traditional Andean practices such as use of red body paints, sacrifice of rams and cuy, and ancestor worship. Some individuals even practiced outright rejection of Catholicism, manifested through the destruction of Catholic symbols and materials. In response, Spanish authorities who punished takiongos often whipped the preachers, shaved their heads, forced them to help construct churches, mandated ecclesiastical teachings several days a week, and burned or destroyed the huacas associated with each Taki Onqoy town.

With the introduction of monotheistic, exclusivist religion at the cost of the destruction of local huacas, Spanish Catholics thrust local religious practices into turmoil. Andeans interpreted the destruction of their huacas as a *bodily sickness*. This interpretation was not metaphorical—Andean groups perceived the destruction of their huacas as the *cause* of the ailments in the second half of the sixteenth century. It was in this antagonistic milieu that Taki Onqoy developed, and it is why its central tenet was to worship those huacas who had been destroyed. In the Andean religious framework, individuals could worship both their traditional idols while simultaneously acknowledging the power of the Catholic God. Yet, these takiongos also must have been influenced by the very teachings of the Catholic Church in that the most novel practice associated with Taki Onqoy was the rejection of the Spanish God. Taki Onqoy preachers were insistent that those Andean peoples who had actively embraced “Hispanic” orientations were thus enemies of the native communities. In order to regain the alliances and trust of their fellow Andeans, those who practiced Catholicism had to renounce these beliefs and instead join the Taki Onqoy movement.

However, *disbelieving* in the Catholic God was difficult for Andean individuals—God had demonstrated his power in helping the Spaniards triumph over the Inka, and thus was a deity to be feared and admired. Taki Onqoy preachers creatively did not denounce the power of this God; instead, they affirmed the power, but preached that it did not apply to Andeans. While God had given Spaniards their successes in Spain and the New World, it was the huacas which supported the Andeans—Andean peoples had to both recommit to worshipping the huacas, providing them with gifts and food, and simultaneously exclude the Catholic God.

Utilizing the accounts from Molina and Albornoz in conjunction with other archaeological studies of the Early Colonial Period, I generated the following hypotheses to guide my investigation at Iglesiachayoq (Chapters 2 and 5).

1. If Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of Spanish material culture, they would likely be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic or Spanish objects in new ways or hybrid forms of material culture.
2. If Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq were overtly violent, they would be marked by destruction of huacas in public arenas or physical punishment of takiongos in public spaces.
3. If the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic traditions in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of position and burial goods.
4. If Taki Onqoy performances were an explicit revitalization of prehispanic cultural traditions, then their associated materials would reflect practices common in the region prior to Spanish invasion.
5. If Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement, its material and spatial signatures will be uncovered in private areas away from central religious spaces. If there are public spaces of Taki Onqoy performances, these will be located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices.

In the rest of this conclusion, I will briefly summarize the results of my archaeological investigations in the domestic, mortuary, and spatial spheres, and then address each hypothesis individually.

Results: Household Archaeology

In our excavations of ten households, Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period occupations were indistinguishable, and there was broad continuity within sectors and structure types. The only evidence of non-local artifacts in these realms was indicated through two caret-head nails, an iron doorlatch, and the presence of Old World fauna such as cow or horse/donkey. Of the three iron artifacts, one was found in each sector, in three separate houses.

Excavation results of fauna produced a minimum of thirty individuals (Chapter 6). In general, patterns in faunal data follow trends in differences between sectors. Cow and equid made up 5.05% of the assemblage, and were almost exclusively found in Sector 1, with the exception of one modern cow bone in Sector 2. This affirms that these large Old World animals were most commonly associated with Sector 1, the Spanish ritual center. All of the cow and equid were adults at the time of death, suggesting they may have been utilized as pack animals or for transportation. In contrast, camelid bone was the most common faunal remain, making up 15% of the assemblage found site-wide. Camelids were recovered in ages ranging from juvenile to sub-adult to adult, indicating a more generalized and renewable pattern of use.

We found no ceramics that we could confidently categorize as colonial period (glazed or wheel-thrown), and it appears as though site-wide ceramic traditions remained constant through the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period (Chapter 6). With such a sparse assemblage of European foods, goods, and personal items, and the documentary record of Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq, there are two possible interpretations for the data: first, as in other sites across the Andes, continuity between prehispanic and post-conquest occupations can be explained as the result of temporality. There was not enough time for imported vessels, animals, and religious practices to arrive and infiltrate Iglesiachayoq. In contrast, since there was evidence of European

goods, albeit in incredibly small amounts, it is also possible that the people living in certain areas of the site were actively avoiding Spanish goods and traditions, as affirmed by Molina and Albornoz.

Now I will turn to the material correlates of Taki Onqoy. In Sectors 2 and 3, those which did not contain the central Catholic Church, we did find a relatively normal assemblage of ceramic vessels for cooking, drinking, and storage. In Sector 3, there were two units excavated which were nearly devoid of artifacts—the unit in the semi-circular plaza and the associated ovoid structure (Chapter 6). Both of these correspond with descriptions of Taki Onqoy rituals and the architectural enclosures where these rituals would have been performed. Unfortunately, the assemblage I found, while consistent with Taki Onqoy practices, is also consistent with general Late Horizon or Early Colonial Period settlements across the Andes. We recovered no evidence of red pigments, sacrificed animals, or spondylus shell, nor were there any overt examples of destroyed Catholic religious items or iconography related to Taki Onqoy (Chapter 2 and 6).

One other way in which Taki Onqoy performances can be inferred is through the punishments given to takiongos as documented by Albornoz (Chapter 2). In the central plaza unit in Sector 1, my team and I did not recover any diagnostic ceramic, nor were there any faunal remains. During Taki Onqoy, huacas were not only able to inhabit various individuals, but they also were considered portable in some cases. Thus, the destruction of portable stone huacas could have been possible in this area of the site, and would be consistent with the documented Taki Onqoy punishments and huaca destruction noted by Albornoz (1990:275). In this unit, we recovered 152 fragments of a brown, waxy stone known as “welded tuff,” an igneous rock generated from explosive volcanic eruptions. If this stone were present in such high quantities

across all patio units, then I would expect it to be a natural part of the site's geology. However, no other patio unit contained welded tuff. Moreover, the *only* places we also recovered this material was in the church excavation units. It could be possible that these tuff fragments were considered portable huacas—this would explain their presence exclusively in the plaza and church units. The presence of this type of stone in the plaza could correlate with Albornoz's overt destruction of huacas here, and its density in the church units could represent local takiongos bringing fragments of this stone into the new sacred center of Iglesiachayoq.

Besides differences between sectors, we also recovered differences between structure forms. Quadrangular structures with squared corners (rectilinear structures) were clustered within one hundred meters of the central Spanish church, and seem to have been associated with the activities which occurred in Sector 1. Quadrangular structures with rounded corners were the typical domestic structure form at the site, and demonstrated typical domestic assemblages with similar faunal, ceramic, and lithic remains. Finally, in ovoid structures we recovered distinctive assemblages which lacked faunal remains, diagnostic ceramics, and prepared hearths, and in which most ceramic sherds recovered were under 5cm in size. I suggest that these ovoid structures were thus neither used for storage, nor for domestic activities, and instead were regularly cleaned and utilized as Taki Onqoy enclosures for dancing and chanting.

Results: Mortuary Archaeology

In domestic contexts, my team and I recovered evidence of general continuity. In contrast, church excavations demonstrated extreme variability in mortuary treatments. Three units were excavated within the church structure. The excavated human remains were very fragile and could not be biologically sexed with confidence. Burial treatment of individuals

interred (or disinterred) from this space indicates that postmortem practices were highly contested. In fact, although the central Catholic Church is the space in which Catholic authorities would have had the most oversight, it is also the space in which we found the most evidence for heterodox practices vis a vis Catholicism and Taki Onqoy. We recovered several different types of burials at Iglesiachayoq including primary extended, primary flexed, secondary extended, secondary flexed, disturbed burials, removed burials, and burials which we were unable to categorize (indeterminate).

The array of burial practices in such a symbolic space suggests that Andeans were either embracing new Catholic traditions or retaining aspects of their native identity in the most critical context possible. Primary extended burials affirmed that some Andean individuals were publicly embracing Catholic tenets—these individuals would have been interred in public ceremonies. Primary flexed burials were often interred with tupus or other grave goods, and at various angles in relation to the eastern altar. While the position and presence of grave goods suggests a retention or revitalization of Andean practices, the primary interment in the church suggests that the kin of these deceased individuals were willing to negotiate with Catholic mandates and that Catholic authorities allowed leeway in interment.

We recovered one example of a secondary extended individual. This individual was originally buried in a different location, and then his/her remains were relocated into the church near the altar. Those who reinterred this individual attempted to situate the body in the extended form without grave goods. Perhaps, then, some Andean peoples were actively attempting to inter their relatives in ways that were overtly Catholic. The secondary flexed burials similarly were relocated after death, but haphazardly such that the bones were more or less “bundled” and occasionally contained parts of different individuals. Finally, in what I consider to be the most

overt example of Taki Onqoy tenets, four individuals were originally interred beneath the church floor and were removed at a later date. Although the punishment for burial removal at this time was severe, the removed burials suggest that Andean removing their dead and reintering them elsewhere.

Results: Spatial Analysis

I tested both walking times to different locations and intrasite visibility of these same places through spatial modeling (Spatial Network Analysis and Viewshed Analysis, respectively) in ArcGIS 10.6. The basic premise of my spatial analysis models was that there were two distinctive areas of Iglesiachayoq which were associated with religious ritual practices: the Spanish Catholic church in Sector 1, and the prehispanic circular structure and plaza in Sector 3. In addition to the differences between these two spaces, there were also variations in function of different structure forms, as supported by archaeological artifact assemblages. For the purposes of the Spatial Network Analysis, I used rectilinear structures and the central church plaza as proxies for Catholic religious practices, and I used Sector 3 structures and the prehispanic plaza as proxies for Taki Onqoy practices.

I ran the SNA model four times, tracing walking times between rectilinear structures to the church plaza, Sector 3 structures to the church plaza, squared structures to the prehispanic plaza, and Sector 3 structures to the prehispanic plaza. Results indicated differential access to both plazas. Those residing in rectilinear structures had the shortest walk to the church plaza, and two of these structures were able to utilize the western access of this plaza, which was restricted for Sector 3 travelers. In contrast, those residing in Sector 3 had a much longer walk to the church plaza, and were routed through the eastern plaza access. This route meant that those

walking from Sector 3 would have been forced to travel the length of the church before entering the church plaza. Conversely, travel times were much longer for those living in the rectilinear structures to arrive at the local plaza than for those in Sector 3. Additionally, those authorities who were likely residing in Sector 1 would have been visible in their movement toward the local sector since they were traveling uphill and the local plaza was hidden from view.

While the SNA was useful for envisioning and modeling movement through Iglesiachayoq, I found the viewshed analyses to be even more compelling in terms of reconstructing lived experience at the site. I ran cumulative viewshed analyses from the three Sectors as an observer of 1.5m height. Intriguingly, each sector lacked visibility to the other two sectors. Visually, then, those existing and performing in each sector would have had relative privacy and would not have been able to see or be seen by people in the other two sectors. In considering Taki Onqoy, practitioners of the movement would have clearly been able to maintain the clandestine nature of these rituals from Catholic authorities, even if they were dancing in open spaces in different parts of the site.

Re-evaluation of Hypotheses

Now that I have presented the general overall findings of my investigations, I will explicitly address each hypothesis in order to reassess my research questions.

Hypothesis 1: If Taki Onqoy practices did not entirely proscribe the use of Spanish material culture, they would likely be characterized by the repurposing of Catholic objects in new ways or hybrid forms of material culture.

Multiple practices can explain the material assemblage we recovered at Iglesiachayoq. In all units except the kuraka house, Unit 7, and Unit 10, we found no clear evidence of “Spanish”

material culture. The maintenance of local traditions in consumption and artifact production suggests that *either*:

- 1) Hypothesis 1 is supported. Taki Onqoy practices did entirely proscribe the use of Spanish material culture.
- 2) Spanish material culture was not accessible at Iglesiachayoq to begin with, and therefore there is no evidence for rejection of this material culture.

My excavations found no evidence of Catholic objects, with the exception of the 1892 cross which postdates the site occupation. Following this lack of data, we also lacked evidence for repurposing of Catholic objects or hybrid forms of material culture. The material culture recovered all supports the continuation of local traditions of Soras and Inka peoples at Iglesiachayoq.

Hypothesis 2: If Spanish responses to Taki Onqoy at Iglesiachayoq were overtly violent, they will be marked by destruction of places of indigenous importance. These practices would manifest in public arenas in efforts to quell the movement through public punishment.

I also am reluctant to provide a definitive “support” or “reject” opinion on Hypothesis 2. While we did find anomalous lithic materials in the central plaza which could be evidence of huaca destruction, more work must be completed in order to test this hypothesis. In the future, I will expand excavations in the central plaza and investigate local landscape huacas. If there is evidence of intentional destruction of landscape huacas, then Hypothesis 2 would be supported. If continued excavation in the central plaza affirms clear evidence of burning or smashing of stones and vessels, this would also support Hypothesis 2.

Hypothesis 3: If the inhabitants at Iglesiachayoq were challenging Catholic traditions in burial practices, then interments would reflect Andean traditions rather than standardized Catholic norms in terms of position and burial goods.

As discussed in Chapter 7, I found evidence of a mixture of burial treatments beneath the church at Iglesiachayoq. While some of these interments reflected Andean traditions (flexed positioning, grave goods), other individuals were interred in the preferred Catholic style. I also suggest that the removed burials are clear evidence of subversion of Catholicism and Spanish culture at Iglesiachayoq. It is highly unlikely that Andean peoples would have been unaware of the meaning of their burial removals in the eyes of Spanish ecclesiastical authorities.

Hypothesis 4: If Taki Onqoy performances were an explicit revitalization of prehispanic cultural traditions, then their associated materials would reflect practices common in the region prior to Spanish invasion.

I did not find any clear evidence of Taki Onqoy performative materials—we did not recover any evidence for animal sacrifice, no red pigments, and no overtly destroyed Catholic objects. However, household excavations and investigation of the local plaza and circular structure in Sector 3 suggest that performances may have taken place here, out of the direct sight of those associated with church activities. The local plaza and associated ovoid structure both had few artifacts, and it is plausible that they were intentionally cleaned in preparation for these performances.

Hypothesis 5: If Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement, its material and spatial signatures will be uncovered in private areas away from central religious spaces. If there are public spaces of

Taki Onqoy these will be located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices.

Though Taki Onqoy has been described as a covert movement, some of its documented practices seemingly contradict this notion. For example, excessive drinking, singing, and chanting for days at a time would certainly be considered noticeable, or even openly conspicuous. I suggest that the covert nature of Taki Onqoy practices should be considered on a spectrum of risky behaviors, each which would incur consequences or punishments at different scales. The majority of structures in Sector 3, the “local” portion of Iglesiachayoq, showed no evidence of Early Colonial Period artifacts, including iron nails, Old World food items, or Catholic religious items. At the domestic level, rejection of Spanish practices would have been both covert and rather harmless ventures—Spanish authorities could not be present at every settlement all of the time, and were more invested in Catholic rites rather than the day-to-day life in the home.

Public displays of dancing and heavy drinking were more unsafe than were everyday choices regarding food and ceramic traditions. As discussed in Chapter 2, these displays of religious fervor were loud, long, and could become so intense so as to cause illness or death in those possessed by huacas. If these performances were located in public spaces and associated with more “local” parts of the site or circular structures, then these are definitively located away from places of Spanish administration and Catholic practices. As the viewshed analysis demonstrates, each sector was invisible to the other two sectors. Additionally, the ovoid structures in Sector 1 are all situated well out of the site nucleus containing the church, chapel, and central plaza. It is therefore feasible that public performances of Taki Onqoy were still held in covert areas away from central authorities, even though they were still conspicuous events.

The riskiest practices associated with Taki Onqoy are those which occurred in the mortuary realm in the central church. This was the space which theoretically had the most Spanish oversight, and still held the most importance for both Catholicism and Taki Onqoy. The church space and burial were also two aspects of Catholic practices which were heavily regulated through the Councils of Lima. If all residents at Iglesiachayoq were publicly conforming to Spanish Catholic mandates, then I would expect a burial population of extended individuals with east/west orientations. Yet, it is in the church where we find the most convincing evidence of heterodox practices which challenge Catholic mandates. Alternative interment styles of the dead would have been visible to Catholic authorities who were in charge of burial ceremonies and perhaps allows space for considering the leniency of these authorities. However, burial removal was a problem which plagued Catholic authorities for centuries after conquest, and would have been a definitively covert activity.

In considering Hypothesis Number 5, I suggest that the archaeological results present mixed support for this statement. Taki Onqoy was a clandestine movement in that its spatial signatures were uncovered away from central religious spaces to an extent. However, in the critical realm of death, those sixteenth-century inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were directly interacting with and challenging the central Catholic religious space.

Was Taki Onqoy a Unique Movement, or a Reflection of Pan-Andean Sixteenth-Century Practices?

Historians of the Early Colonial Period have taken a wide range of perspectives on Taki Onqoy, such that conception of the movement has been cast at one extreme as a marker of indigenous identity and rebellion, or at the other extreme, as the artificial creation of Spanish priests. My interpretation of the movement is that it was a unique movement which was defined

by its contradictions. While Andean archaeology has shifted from accepting chroniclers' accounts as truth to questioning these same accounts, in the case of Taki Onqoy I suggest that denying the movement's existence erases the native practices and voices associated with the movement. Though Molina and Albornoz are writing for a royal audience, other letters between Spanish authorities in the New World suggest that Taki Onqoy was very real and that it threatened effective evangelization.

It is logical that Taki Onqoy practitioners utilized and built upon prehispanic practices. The movement was an *explicit* attempt to revitalize these practices in order to overthrow Spanish and Catholic rule. While ultimately unsuccessful in that it did not produce a change in control, the Taki Onqoy movement and the extirpation campaign undertaken by Albornoz to stomp out these practices served as models for future revitalization processes and extirpation campaigns in the Andes in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The relevance of Taki Onqoy persists in the regions of Huamanga, Apurímac, and Huancavelica today (Figure 9.1). As a movement, Taki Onqoy is regularly discussed by people who live in these regions, and many say that the “danzantes de las Tijeras” competitions are a direct relative of the Taki Onqoy dances.¹¹³

While debating the existence of Taki Onqoy in the sixteenth century is a worthwhile pursuit, and indeed, one that needs much more study, Taki Onqoy's position as an indigenous rallying cry in present-day highland Peru legitimizes the movement and its meaning. I suggest that scholars shift their considerations of Taki Onqoy not as a bounded “thing” which did or did not exist, but rather as a suite of heterodox (idolatrous according to the Spanish) practices which

¹¹³ See José María Arguedas, who uses these dances often in his work (1975). See also Samuel Villegas Paucar (2015), Bush (2012), Gose (2008). For the links between spirit possession and trancelike dancing, see Roel Pineda (1976), Vivanco (1976), Barrionuevo (1988), Castro-Klarén (1990), and Caverro (2001).

were a continuation or revival of native practices *but were entangled with Spanish Catholic practices.*



Figure 9.1. Sign in Pampachiri advertising “las rutas del Taki Unquy.”

Contributions and Future Directions

Prior to this dissertation, debate over the various facets of Taki Onqoy was derived from few documents by Spanish authors produced in the second half of the sixteenth century.

Secondary literature on the movement arrived at various conclusions regarding the geographic expanse of the movement, its practices, its threat to Spanish control, and its tendency to inflict local Andeans throughout the Central Highlands of Peru. This dissertation makes important contributions to the study of Taki Onqoy, the Early Colonial Period, Spanish conquest, local ritual, and revitalization movements. It provides a new methodology for how to study religious

movements by arguing that cultural change is generated through the repeated practices of communities and thus like any other facet of life, religious practices, performance, and ritual should be visible archaeologically. Perhaps more importantly, this research re-situates what has been considered a “local rebellion” back to the material remains of those who practiced it rather than conceiving of the movement solely in how it related to Spanish priests. Theoretically, I have tried to account for the diversity and ambiguity in human behavior—those who practiced Taki Onqoy could also have publicly consented to Spanish ritual and simultaneously, Taki Onqoy preachers who were emphatic in their huaca support could also have believed in the Spanish God. Despite the fact that both Catholic authorities and Taki Onqoy preachers demanded exclusivity in worship, documents and material assemblages instead demonstrate a much more complicated picture of the negotiation of religion and religious performance at Iglesiachayoq.

This research has made an initial step into the materials-based study of Taki Onqoy. The questions generated in investigating this new frontier cannot be solved by one season of field excavation at one Taki Onqoy center. The movement was not practiced by every person in every highland town, and was deliberately hidden from view from Spanish authorities. In fact, in my development of this project, many colleagues suggested that the project was impossible, given that I was proposing to study a suite of largely ephemeral practices which were deliberately concealed. However, as Liebmann writes, “the lack of identified instances of revitalization in the archaeological record is fueled in part by the assumption that the core characteristics of these phenomena—charisma, revelation, and prophecy—are immaterial and therefore archaeologically invisible” (2012:16). Yet, cultural change is manifested through practices, and behaviors which have material remains are associated with Taki Onqoy, so these remains should be archaeologically discernable. The results of my 2015 excavations—like all archaeological

pursuits—offer intriguing data which must be challenged through more work on this subject. To that end, I have identified several future directions of research which will extend Taki Onqoy studies beyond the single-site level.

First, and perhaps most importantly, it is critical to utilize Albornoz's *visita* accounts as a way to identify other archaeological sites for comparative studies of Taki Onqoy. The documents suggest that participation in Taki Onqoy varied between different towns, and so testing the suite of practices at other sites is critical for understanding how the movement may have looked throughout the highlands and not just at Iglesiachayoq. I have already linked several of Albornoz's settlements with their physical remains or present-day towns. Second, more excavation is necessary at Iglesiachayoq. Since Taki Onqoy was not practiced by all individuals at the site level, it is impossible to discern if the structures I excavated were *the* seats of Taki Onqoy ritual performances.

Like the identification of other Taki Onqoy settlements, I suggest that connecting the names of huacas listed by Albornoz with their modern toponyms is another critical venture into Taki Onqoy studies. Several of Albornoz's witness testimonies affirm that *takiongos* would also gather together and visit prominent landscape huacas. By identifying and visiting these huacas, we can assess how Andeans and huacas interacted during the broader Colonial Period. Similarly, by studying these landscape huacas, we can also investigate Spanish destruction of these deities. I have begun this process and also started to trace Albornoz's journey between the different settlements as a side project.

In addition to these ideas of how to investigate Taki Onqoy archaeologically at the local level, I suggest that scholars should also more broadly study the Early Colonial Period. Since there have only been limited projects which have directly explored the rapidly shifting

“transconquest” environment—and even fewer projects which are situated in the highlands rather than the coast—there is not enough of a baseline level of understanding of this period. It is impossible to understand which local practices are specific to Taki Onqoy and which were generalized sixteenth-century practices without much more extensive investigation into the period as a whole. Specifically, scholars should examine the material assemblages of local, Inka, and Spanish settlements and move beyond a “presence/absence” understanding of non-local artifacts in favor of more precise questions regarding the entanglements of the two cultures and *how* local actors utilized European items (Bray 2019; VanValkenburgh 2019). In the same way, church archaeology can provide perspectives on how local and Spanish interests intertwined in such a critical space—while there are several examples of salvage excavations during church remodeling, the positioning and interment patterns give clues as to how the living were conceiving of their dead. Moreover, studying the physical remains of these interments can shed light on how health and activities changed throughout the Spanish conquest.

Returning to Taki Onqoy, one last major worthwhile archaeological pursuit should test the documents at face value through evaluating the connections between Taki Onqoy and Vilcabamba. Though both Molina and Albornoz definitively link the two events, secondary literature has largely critiqued this connection based on the arguments by the two priests. Gose (2008) presents the only recent opinion that Taki Onqoy was the religious counterpart to the violent planned uprising in Vilcabamba, and he even brings in new data (cited in Lohman Villena 1941) in the form of a letter from Gaspar de Sotelo discussing weapons amassing in Xauxa. The connections between Vilcabamba and Taki Onqoy can and should also be considered archaeologically, in addition to the continued work of historians researching this time period.

In conclusion, Taki Onqoy could have functioned as a covert movement. Taki Onqoy preachers demanded their adherents to reject Spanish traditions, religion, and everyday practices, and excavation results are largely consistent with this demand in the domestic sector. Inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were able to continue daily life with little interruption from either Spaniards or Takiongos. However, mortuary remains of those interred in the church suggests that those who lived at Iglesiachayoq took a wide array of positions in relation to either Catholicism or Taki Onqoy. While some directly sought to conform to new Spanish mandates regarding death and burial, others maintained or revitalized prehispanic practices when interring their dead in the church. Still others likely followed Spanish rules in public interment of individuals, while secretly resisting these rules through the covert disinterment and relocation of their kin from beneath the church.

Taki Onqoy's internal contradictions were mirrored by the remains of its entangled practices. While explicitly indicative of the rejection of Spanish culture and religion, Taki Onqoy was also at least partially structured by colonial cultural milieu in which it was enacted. It was produced through its performances at specific places by individuals who interacted with particular objects, and exploring these entanglements is key to understanding Taki Onqoy. Taki Onqoy also serves as a bounded example of how religious practices, landscapes, and objects took on new meanings in the Early Colonial Period, and its contradictions should be embraced as indicative of a broader framework of rapid and intentional cultural revitalization.

APPENDIX A: Faunal Analysis

Faunal Analysis – Unit Descriptions/Summaries
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General Findings

The faunal assemblage from 2016 excavations at PATO totaled 673 NISP (number of identifiable specimens), indicating a relatively small sample. Total bone weight of the assemblage was 2,196.71 grams. The minimum number of individual (MNI) animals in the assemblage was 30, calculated by excavation unit. The assemblage consisted entirely of mammal remains, with no other classes present. Within mammals, 8 different taxa categories were identified. Native Andean taxa included guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*), camelid (Camelidae) such as llama or alpaca, and even-toed ungulates (Artiodactyla), which include camelids and possible deer. Introduced Eurasian domesticates included cattle (*Bos taurus*) and horse and donkey (Perissodactyla). One canine (Canidae) fragment was also identified.

While newly introduced Old World mammals are present in the sample, camelids tend to dominate. Camelid specimens are the most frequent besides unidentifiable mammal remains, with NISP = 73 (11% of the sample) and MNI = 13 (43% of the sample). Eurasian animals (cow, horse/donkey) were found in three different units (2 total sectors). In Sector I, Eurasian mammals are found in UE's 1 and 3. In Sector II, Eurasian domesticates are found in UE 6. There was only one unit (UE 10) to have guinea pig remains (NISP = 2, from a juvenile).

Overall, there was a relatively high percentage of burned specimens in the assemblage, with 59% (NISP = 398) exhibiting burning. UE 4 material almost entirely burned (97%). Units 17-19 were the only units that did not include a burned specimen. Degree of burning revealed variation in burning temperature, with partially black (NISP = 7), black (NISP = 28), and black/white (NISP = 363) specimens identified. The majority of specimens were burned at higher temperature levels (black/white), although the majority of the 363 black/white specimens came from one specific context (UE 4, 92% of black/white total). This could indicate a time-specific burn event, or possible one type of trash removal.

Butchery was only observed on 23 specimens in the assemblage (3.42%). Types of butchering included saw marks (n=8), hacks (n=6), and cuts (n=39). Age profiles for the assemblage indicate a majority of adult animals, with some juvenile camelid and guinea pigs identified. One sub-adult camelid was identified in UE 4, along with many specimens of a juvenile camelid (NISP = 16, MNI = 1). All Eurasian domesticate remains were from adult individuals.

Skeletal frequencies determined by minimum anatomical units (MAU) derived from NISP values were calculated for camelid specimens only. A majority of meat cuts came from hindquarter, hind foot, and foot elements. Foot and hind foot elements are less-meaty, and may indicate less nutrient cuts of meat. However, these elements are also usually left behind after butchery, and thus may indicate areas of local slaughter and butchery.

Finally, some pathologies and taphonomical effects were recorded for this assemblage. Mild exotosis was identified on 2 camelid elements in the assemblage, and some form of weathering did occur on 7% of the sample, with some unidentifiable black shiny residue, as well as root etching, possible canine gnawing, and general weathering due to climate.

UE 1

UE1 was one of the larger contexts, with 188 NISP. Of these, 5.8 % were burned (black/white) and 4.8 % exhibited some form of butchery. There were at least two camelids (one adult and one juvenile), as well as at least one adult horse or donkey. Additionally, one artiodactyl (camelid or deer) and one possible cow or horse was identified. UE 1 was one of only three units to have both Eurasian (NISP = 29) and native (NISP = 22) taxa identified.

When examining frequency of camelid meat cuts, we see a higher number of hindquarter specimens (NISP = 8), and MAU (minimum anatomical unit) proportions indicate higher concentration of hindquarter elements (MAU % = 42.8).

UE 2

UE 2 consisted of 13 NISP. 6 specimens exhibited burning (46% of unit total), and were all burned black. There was no observed butchery. One camelid individual and one artiodactyl individual were identified, although age was not possible to assess. The camelid element came from the forefoot of the animal.

UE 3

UE 3 included 8 NISP. Of these, 3 were burned varying degrees of black and black/white, and 2 exhibited signs of butchery (cut and hacks). One camelid and one cow individual were identified, making UE 3 one of the three units to include both Eurasian and native taxa. Camelid meat cuts indicate elements from the hindfoot and foot.

UE 4

UE 4 was the largest contexts, with 359 NISP. Almost the entire context exhibited burning (NISP=347, 96.7%) and were burned varying degrees of partially black, black, and black/white. Interestingly, none of the specimens exhibited observable signs of butchery. One juvenile camelid and one sub-adult camelid were identified, as well as at least two artiodactyls. Meat cuts for the juvenile and sub-adult camelid indicate a range of cuts, with elements from the head, hindquarter, forequarter, and foot. UE 4 was the only unit where a sub-adult specimen was identified.

UE 5

UE 5 consisted of 32 NISP. Of these, 12 fragments were burned (37.5 %) varying degrees of partially black, black, and black/white, and 6 fragments (18.8%) exhibited signs of butchery such as cuts and sawing. One adult camelid and one artiodactyl were identified in the sample. The adult camelid in question exhibited mild exotosis (or ringbone) on two 1st phalanges (a pathology related to over-work, shock, or prolonged time on uneven surfaces) (see deFrance 2010). This pathology could eventually lead to lameness in animals, although the very mild condition of exotosis on the camelid phalanges in question do not suggest considerable lameness. Skeletal frequencies calculated for the camelid indicate mostly lower limb elements (hindfoot and foot).

UE 6

UE 6 had a total of 6 NISP. One of the specimens was burned (7.7% of context) partially black, and two exhibited butchering with both cut and saw marks (15.4%). This was the final unit that

had both native and Eurasian animals identified, with one adult cow and one adult camelid individual were identified.

UE 7

UE 7 included 25 NISP. Of these, 9 fragments were burned (36%) varying degrees of partially black, black, and black/white, and 3 fragments exhibited signs of butchery (cut marks) (12% of sample). Two camelid individuals and one artiodactyl individual were identified in the unit. Age profiles indicate at least one juvenile and one adult camelid. Skeletal frequencies calculated for camelids in UE 7 indicate higher proportions of hindquarter elements (MAU % = 50).

UE 9

UE 9 consisted of 16 NISP. 7 of the specimens were burned (43.7%) black or black/white and there was no observable butchery. One adult camelid and one artiodactyl were identified. Camelid elements consisted of forefoot and hindfoot meat cuts.

UE 10

UE 10 was one of the smaller contexts, with a total of 7 NISP. Two of the specimens were burned (28.6 %) black/white and no butchery was observed. This was the only unit where guinea pig was identified (NISP = 2). In total, one juvenile guinea pig was identified, as well as one camelid and one artiodactyl specimen.

UE 17

UE 17 was also a smaller context, with 4 NISP. None of the remains were burned and none were butchered. There were no identifiable taxa in this context besides unidentifiable mammal remains.

UE 18

UE 18 was a small context with only 6 NISP. None of the remains were burned nor did they show signs of butchery. The one canine specimen identified from this assemblage was found in this unit (NISP=1), and was most likely a local fox, though could have possibly been a domestic dog (unable to determine with present element).

UE 19

UE 19 was the smallest context, with a NISP of 2. Artiodactyl (NISP=1) and camelid (NISP=1) were identified in this unit. None of the remains were burned. The camelid specimen was from an adult camelid, and exhibited evidence of heavy butchery (5 cut marks). This was an astragalus (foot).

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APPENDIX B: Stable Isotope Analysis Report

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STABLE ISOTOPE ANALYSIS – Results Collagen

The isotopic values for the 8 individuals excavated and sampled are listed in Table 4. The range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$ is -13.4‰ to -11.1‰ (average= -12.5‰; sd=0.79‰). The range of $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$ is 10.1‰ to 11.8‰ (average=11.26‰, sd=0.70‰). This falls into the range of individuals eating C4 plants, particularly maize in the Andes and animals that fed on C4 plants as well, indicating a diet that was common, especially in Andahuaylas, a settlement close-by, during the Late Intermediate Period (Kurin). All eight individuals cluster together in a tight range for $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$ values, indicating that these individuals, who relatively represent each unit, ate similar diets, although those excavated from Unit 17 (n=4) have the largest range, but this is not significant. When looking at the $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$, we see a similar tight cluster, with Unit 19 (n=2) having the largest range, although again, the range is not significant. Overall, individuals seem to have a similar diet in the last few years before their death, even individual 1010 from Unit 19 whom we hypothesize to be the Spanish priest.

Table 4. Results of the for $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$, and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ analysis for the individuals buried beneath the church at Iglesiachayoq.

| Locus | Unit | Sex | Age (years) | Bone/Tooth | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) Collagen | $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰) Collagen | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) Enamel/Bone Carbonate | C:N Collagen |
|-------|------|-----|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 906 | 17 | U | 35+ | Premolar/Long Bone | -12.9 | 11.8 | -6.39 | 2.7 |
| 907* | 17 | F? | 15+/-36 months | Long bone | - | - | -7.58 | - |
| 907 | * | * | * | 3 rd molar | - | - | -6.17 | - |

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|-------|----|----|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| 907-2 | 17 | U | U | Long Bone | - | - | -7.85 | - |
| 908 | 17 | U | 5+/- 1.5 years | 1 st Molar | - | - | -5.67 | - |
| 912 | 17 | U | 20s | 3 rd Molar/ Long Bone | -13.4 | 10.3 | -3.83 | 2.7 |
| 915 | 17 | U | 20-30 | 3 rd Molar/Long Bone | -11.6 | 11.8 | -4.64 | 2.7 |
| 916 | 17 | U | U | Long Bone | -13 | 11.1 | - | 2.7 |
| 956 | 18 | F? | 5+/- 1.5 years | 1 st Molar | - | - | -5.80 | - |
| 958 | 18 | U | Adult | Long Bone | -11.1 | 11.6 | - | 2.7 |
| 960 | 18 | F? | Adult | Long Bone | -12.8 | 11.6 | - | 2.7 |
| 1008* | 19 | U | 20s | Long Bone | - | - | -8.69 | - |
| 1008 | * | * | * | 3 rd Molar | - | - | -6.56 | - |
| 1009 | 19 | U | Mix | 3 rd Molar/Long Bone | -13 | 10.1 | -3.23 | 2.7 |
| 1010 | 19 | U | 20s | Long Bone | -12.2 | 11.8 | - | 2.7 |

Table B.1. Results of the for $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$ and the $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$ analysis for the individuals buried beneath the church at Iglesiachayoq.

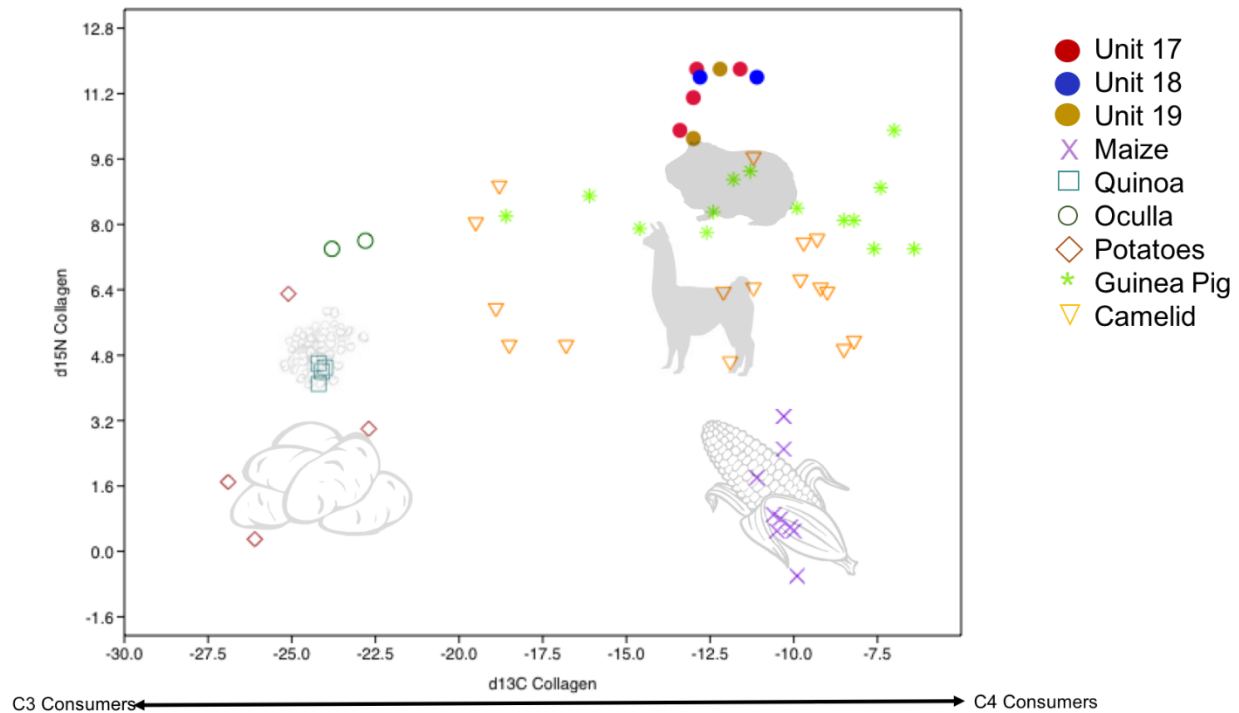


Figure B.1. Results of the stable isotopic analysis of the plant material collected from the area of Iglesiachayoq. Plant samples included maize, oculia, quinoa and potatoes. Data of the camelids and guinea pigs comes from published data out of Conchopata in Ayacucho (Finucane et al. 2006).

STABLE ISOTOPE ANALYSIS – Results Carbonate

The isotopic values for the 9 individuals excavated and sampled are listed in Table 5. For individuals 907 and 1008, bone and enamel carbonate samples were taken. The range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ for the enamel is -6.56‰ to -3.23‰ ($n=8$; average = -5.29‰ , $sd=1.24\text{‰}$). The range of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ for the enamel is -11.41‰ to -7.66‰ ($n=8$; average = -9.79‰ ; $sd=1.55\text{‰}$). However, the premolar and the first molars sampled have not been corrected for, therefore, when taken out of the sample, the range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ is -6.17‰ to -3.32‰ ($n=5$; average = -4.89‰ ,

sd=1.45‰). The range for $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ when the premolar and first molars are removed is the same (n=5; average= -10.03‰, sd=1.40‰).

Overall, this data suggests that there may be some migration or differentiation happening within Iglesiachayoq's church population. Unit 19, individuals 1008 and 1009, show the largest range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ values, with a difference of just over 3‰, which is usually considered significant. However, these individuals have similar $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{apatite}}$ values, possibly suggesting access to a similar elevation (ecotone), although in the Andes, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ values are difficult to interpret (Knudsen 2009; Knudson and Torres-Rouff). Additionally, the difference of Individual 1008's $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ values between the third molar enamel and their long bones, suggesting there may have been a slight change in diet from childhood to adulthood, although the difference is not significant.

| Locus | Unit | Sex | Age | Bone/Tooth | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) Carbonate | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰) Carbonate |
|-------|------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 906 | 17 | U | 35+ | Premolar | -6.39 | -9.95 |
| 907* | 17 | F? | 12 – 18 years | Long Bone | -7.58 | -12.79 |
| 907 | * | * | * | 3 rd Molar | -6.17 | -11.41 |
| 907-2 | 17 | U | U | Long Bone | -7.85 | -12.64 |
| 908 | 17 | U | 3 – 7 years | 1 st Molar | -5.67 | -8.81 |
| 912 | 17 | U | 20s | 3 rd Molar | -3.83 | -7.66 |
| 915 | 17 | U | 20 - 30 years | 3 rd Molar | -4.64 | -10.41 |
| 956 | 18 | F? | 3 – 7 years | 1 st Molar | -5.80 | -9.36 |
| 1008* | 19 | U | 20 – 30 years | Long Bone | -8.69 | -11.30 |
| 1008 | * | * | * | 3 rd Molar | -6.56 | -10.41 |

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|------|----|---|-----|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| 1009 | 19 | U | Mix | 3 rd Molar | -3.23 | -10.27 |
|------|----|---|-----|-----------------------|-------|--------|

Table B.2. Results of the for $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ analysis for the individuals buried beneath the church at Iglesiachayoq.

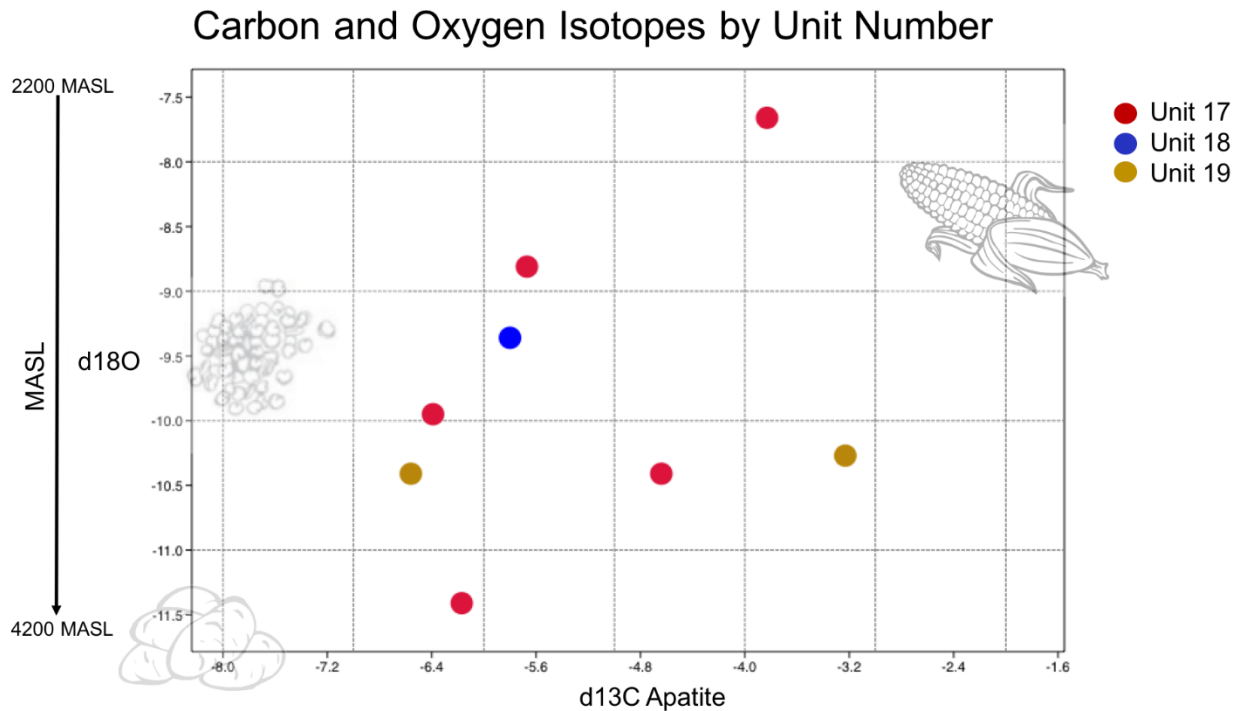


Figure B.2. Results of the stable isotopic analysis of the skeletal remains from *Iglesiachayoq*.

DISCUSSION: Highlighted Individuals

Individual 912 and locus 1009

Individual 912 and locus 1009 comes up again as a highlighted individual with their isotope data. Individual 912 had the highest $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ value out of all the samples, indicating that this individual may have grown up in a lower altitude than where they died. However, as mentioned earlier, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ values are difficult to interpret in the Andes, so this could be misleading. However, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$, and $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$ values also separate this individual as having a unique signature compared to the other individuals sampled. Their

$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carbonate}}$ was high, pairing closely with locus 1009, which represents the locus that had the adult bundle and the juvenile skull (the sample was taken from the adult long bones and a 3rd molar found with the bundle). Additionally, their $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{collagen}}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{collagen}}$ values were lower than the rest of the group, again pairing closely with locus 1009, but the difference from the rest of the samples is not significant. Finally, both of these loci together form an interesting pair in that both present arguments for being individual(s) of prestige and showcasing the range of negotiation within the church space. Locus 1009 was found at the foot of the altar, a traditionally prestigious space within the church and was found with both a tupu and a needle. However, this locus was found as a bundle with adult long bones and a juvenile cranium. Individual 912, on the other hand, was found extended in the back of the church with a tupu and *Nueva Cadiz* turquoise beads. The fact that this individual was found with these grave goods suggests they may have had some prestige in life, even though they were in the back of the church. The only value that differed within their isotopic values were the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$, as individual 912's value indicated they grew up at a lower altitude while locus 1009's $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{carbonate}}$ value falls within the middle of the group, suggesting this individual grew up in the Chicha-Soras Valley or an area in a similar altitude. Overall, these two groups of samples give arguments for migration and possible individuals (or their families) with more prestige than others within the negotiation of their final resting place in the church. With a larger sample size, they may be within the range of expected values, but for this sample size, they represent one of the ends of the range.

APPENDIX C: Ceramic Analysis

Ceramic Artifacts at Iglesiachayoq: Results of the 2015 Excavations

Iglesiachayoq was founded by the Inka, but inhabited by local Soras peoples and eventually, some Spanish authorities.¹¹⁴ Given Iglesiachayoq's location outside of Cuzco and date of founding ~mid fifteenth century, we hypothesized that the site would contain mostly provincial Inka and local (Chicha/Soras) utilitarian wares. However, since Iglesiachayoq is located near several other Wari sites (see Meddens 1986), we also considered the possibility of Wari fragments which had been brought from nearby Wari-era settlements. Finally, given the intermittent presence of Spanish authorities (as demonstrated from metal artifacts and church burials), we also predicted that a conservative amount of Early Colonial Period ceramic fragments would be found. Goals of analysis focused on establishing basic vessel forms, decorations, and chronological typologies for the Iglesiachayoq. In the next sections, I will detail basic characteristics of Wari, Soras, Inka, and Spanish ceramic assemblages and then present the analysis data from ceramic recovered during excavation at Iglesiachayoq.

Wari Ceramic Assemblages

Wari ceramic assemblages contain regional variations—Meddens' 1986 dissertation focuses on the Wari occupation of the Chicha-Soras Valley, and thus I will refer to Meddens' findings in order to describe Wari ceramic traditions in this area. Meddens divides the Middle Horizon ceramic assemblage in the Chicha-Soras Valley into four main phases, and goes into great detail about the specific vessel types and decorations found during each phase.

¹¹⁴ Although this population of Spanish authorities may not have been permanent—priests could have traveled between various towns in the region.

Middle Horizon Epoch 1 (All recovered from the site of Yako)

- Vessel Forms: round based open bowls, flat based open bowls, and short neck jars.
- Decoration: Acuchimay polychrome zigzag (Figure C.1. from Knobloch 1983)¹¹⁵, Black Decorated designs, absence of mythical creature designs, matte finishes

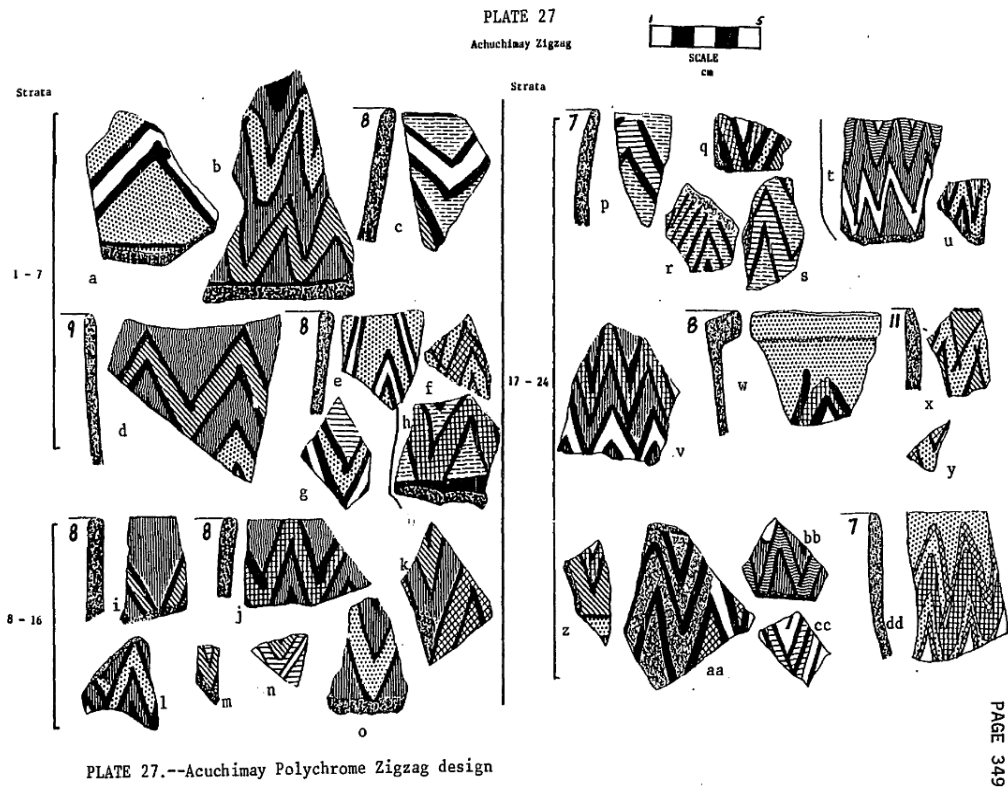


Figure C.1. Acuchimay polychrome zigzag from Knobloch 1983.

Middle Horizon Epoch 2 (Excavated at Chiqna Jota)

¹¹⁵ Bennett 1953, Knobloch 1983

- Vessel Forms: round based open bowl, flat based open bowl, cup, incurving bowls, cantaro, short neck jars
- Decoration: Vinaque, Black Decorated, and Curawasi, largely geometric designs, Chicha style
 - Chicha style: lines, bands of the designs are thinner, more regular, and colors are paler, most common designs are variations on ovals and rectangles

Middle Horizon Epochs 3 and 4

- Vessel Forms: round based open bowl, simple incurving bowl, animal lug bowl, simple face neck jar, simple short neck jar
- Decoration: dominated by Chicha style, designs derived from Vinaque types, maybe derived from wing panel

Late Intermediate Period Local Ceramic Styles

The Late Intermediate Period was characterized by a breakdown of the Wari state such that smaller, local alliances and rivalries developed. There are a number of regional local ceramic styles during this time, which vary according to area. Again, I borrow from Meddens' 1986 dissertation here to describe the Late Intermediate Period ceramic styles in the Chicha-Soras Valley. Meddens divides the LIP into two phases, LIP 1 and LIP 2.

Late Intermediate Period Phase 1

- Decoration: Chicha style loses last vestiges of influence from earlier Wari styles, Toqsa style (Sondondo) present

Late Intermediate Period Phase 2

- Decoration: Chicha style is replaced by Soras style, in which none of the earlier designs are retained, many vessel shapes disappear.
 - Soras: smudged yellow brown wares, mostly undecorated, rough plastic decoration. Modeled faces with large features and pronounced bottom lips or chins. Badly made, overfired, sometimes has vitrified surfaces like a natural glaze. (see image below, from Meddens 1985:396)



FIG. 164

Figure C.2. Soras-style ware, from Meddens 1985.

Late Horizon Ceramic Assemblages

The types and distributions of Inka state pottery across the Empire varies greatly according to proximity to the capitol of Cuzco, investment in particular regions, and

administrative centers vs. local settlements. Cuzco-style Inka wares are generally characterized by standardized vessel forms and geometric designs, and are usually related to serving and consumption functions (Julien 2004). Outside of Cuzco, the most common Inka forms are aribalos, shallow plates, and pedestal cooking pots (Bray 2003: 125). The basic decorative styles of Inka state pottery includes Cusco Polychrome A, the fern motif, and Cusco Polychrome B, which consists of black triangles in horizontal rows and/or concentric black diamonds (Rowe 1944:47).

In provincial settlements outside of the Inka heartland, local potters often imitated Inka state vessel forms or designs (Abraham 2010: 190). The adoption of these forms or designs was often a response to incorporation into the Inka Empire, although local wares also continued into the Late Horizon.

- Vessel Forms: aribalos, shallow plates, pedestal cooking pots
- Decoration: fern motif, diamond motif, polished wares, coarser wares, slipped wares, burnished wares

Early Colonial Period Ceramic Assemblage

The Early Colonial Period ceramic assemblage in the New World consisted of new ceramic technologies: wheel-thrown ceramic forms and new types of glazes. One type of commodity circulating in the Early Colonial Period were majolica wares, “relatively high-fired earthenware ceramic covered with an opaque, tin-lead glaze or enamel and brightly painted decoration” (Rice 2013: 651-52). Majolica was used in all types of contexts, and was produced

both in Spain and in New World manufacturing centers¹¹⁶. Majolica produced in Cuzco was decorated in green and purple-black-brown, and Cajamarca pottery was blue-and-white (Rice 2013). A typical vessel form in the Early Colonial Period was the *botija*, or coarse earthenware ceramic amphora storage jar often used for wine or brandy storage (Weaver 2015).

Given the early date of occupation at Iglesiachayoq, we expected very little Early Colonial Period ceramic—perhaps some glazed sherds or novel vessel forms.

- Vessel Forms: All types
- Decoration: tin or lead enameled glaze, wheel-thrown ceramics, imported wares.

Ceramics at Iglesiachayoq

Ceramic artifacts were the most ubiquitous type of artifact recovered at Iglesiachayoq, consisting of 8,720 total recovered sherds from 19 excavated units. In general, the amount of ceramic sherds recovered is very low for the area of excavation—this is because Iglesiachayoq was only occupied for 100 years maximum, and its inhabitants were likely resettled to the reduction of Pampachiri in the 1570s. We divided the assemblage into diagnostic (n=570 sherds) and non-diagnostic (n=8150 sherds). Diagnostic sherds consisted of rims, bases, necks, and decorated body sherds. All diagnostic sherds were analyzed for vessel forms, types, decoration styles, and pastes. For non-diagnostic sherds, only count and weight were recorded.

There were several difficult aspects to studying the ceramic at Iglesiachayoq. First, although Frank Meddens completed a ceramic typology for the Middle Horizon in the Chicha-

¹¹⁶ Including Cuzco, established in 1588 (Oberti Rodriguez 1999), Cajamarca in the north (Stastny 1981), and the northern Lake Titicaca basin (Tschopik 1950).

Soras Valley, he did not provide a detailed typology for the Late Intermediate Period or Late Horizon. Local artifacts collected by Meddens are lost at this time, and thus there was no reference collection with which to compare the sample from Iglesiachayoq. Second, there was only one whole vessel collected at Iglesiachayoq, although we were able to partially reconstruct several more. We thus utilized the rim sherd as the primary unit of analysis, and because they were often so fragmented, we could not always determine vessel shape or the design motif.

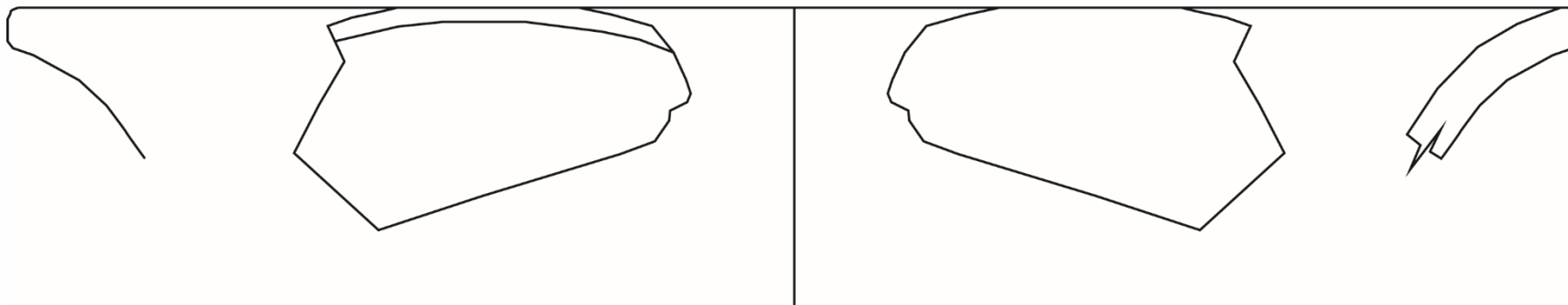
Vessel form

Diagnostic sherds were sorted into vessel form categories of unrestricted and restricted forms, and where possible, broken down even further into categories including restricted ceremonial wares (aribalos), restricted storage wares (jarras, botellas), restricted cooking wares (ollas) unrestricted feasting wares (tazas, vasos, copas, curved bowls, straight bowls, platos), unrestricted serving wares (escudillas, tazones), figurines, pirurus, and unidentifiable.

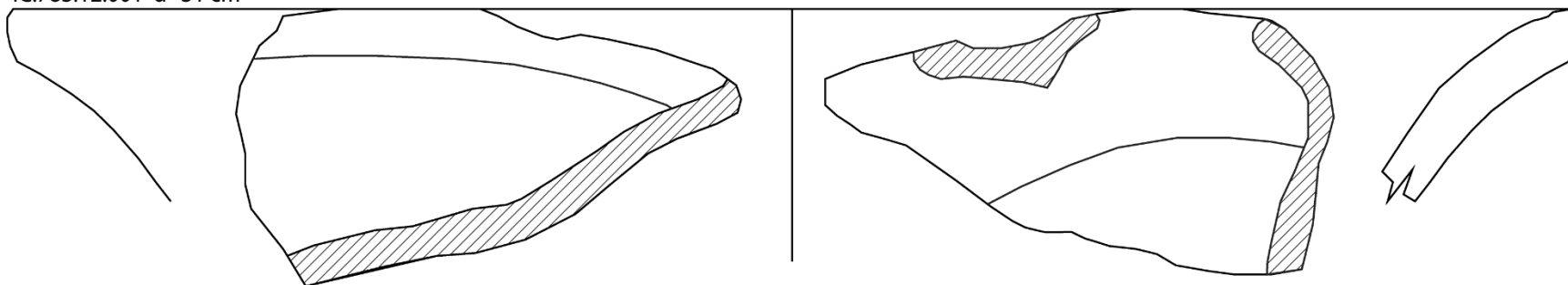
Restricted Vessels

Restricted vessels were defined as any vessel in which the diameter of the opening was less than the maximum vessel diameter (Shepard 1956: 228). Restricted vessels included aribalos, jarras, botellas, cantaros, and ollas. The differences between the subtypes were identified and differentiated by necks, shoulders, and body forms, as well as the diameters of their openings. Overall, restricted vessels composed 46.8% of the identifiable diagnostic ceramic assemblage, broken down into aribalos (4.4%), storage wares (10.2%), and ollas (32.3%). The morphological characteristics of the restricted forms suggests that they were used for storage, cooking, fermentation, serving, and transport of food and drink.

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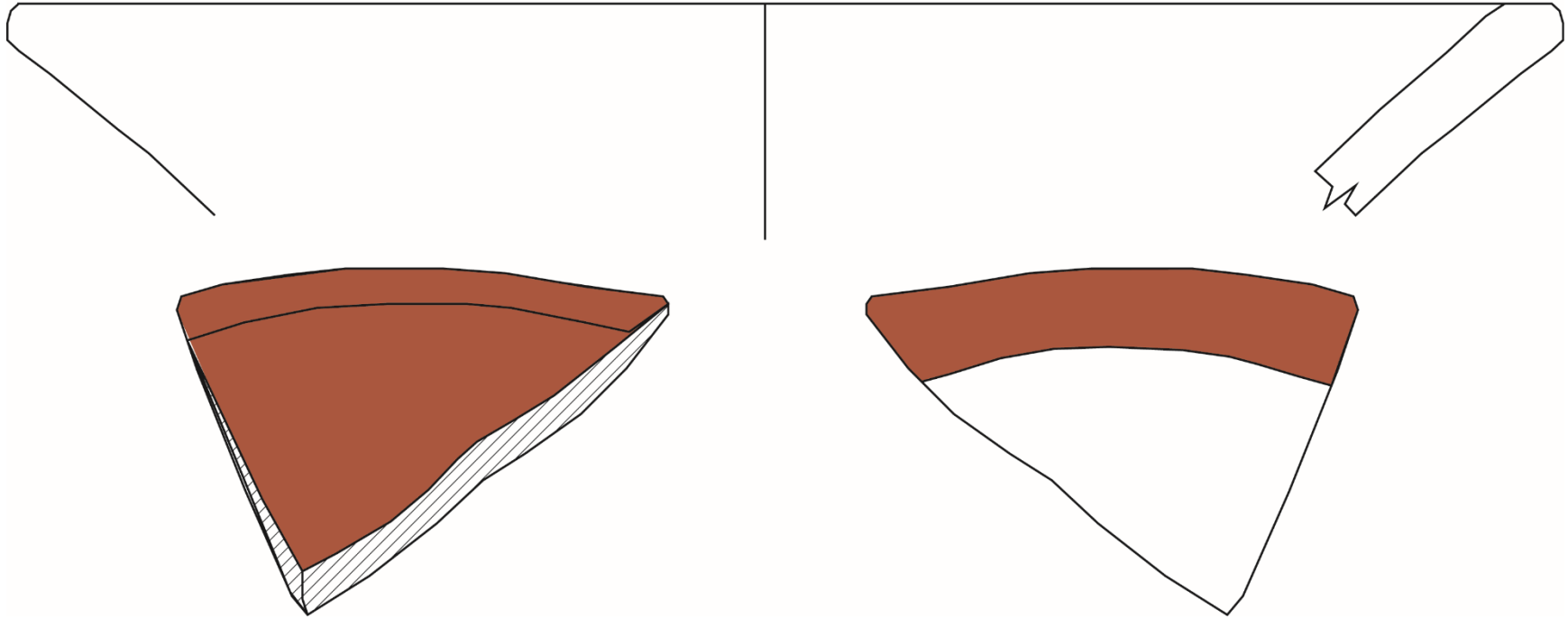
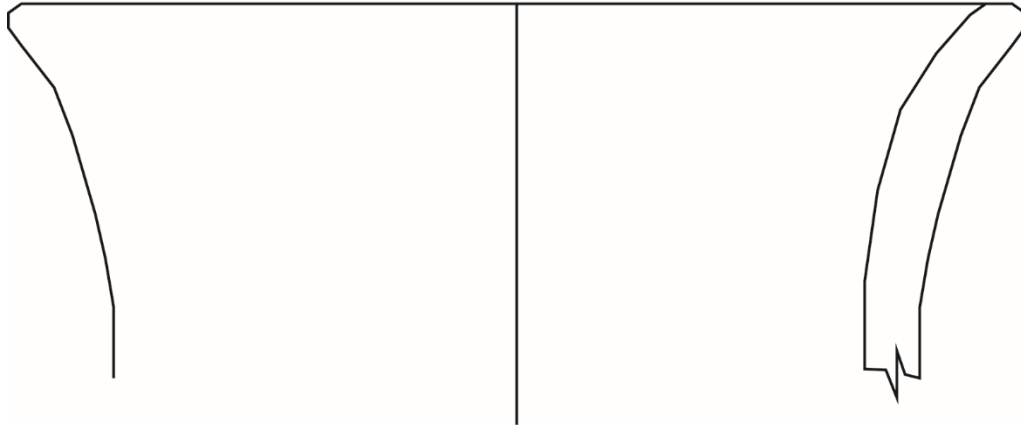
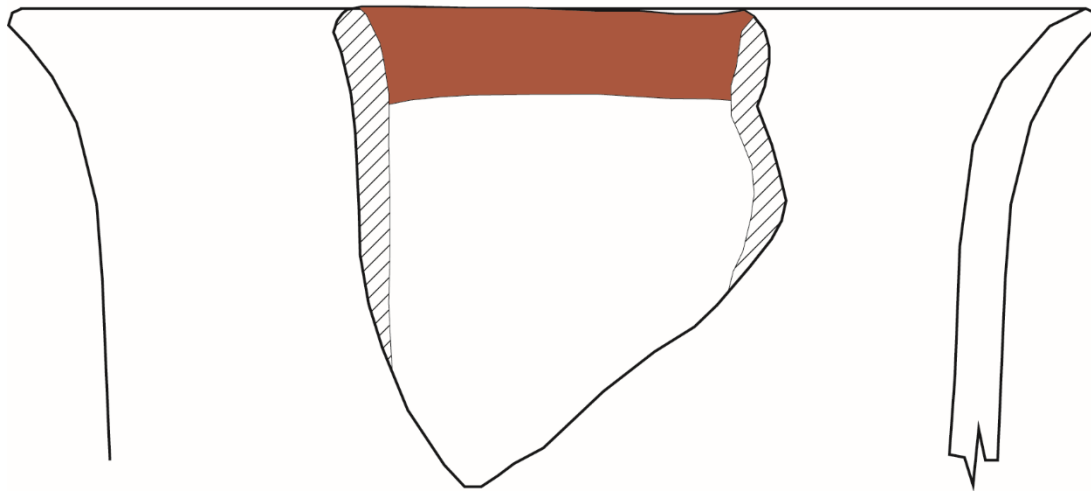


Figure C.3. Examples of Arribalos.

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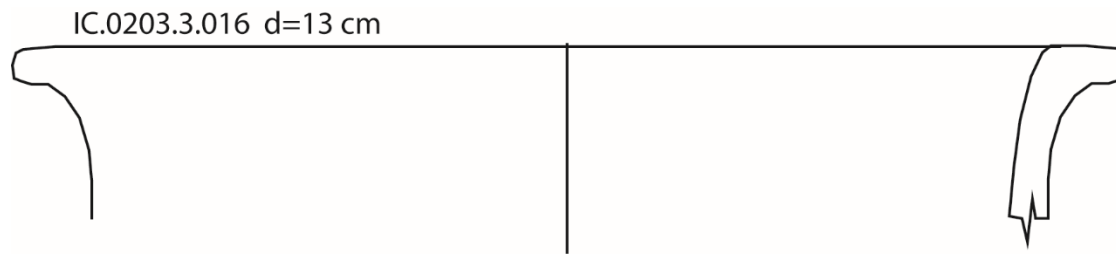


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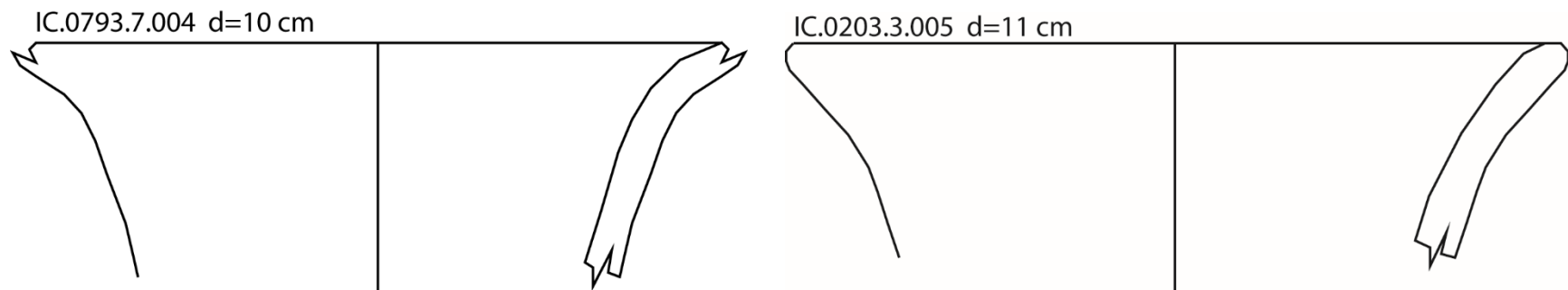
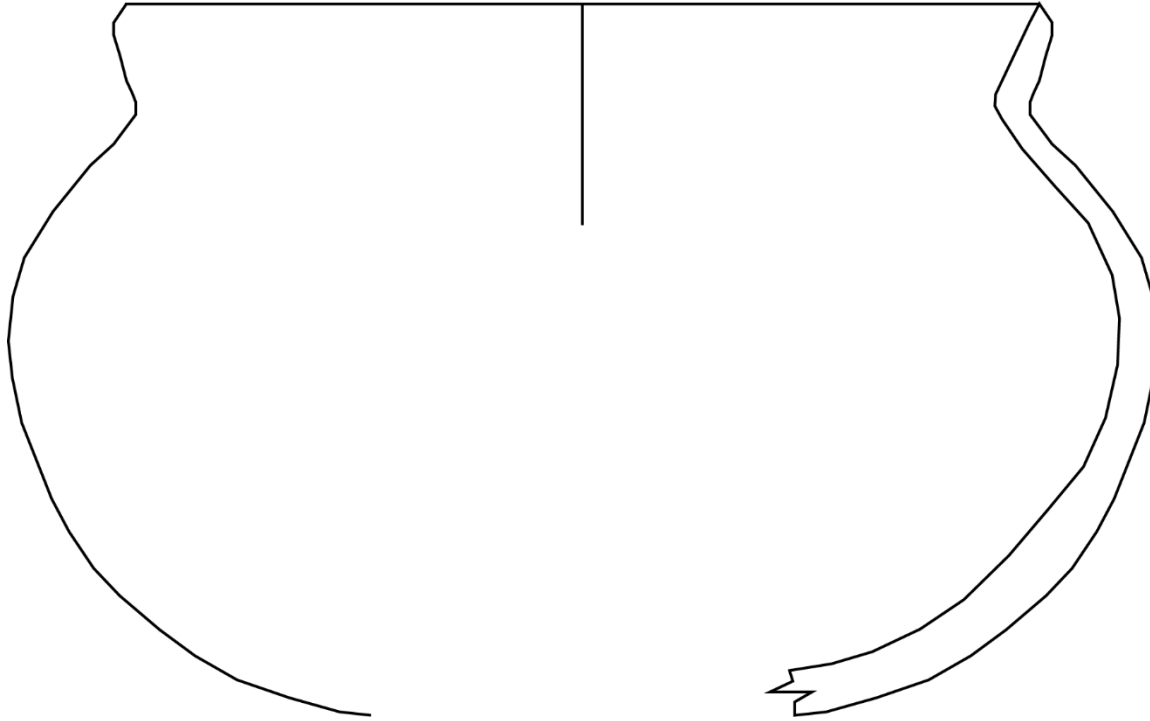


Figure C.5. Examples of Botellas (smaller diameter, flared opening)

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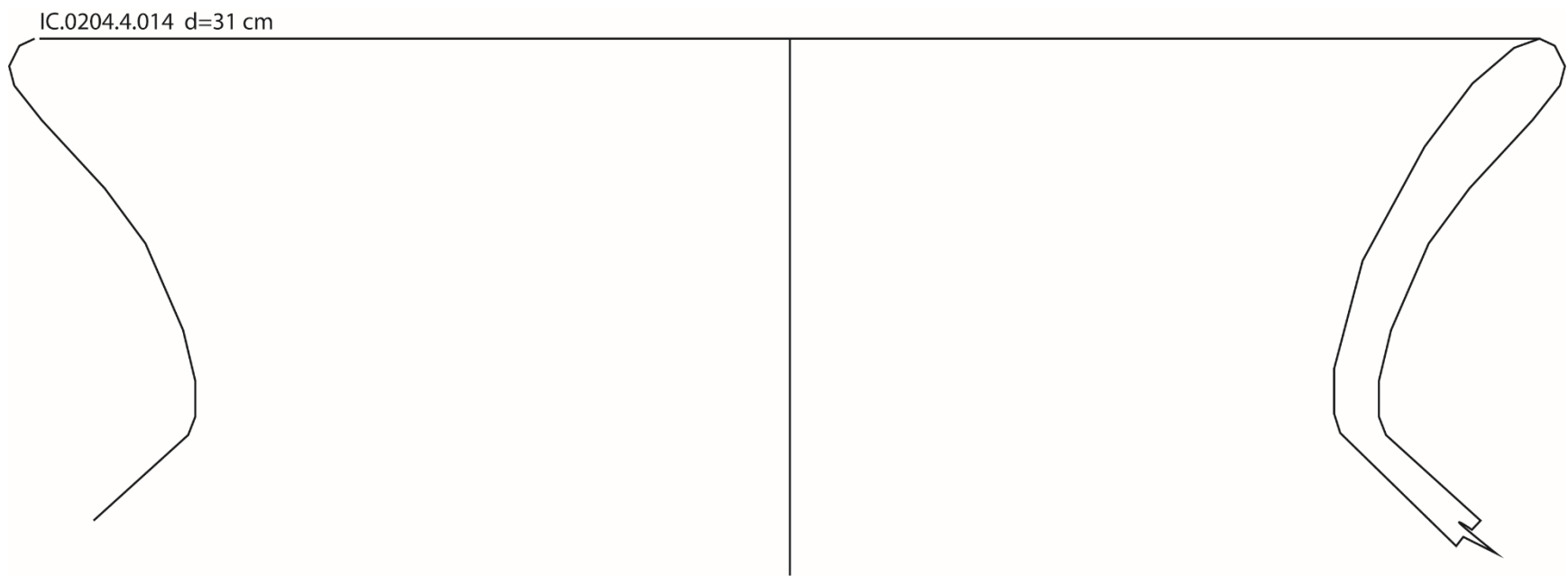


Figure C.6. Examples of flared necked ollas.



Figure C.7. Example of a straight-necked olla. IC.0751.0.010

Aribalos are Inka flared-rim jars which usually contain tall, flared necks, anthropomorphic “ears” on the underside of the rim, zoomorphic lugs on the center of the body, two handles, and a pointed base. (Bray 2009: 114-115). These vessels were largely ceremonial for the Inka Empire, and were used for producing, storing, and serving chicha. Utilizing museum studies and previously recovered collections, Bray’s 2003 article argues that the aribalo was the most common Inka state vessel form outside of Cuzco.

Despite Bray’s claims, we recovered only a low frequency of independent aribalos at Iglesiachayoq, consisting of some 4.4% of the assemblage and clustered in two locations in Sector 1. The two clusters of aribalos fragments in Sector 1 (some 148 fragments which could be distinctly separated into 25 different individual vessels) were located 1) in the kuraka house and 2) in Structure 004, a rectangular structure adjacent to the kuraka house. The locations of the aribalos are indicative of their main usage at Iglesiachayoq—in areas of importance or areas used to prepare and serve food for church activities. All were classified as Inka style, often have a red slip, and some had the “pierced ears” under the rim or nubbed handles. The rim diameters of the aribalos in the assemblage range from 14cm to 40cm. Although the proportion of aribalos is low compared to other vessel forms at Iglesiachayoq, the numbers are consistent with other sites excavated which date to this time period¹¹⁷.

Jarras and botellas made up 10.2% of the diagnostic ceramic forms, and are vessels of varying sizes with rounded bodies and restricted necks. The majority of the recovered sherds contained either rims/necks *or* body sherds, so I have lumped these forms together into the category of “restricted storage wares” since the differences between them could not be easily

¹¹⁷ See Abraham 2010

parsed. Only 36% of these vessel types had evidence of soot, suggesting that these vessels were not often used for cooking. The average diameter for these types of vessels was 13cm, and the diameters ranged from 5-5cm.



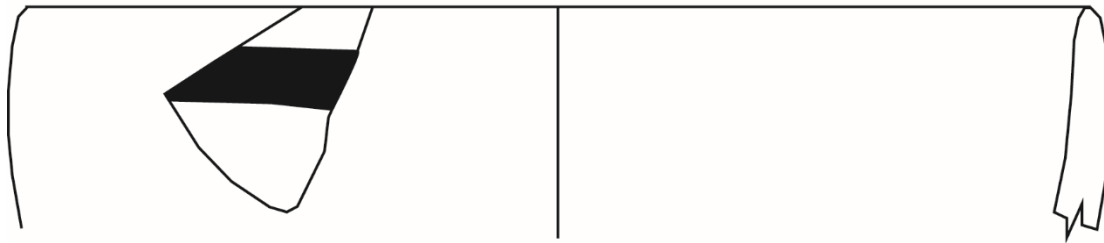
Figure C.8. Example of Soras-style rustic jar.

The final type of restricted vessel was ollas, which made up 32.3% of the overall assemblage. Compared to jars, ollas have wider mouths and rounded bodies, and many are of a much larger size in order to accommodate cooking of various foodstuffs. Wider-mouthed vessels allow individuals to access the interior contents of the vessels, thus making them useful for food preparation. Ollas had the highest percentage of soot-covered sherds (60%), supporting the function of the vessel. The predominant olla form in this assemblage was flared-neck ollas, although there were some straight-necked and neckless ollas as well. The diameters for ollas ranged from 7-46 cm with a mean diameter of 19cm.

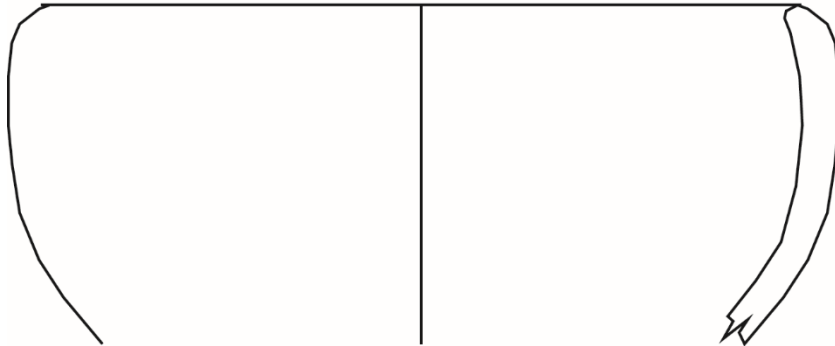
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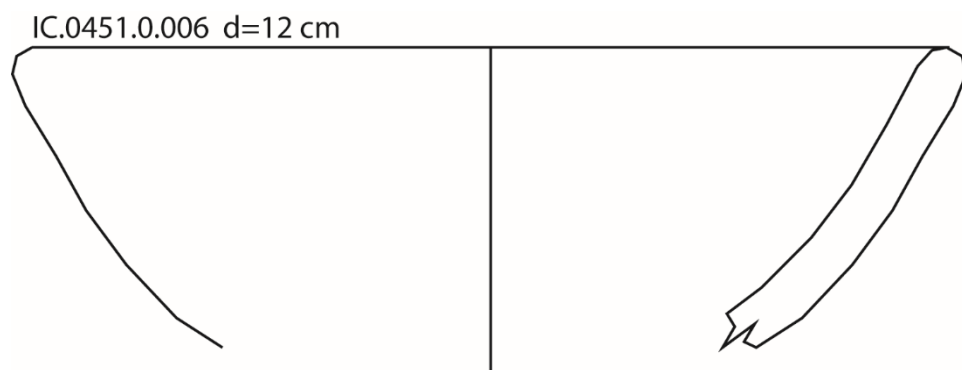
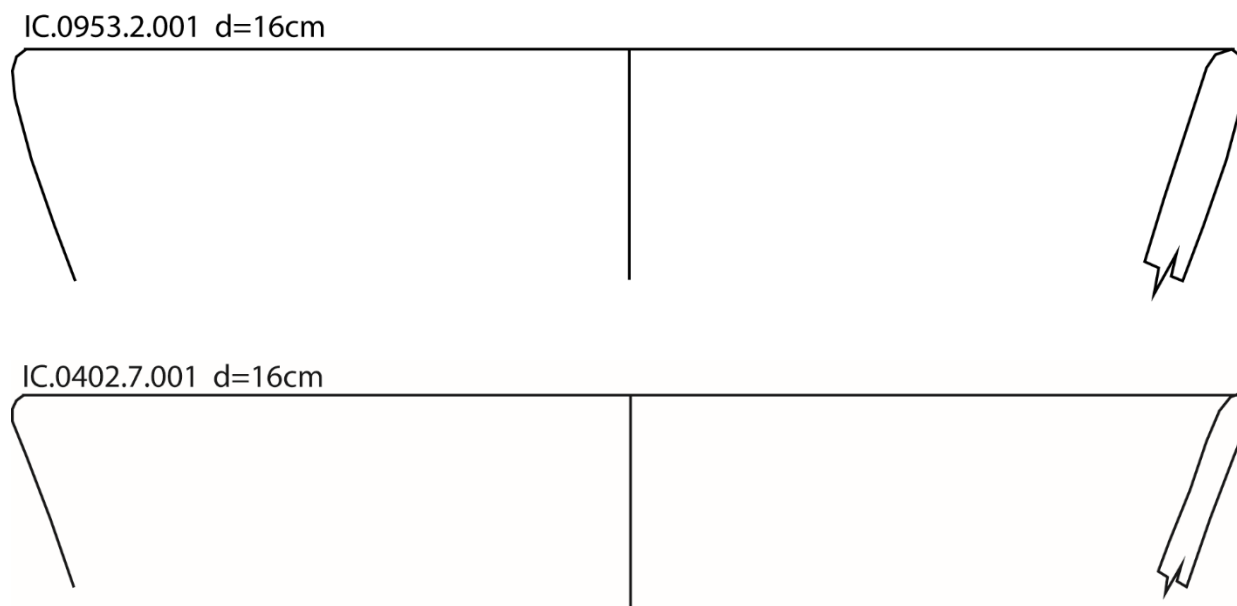


Figure C.9. Examples of Rounded Bowls.



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Figure C.10. Examples of Straight-sided Bowls.

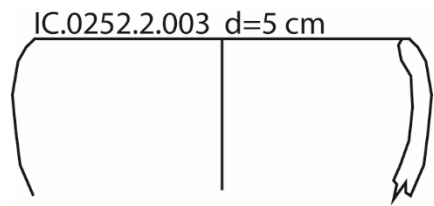


Figure C.11. Example of Curved Taza.

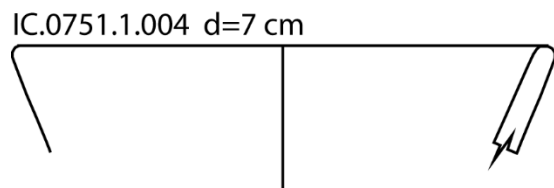


Figure C.12. Example of Straight-sided Vaso.

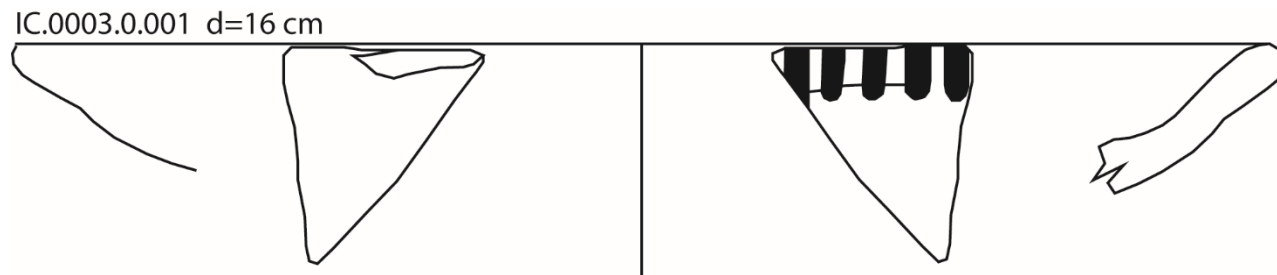


Figure C.13. Example of plato.

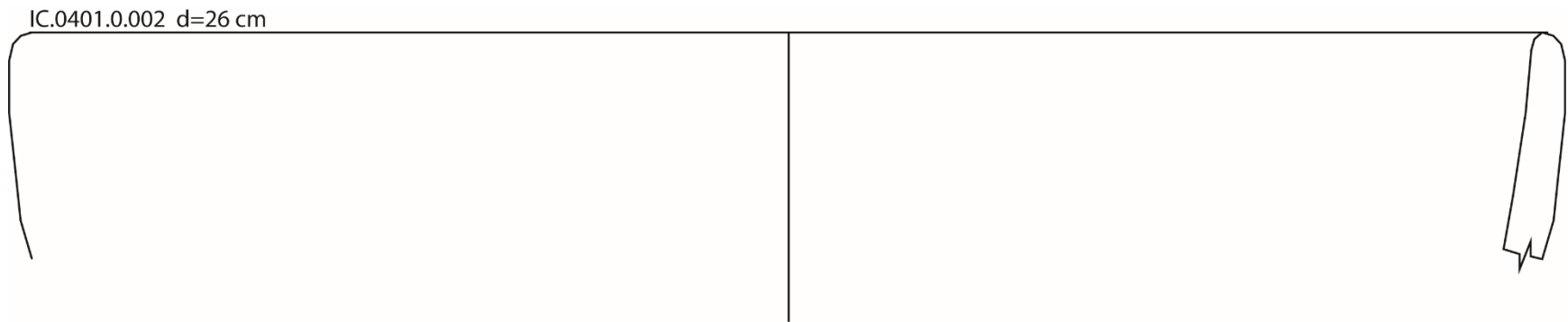


Figure C.14. Example of escudilla

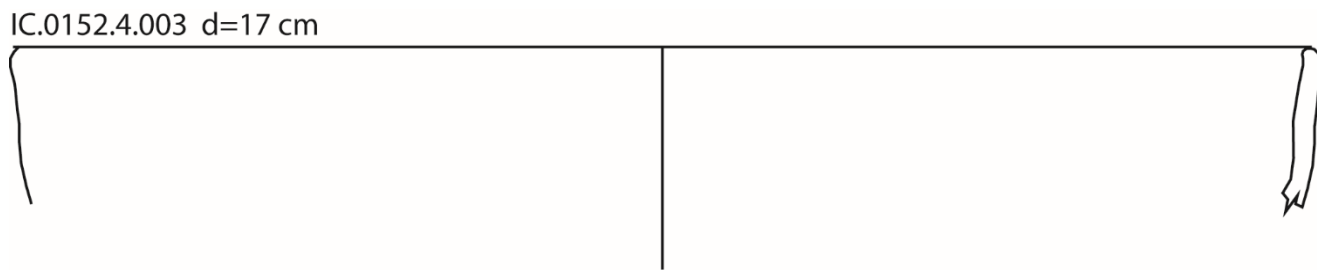


Figure C.15. Example of tazon.

Other ceramic artifacts: Pirurus and Figurines

Finally, the last two categories of ceramic forms were pirurus (1.4% of diagnostic sherds) and figurines (1.2% of diagnostic sherds). Piruru is the quechua word for spindle whorl, and these are found throughout Andean history and typically made of stone, ceramic, or wood. All of the pirurus recovered at Iglesiachayoq were made of ceramic and represented various forms of completion.



Figure C.16. Example of a piruru recovered from Unit 9.

We recovered nine pirurus from various units, with three coming from Unit 9 and three coming from Unit 4. Unit 9 was a residential domestic household, and the presence of spindle whorls is logical and corresponds with the rest of the findings. Unit 4 seems to have been a structure used for preparation of large quantities of food and drink, so the presence of the three pirurus recovered here is a bit more complicated. It is possible this household was inhabited

regularly by a family, which also prepared the large quantities of food and drink for church ceremonies.

The figurines recovered are almost exclusively mangoes, or the small handles generally found on plates. All recovered mangoes appear to have been made in the shape of fish, as designated by their large eyes and gaping mouths.





Figure C.17. Examples of fish effigy mangoes.

Beyond these three mangoes, we also recovered what appears to be a “proper” figurine, which we are hypothesizing could have been crossed legs or some sort of braid representation.

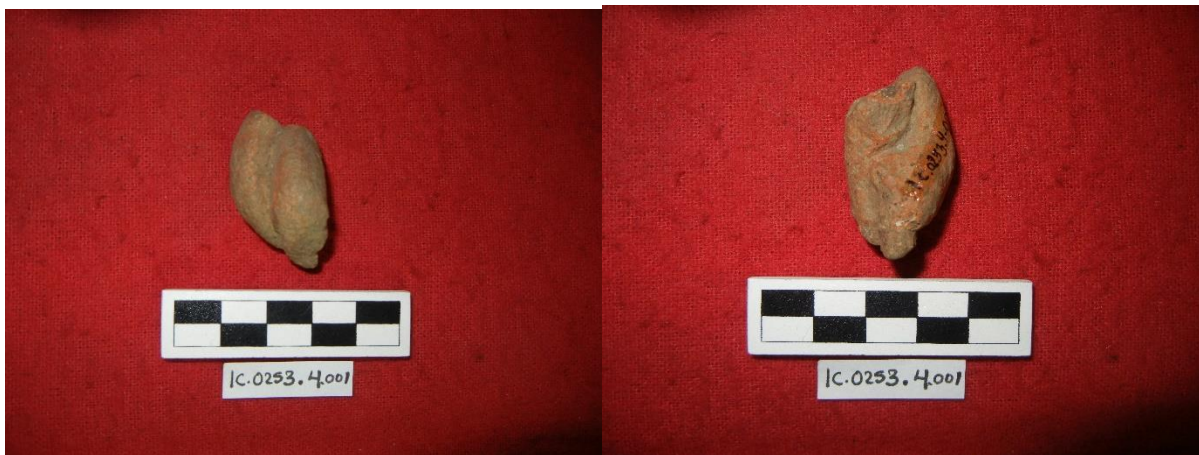


Figure C.18. Crossed leg figurine.

In some, the ceramic vessel assemblage from Iglesiachayoq is made up of a number of restricted and unrestricted vessel forms, whose proportions varied across the site. We did not recover any obviously new vessel forms which may have indicated Spanish presence, although we did find a typical mixture of Inka and Soras wares.

Paste Composition

General paste types were identified after analyzing all diagnostic sherds after a fresh fracture and with a hand lens. Each diagnostic ceramic was evaluated according to texture of paste (very rough, rough, medium, fine, or very fine), composition or inclusions of paste, color (and Munsell value), oxidation (complete, incomplete, or reduced), size of tempers (large-grained and rough, moderately rough, moderately fine, and very fine), and the consistency of the fracture pattern (sandy and irregular, semi-compact consistency with irregular fracture, compact consistency with regular fracture, and laminate appearance with regular fracture).

There were some general similarities amongst all sherds—the vast majority of sherds had inclusions of mica and quartz, with subsidiary inclusions of basalt, feldspar, and a dark red grain which we tentatively identified as iron. There were three main paste types which accounted for the majority of sherds, and we also identified four subsidiary paste types which were much less common. 122 sherds were exported for analysis at the Elemental Analysis Facility at the Field Museum. The raw results from the sherds are included in the appendix, but statistical analysis is still ongoing.

- Type A: Paste Type A is the most common ceramic type (n=4461/8720 sherds, or 51.2% of the overall sample). Of the diagnostic sherds, Paste Type A is also the most common (n=367/570 or 64.4% of the diagnostic sherds). Paste Type A is medium or fine-grained in texture, with medium fine or fine inclusions. The paste is generally of high quality, and inclusions consist of mica, basalt, and quart. In general, the paste colors range from reddish yellow to reddish brown to brown. Paste Type A was the typical paste type for locally made ceramic.

- Type B: Paste Type B is more of a variant of Paste Type A, but a more “rustic” type. Paste Type B is the second most common paste type (n=4074/8720, or 46.7% of the overall amount of sherds), and also the second most common paste type for diagnostic sherds (n=83/570, or 14.6% of the diagnostic sherds). Paste Type B has the same range of colors and types of inclusions as Paste Type A, but it is a much cruder texture with larger grains and larger inclusions. Combining Paste Types A and B, these two are versions of the most common ceramic recovered at Iglesiachayoq.
- Type C: Paste Type C is the third most common paste type recovered at Iglesiachayoq, although in comparison to the previous two paste types, it is very rare (n=123/8720 or 1.4% of all total sherds, and n=71/570 or 12.5% of diagnostic sherds). Paste Type C was either fine or very fine in both texture and inclusion size, and inclusions consisted of mica, quartz, basalt, and iron. The main identifying feature of this paste was the pink or cream color of the paste. Fragments with Paste Type C were more likely to have both slip and decorations, indicating their elevated proportion in the diagnostic wares.
- Type D: Paste Type D was only identified in diagnostic sherds (n=8/570 or 1.4% of the diagnostic sample), and made up a very small subsection of the ceramic assemblage at Iglesiachayoq. Type D has a fine texture and fine inclusions with a pale red color, but has large and numerous biotite mica inclusions. Compared to Types A, B, and C, Type D is very distinctive in its color and the size and density of these biotite mica inclusions.
- Type E: Paste Type E was also only represented in diagnostic ceramics (n=19/570 or 3.3% of the diagnostic sample) and was characterized by a very fine texture and almost devoid of inclusions. The main identifying characteristic of Type E is that these ceramics took on a laminate quality when fractured, and appeared more like rock than ceramic.

Type E ceramics were overfired, and the interior and exterior surfaces often took on a vitrified appearance with bubbles or metallic surfaces. The sherds which are made of this paste are very rustic and roughly-hewn, sometimes with added plastic applique or etched designs.

- Type F: Paste Type F was also only recovered as a portion of the diagnostic ceramic assemblage (n=15/570, or 2.6%). Paste Type F is similar to Type E in that the paste is almost devoid of inclusions and appears laminate when broken, but these ceramics are well-crafted and almost exclusively found in Sector 1. All of the Type F sherds had either slip, decoration, or both, and many (n=5 or 33%) were recovered in church excavations. None of the Type F sherds had evidence of soot, thus indicating their usage was for purposes other than cooking.
- Type G: Paste Type G was the last identified paste type, and was characterized by medium-textured grains with large inclusions of mica, basalt, quartz, and feldspar. The paste itself was generally bright red in color, and set apart by the high concentration of large feldspar inclusions. Paste Type G was the least common ceramic type recovered from excavations (n=7/570 or 1.2%) and was only recovered in diagnostic ceramic sherds.

Decorative Techniques

A portion of the pottery at Iglesiachayoq was decorated with paint, slip, plastic applications, or incisions. Due to the fragmented nature of the assemblage, entire design motifs were difficult to discern. This section describes each decoration type and its associated vessel forms. In general, restricted vessels had decoration only on the exterior surface or rim, while unrestricted vessels usually had decoration on the interior surface.

Painted Decoration

Sherds with painted decoration make up N of the decorated assemblage. Below I provide pictures of common design motifs and their proposed chronological date.

Monochrome Decoration/Slip

- Buff/Yellow slip: Pale yellow in color, external slip only, recovered only in unit 1. Late Horizon/Early Colonial



Figure C.19. Example of Buff/yellow slip

- Red slip: red or orange red, found on external and internal surfaces, recovered site-wide. Late Horizon, likely provincial Inka.



Figure C.20. Provincial Inka ware.

- Burgundy Slip: Reddish-brown slip very distinct from the Red slip



Figure C.21. Burgundy slip.

Polychrome Decoration and Designs

Although a large proportion of the ceramic assemblage had some form of slip, we had a much smaller proportion which had painted polychrome designs. Of the design types, I have divided the assemblage into five basic categories, of which break down into provincial Inka or Wari designs.

- Red slip with black line decoration: These designs were predominately black lines atop a red slip. They had various patterns, including two which appeared to be versions of Inka motifs.



Figure C.22. Versions of Inka motifs recovered from the kuraka house at Iglesiachayoq.

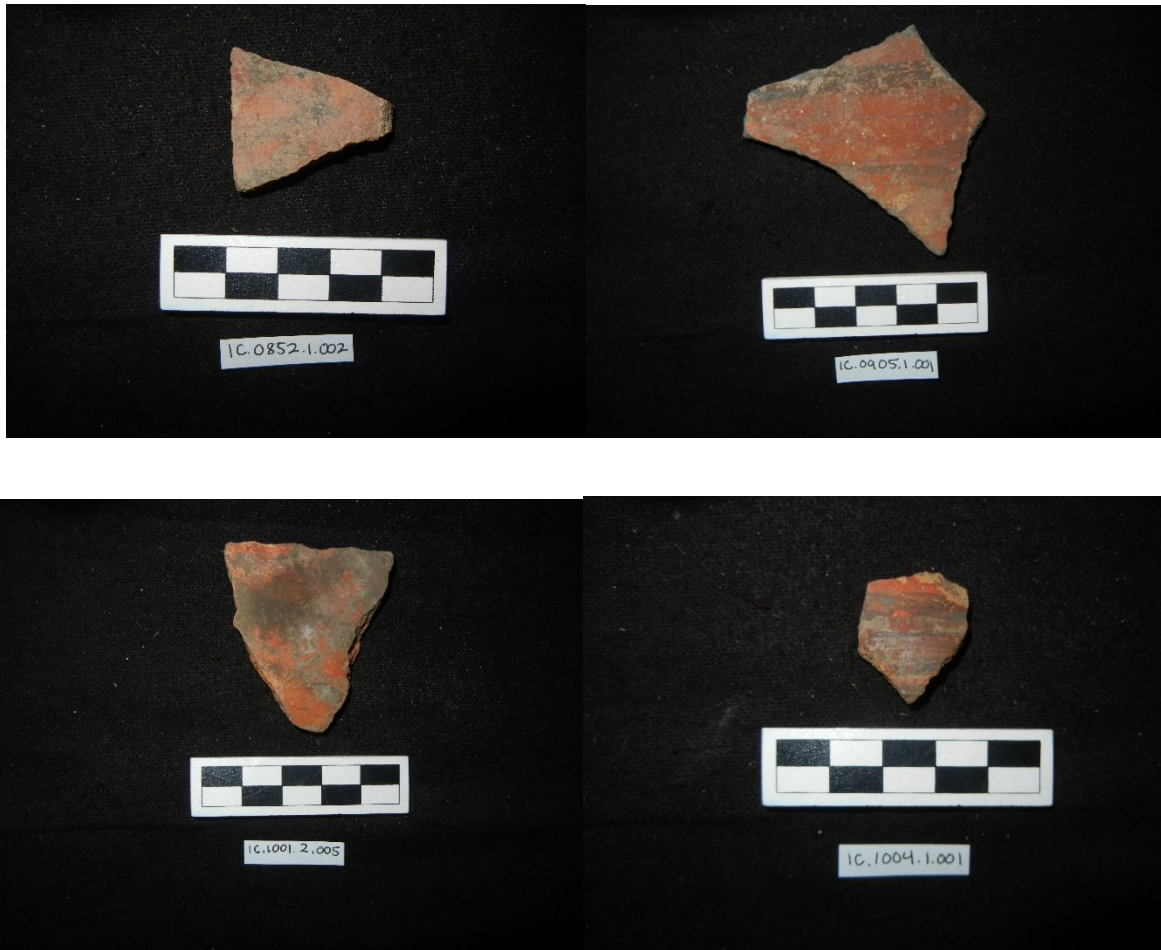


Figure C.23. Examples of Black line on red slip.

- Red slip with multicolor designs: These decorated sherds had various colors including black, cream, red, and maroon, usually atop a red slip. Some of these fragments may date to the Middle Horizon, given their specific design elements.

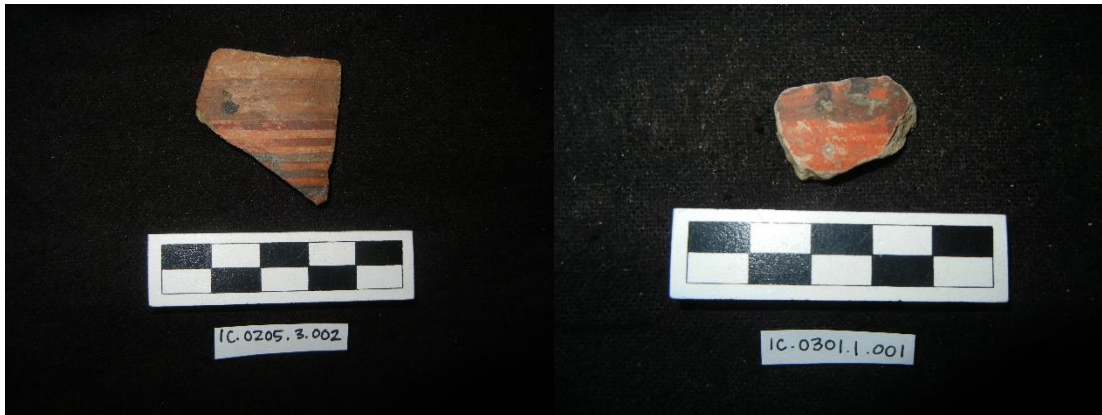


Figure C.24. Provincial Inka fragments.

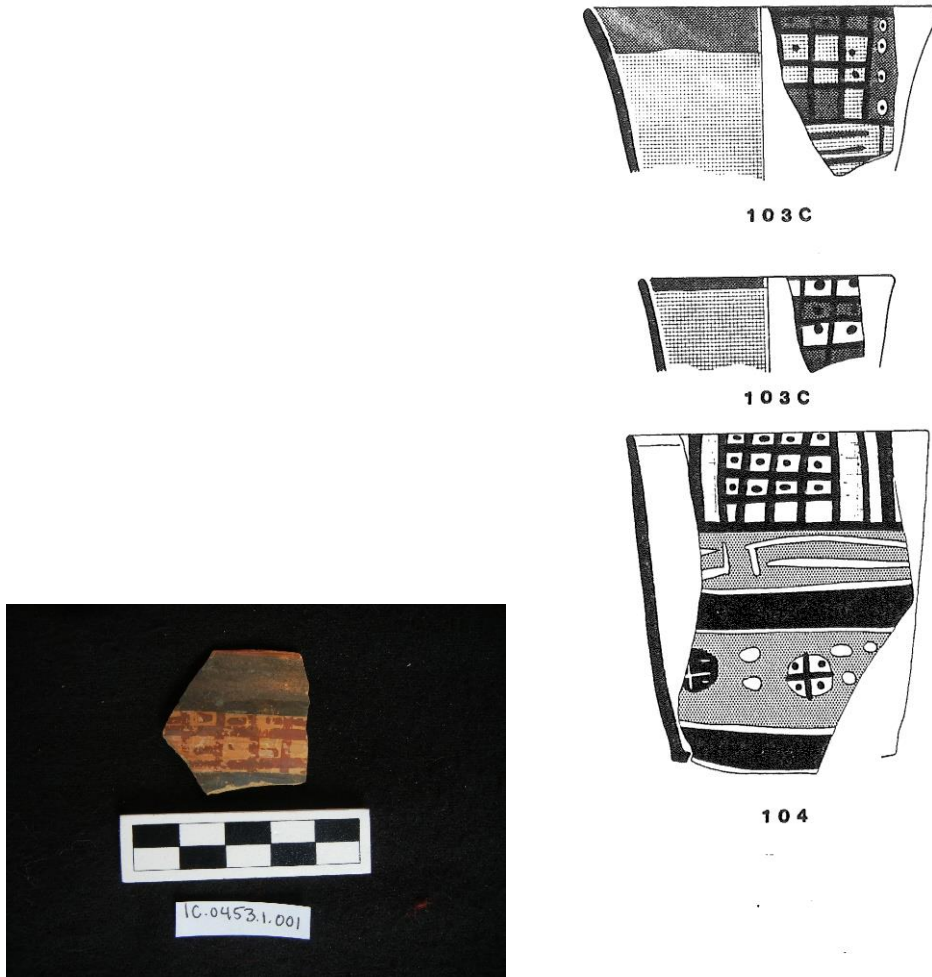


Figure C.25. Possible Middle Horizon Epoch 2 Design, based on similarities between the images on the right (Meddens 1985: 363).



Figure C.26. Possible Wari sherd.

- Gray with brown or reddish brown. There were very few fragments with this type of design schema.

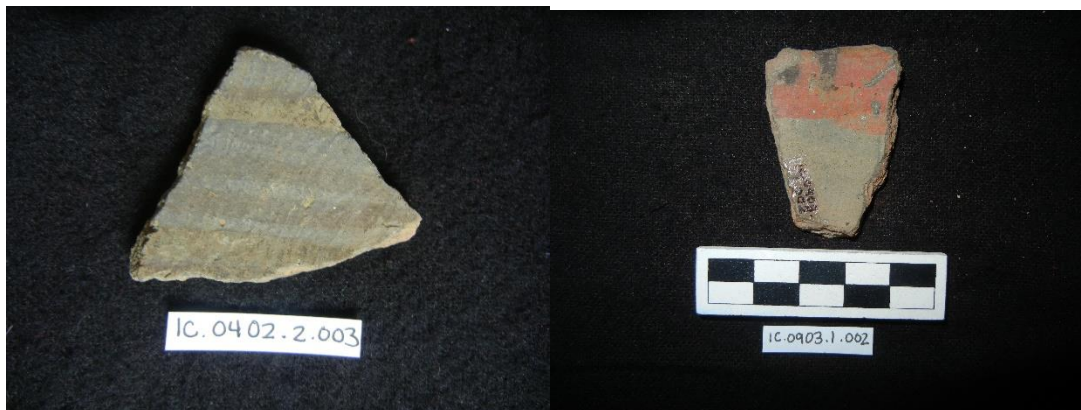


Figure C.27. Gray with Brown and Black. Late Horizon/Early Colonial Period

- Peach with Reddish Brown: The majority of these ceramics were recovered in Sector 1 and consist of a peach/light red slip with burgundy or reddish brown designs atop.



Figure C.28. Reddish Brown on cream.

Plastic Decoration.

Vessels with applique are those with molded clay added to the vessel. These additions are not structural and are purely decorative on purpose. At Iglesiachayoq, we recovered applique in either raised horizontal bands with small vertical impressions, a raised oval mound with deep impressions, a chain-link pattern that perhaps dates to the formative, and two examples of face-neck jars.



Figure C.29. Possible Formative fragment with chain motif applique.



Figure C.30. Applique with horizontal bands.



Figure C.31. Two faces from vessels with raised applique.

Surface Treatment

Vessels in the Iglesiachayoq assemblage had a variety of surface finishes, including burnishing and smoothing. Burnishing involves rubbing the vessel with a hard, smooth object to create a shiny, more uniform surface and is the most labor-intensive surface treatment.

Smoothing implies that the vessel was wiped with some material to create a smoothed, uniform, but matte finish. Surface treatment is correlated with decorative technique. Most painted and

slipped vessels are burnished. However, vessels with applique almost always have a more rustic, likely wiped surface. Non-diagnostic sherds usually had no surface treatment.

Spatial Patterning

Attributes like vessel form and design were also evaluated in terms of where they were found at the site and in what frequencies they were recovered. In this way, we could determine patterns in the spatial distribution of key attributes and test for correlations between specific attributes and areas, sectors, or structures. The units were not uniform in size or depth, making it difficult to compare unit assemblages. For each unit, assessing the form and styles in order to make comparisons were reduced to the individual vessel so that multiple fragments from the same vessel were not counted as separate sherds and thus influencing the density.

| | Type A | Type B | Type C | Type D | Type E | Type F | Type G | Totals |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Unit 1 | 110 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 141 |
| Unit 2 | 25 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| Unit 3 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 |
| Unit 4 | 58 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 75 |
| Unit 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Unit 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unit 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Unit 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Unit 6 | 10 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 29 |
| Unit 7 | 36 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 49 |
| Unit 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Unit 8 | 20 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 39 |
| Unit 9 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| Unit 10 | 19 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Unit 15 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Unit 16 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Unit 17 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| Unit 18 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| Unit 19 | 21 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Totals | 367 | 83 | 71 | 8 | 19 | 15 | 7 | 570 |

Figure C.32. Distribution of Paste Types by Unit and Sector.

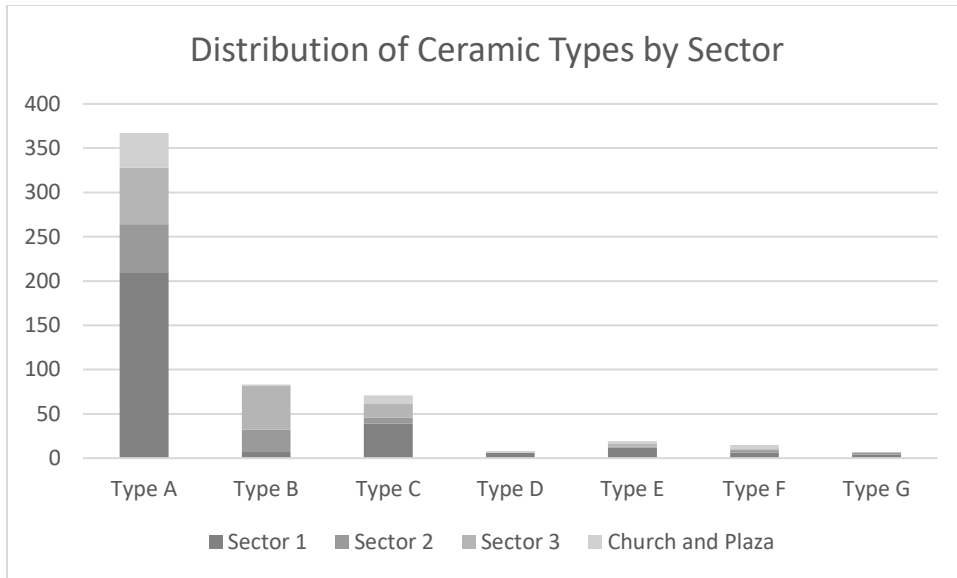


Figure C.33. Distribution of Ceramic Types by Sector

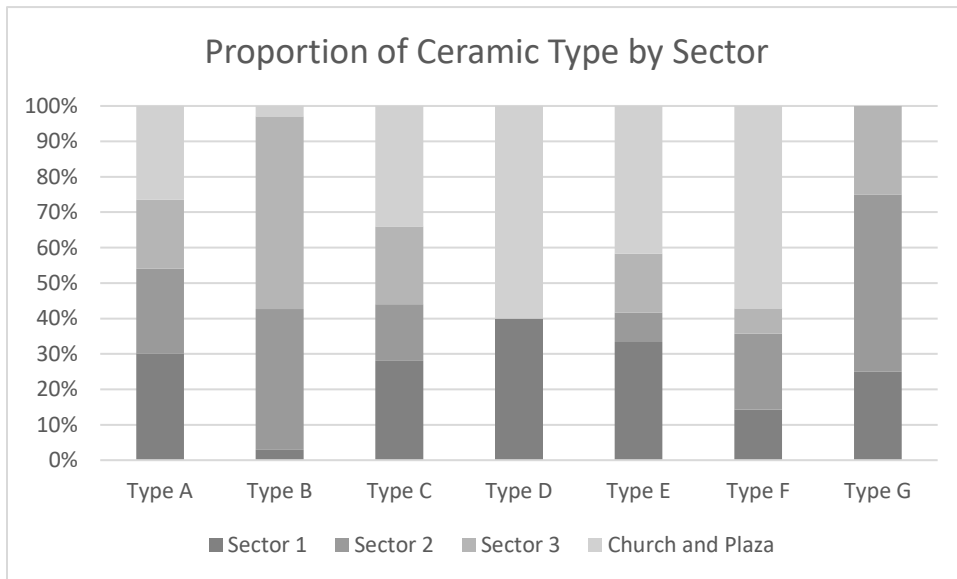


Figure C.34. Proportion of Ceramic Type by Sector.

As is apparent in the last chart, there are some obvious discrepancies in ceramic paste type by sector. The church and plaza as well as all of Sector 1, considered to be some of the most important spaces at Iglesiachayoq, had the least proportion of Type B pastes, indicating that the fragments recovered here were of a finer quality than in all other sectors. The more rustic Type B

ceramics were most common in Sectors 2 and 3, which is where local residents of Iglesiachayoq would have resided. Type A and Type C ceramic were distributed relatively evenly amongst all sectors, which is reasonable since Type A is the most common ceramic type and Type C appears to be consistent with Wari sherds, which could have been brought from any number of Wari sites nearby. Types D, E, and F were found in high proportions in the church—this pattern can also be explained by the tendency to use “fancier” or exotic wares in highly visual and important spaces.

Ceramic paste types did not typically correlate with their form, but Type A and Type C ceramics were more often associated with exterior or interior design motifs. Because Iglesiachayoq only had one definitive occupation strata, ceramic types only tangentially correspond with chronological time periods. The majority of the recovered ceramic was produced in the Late Horizon or Early Colonial Period, and those which are Wari in style likely were brought from other nearby sites.

There were no significant differences in spatial patterning for vessel types between the three sectors. In general, those assemblages recovered in sectors 2 and 3 (away from the church and site center) represented household cooking and storage materials, and were more rustic in design and decoration. In Sector 1, we recovered the most decorated sherds, and in the church, we recovered the greatest variety of ceramic types and styles, perhaps indicating that the area was recognized as a sacred space. Almost no ceramic fragments were recovered in any external spaces including the plaza—those fragments which were recovered were incredibly small and difficult to determine vessel form.

Unit 4 presented a unique ceramic assemblage, consisting of large aribalos sherds and massive ollas, whose mean diameter was 28.5 cm. The large diameters of these ollas suggests that they were used to prepare food and drink for large numbers of people, rather than for the

family household unit. It thus confirms the hypothesis that those who utilized the space in Unit 4 were responsible for food preparation for church activities.

Discussion

Based on the various lines of evidence presented above, it is possible to identify a few ceramic traditions at Iglesiachayoq and comment on their function at the site.

Inka Pottery

Iglesiachayoq contained little to know Cuzco-style Inka sherds, but most sherds with black line decoration were classified as “provincial Inka.” 345 out of the 570 diagnostic sherds were classified as “provincial Inka,” and of these, 55 sherds were decorated with patterns on either the exterior or interior surface. For the Provincial Inka forms, see the table below:

| | Aribalo | Olla | Jarra/Botel | Escudilla/T | Taza/Vaso/ | Straight-sic | Curved Bow | Plato | Piruru | Figurine | Not observ | Totals |
|----------|---------|------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|--------|----------|------------|--------|
| Sector 1 | 20 | 40 | 19 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 178 |
| Sector 2 | 3 | 40 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 73 |
| Sector 3 | 3 | 41 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 94 |
| Total | 26 | 121 | 31 | 7 | 21 | 13 | 32 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 67 | 345 |

Table C.1. Raw data for numbers of Provincial Inka vessels.

As can be seen in the table, the most common provincial Inka form was ollas, which were evenly distributed amongst all three sectors. Next were curved bowls, also relatively evenly distributed, followed by aribalos which were predominately found in Sector 1. This is reasonable given the more ceremonial nature of the spaces and places within Sector 1. All figurines were found in Sector 1, which had the most Inka ceramic overall. Inka sherds were most commonly found in the core—elite households and ceremonial contexts had greater access to aribalos than non-elite households, and given the role of these vessels, the data suggest that the elite participated in preparing chicha for feasts.

Inka pottery could have been produced at Iglesiachayoq, as there is evidence of local imitations of state wares in the ceramic assemblage. Few of the sherds appear to copy or modify some of the distinctive Inka designs, and usage of red slip was very common in the assemblage.

Soras Pottery

Based on the ceramic assemblage from Iglesiachayoq, Soras style pottery is comprised mainly of utilitarian plainware. A basic inventory of food preparation, service, and storage vessels was needed to fulfill everyday household tasks and little attention or effort went into surface finish or decoration. With little standardization in rim shape, size, or paste, it is likely that there was no controlled or specialized ceramic production at Iglesiachayoq. These more rustic wares were distributed site-wide, but also clustered in Sector 3, the local sector.

Colonial Pottery

We recovered no *clear* evidence of colonial pottery at Iglesiachayoq. Although we have evidence of the colonial presence in iron nails, Nueva Cadiz beads, and Old World animals, we recovered no sherds with clear evidence of glaze or wheel-spinning. Undoubtedly, ceramic vessels were produced during the Early Colonial Period at Iglesiachayoq, but these vessels marked a continuation in local and provincial Inka ceramic traditions and were relatively unaffected by new technologies. It is likely that the Spanish inhabitants of Iglesiachayoq were sparse and only residing at the site periodically, such that the brief period of occupancy did not affect many local lifestyles in terms of material culture.

Wari Pottery

While we did recover ceramic fragments which we tentatively categorized as Wari, these did not bear any chronological significance and instead were likely brought from other sites in

the region. Wari sherds may have been valued at Iglesiachayoq, especially during the nativist revivalism movement, Taki Onqoy.

Chronology

Although a major objective of ceramic analysis, organizing the ceramic assemblage from Iglesiachayoq in any kind of chronological order was impossible. As discussed above, this endeavor is complicated by the highly fragmented nature of the assemblage, the small percentage of diagnostic sherds, and the lack of complete vessels. Adding to these problems is the continuity in form, style, and surface treatment of most of the wares. All of the sherds recovered could have been produced in the Late Horizon and Early Colonial Period, and thus correspond to the rest of the artifact assemblage.

APPENDIX D: Exported Samples and Isotope Analysis

| Muestra | Codigo | Peso | Description | Condition/Handlers |
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| IC-021-H | IC.906.17.2.005-H | 13.116g | Craneo – Inner meatus izqueirda | Taken from crania, Crania as whole very fragemented/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |
| IC-022-H | IC.907.17.1.018-H | 2.136g | Primer molar – inferior derecha | All teeth were loose – crania was pulverized and was collected with the soil/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |
| IC-023-H | IC.912.17.1.014-H | 1.684g | Segundo molar – superior derecha | Tooth was taken from maxilla – crania collapsed/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |
| IC-024-H | IC.915.17.2.016-H | 1.747g | Tercera molar – inferior izqueirda | Tooth was taken from mandible – crania collapsed/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |
| IC-025-H | IC.1008.19.2.033-H | 7.048g | Craneo – Inner meatus izqueirda | Taken from crania, Crania as whole very fragemented/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |
| IC-026-H | IC.1010.19.2.002-H | 2.153g | Primer molar – superior izqueirda | Tooth was loose, very poorly preserved, but taken because particular individual is of interest (found in stone coffin)/Handled without gloves by excavators and researchers. |

Table D.1. Exported bioarchaeological samples for isotope analysis.

| # | Type | Common Name | Species | Photo Path | Date Collected | Start Drying | End Drying | Weight | From |
|----|--------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Grain | Quinoa | <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> | C3 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 26g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 2 | Grain | Quinoa | <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> | C3 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 23g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 3 | Grain | Quinoa | <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> | C3 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 24g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 4 | Grain | Quinoa | <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> | C3 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 7/21/16 | 26g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 5 | Grain | Chicha Morada | <i>Zea mays L.</i> | C4 | 7/18/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 10.91g | Andahuaylas |
| 6 | Grain | Chicha Morada | <i>Zea mays L.</i> | C4 | 7/18/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 14.69g | Andahuaylas |
| 7 | Grain | Chicha Morada | <i>Zea mays L.</i> | C4 | 7/18/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 11.86g | Andahuaylas |
| 8 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 11.03g | Chicha/Pampachiri Pink |
| 9 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 13.91g | Chicha/Pampachiri Purple and yellow |
| 10 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 11.17g | Chicha/Pampachiri Red |
| 11 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 13.61g | Chicha/Pampachiri Yellow |
| 12 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 10.71g | Chicha/Pampachiri Pale yellow |
| 13 | Grain | Maize | <i>Zea mays indurata</i> | C4 | 7/19/16 | 7/20/16 2:30PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 15.17g | Chicha/Pampachiri Golden |
| 14 | Tuber | Olluco | <i>Ullucus tuberosus</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 12PM | 7/25/16 12PM | 2.21g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 15 | Tuber | Olluco | <i>Ullucus tuberosus</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 12PM | 7/25/16 12PM | 2.35g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 16 | Tuber | Papa Natural | <i>Solanum brevicaule</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 12PM | 7/25/16 12PM | 9.02g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 17 | Tuber | Papa Natural | <i>Solanum brevicaule</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 12PM | 7/25/16 12PM | 9.40g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 18 | Tuber | Camote | <i>Ipomoea batatas</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 12PM | 7/25/16 12PM | 8.17g | Andahuaylas |
| 19 | Tuber | Papa Regular | <i>Solanum brevicaule</i> | C3 | 7/18/16 | 7/23/16 | 7/25/16 | 9.87g | Andahuaylas |
| 20 | Cactus | Cactus | <i>Echinopsis peruviana</i> | CAM | 7/19/16 | 7/19/16 1PM | 7/23/16 12PM | 3.65g | Chicha/Pampachiri |

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|----|-------|-------|----------------------------------|---|---------|----------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 21 | Shrub | Shrub | <i>Baccharis genera??</i> | ? | 7/19/16 | 7/19/16 1PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 2.22g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 22 | Shrub | Shrub | <i>Margyricarpus genera?????</i> | ? | 7/19/16 | 7/19/16 1PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 1.85g | Chicha/Pampachiri |
| 23 | Shrub | Shrub | <i>Tetraglochin Genera???</i> | ? | 7/19/16 | 7/19/16 1PM | 7/22/16 2:30PM | 1.37g | Chicha/Pampachiri |

Table D.2. Exported flora samples for isotope analysis.

Radiocarbon Dating Results

With the remaining bone used for stable isotopic analysis, I submitted eight samples to the Keck Carbon Cycle AMS Facility at the Earth System Science Department at the University of California, Irvine. All results were corrected for isotopic fractionation according to the conventions of Stuiver and Polach (1977), and results were calibrated using the Southern Hemisphere curve (Table D.3, Figure D.1.).

| Site | Sample ID | Lab # | Radiocarbon Age | $\delta^{13}C$ | Collagen Yield | Calibrated Radiocarbon Age |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.001.H | 191876 | 340 ± 20 | -13.3 | 1.9 | 1503-1645 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.007.H | 191877 | 340 ± 20 | -13.7 | 2.0 | 1503-1645 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.011.H | 191878 | 350 ± 20 | -13.4 | 12.2 | 1500-1641 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.014.H | 191879 | 330 ± 20 | -11.6 | 2.0 | 1505-1650 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.015.H | 191880 | 315 ± 20 | -13.6 | 1.1 | 1508-1655 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.018.H | 191881 | 310 ± 20 | -13.7 | 1.7 | 1509-1659 |
| Iglesiachayoq | IC.020.H | 191882 | 360 ± 20 | -12.4 | 4.6 | 1496-1636 |

Table D.3. Calibrated radiocarbon dates from remains excavated under the church (n=7). All radiocarbon ages calibrated with the ShCal13 curve using OxCal 4.3. Calibrated Radiocarbon Age, A.D.; 95.4% probability.

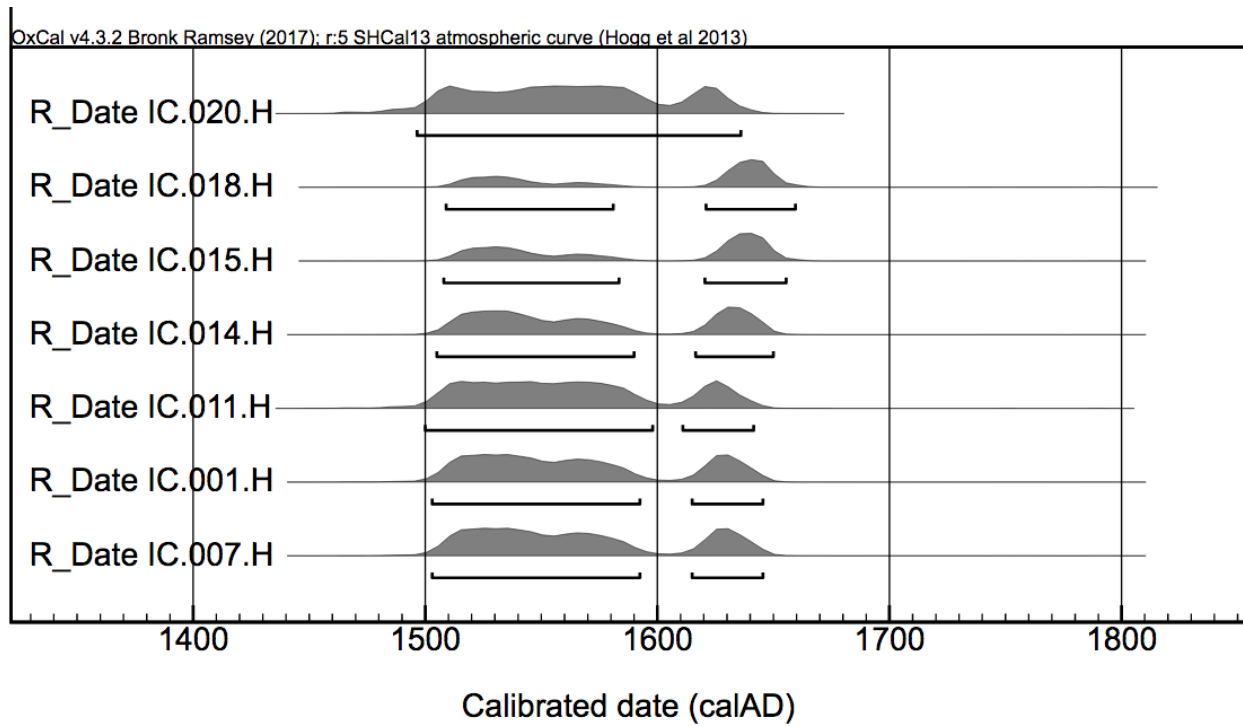


Figure D.1. Multiple plot graph of calibrated radiocarbon age for human bone samples taken. All radiocarbon age calibration was done on the ShCal13 curve through OxCal 4.3. Figure by Gurevitz 2017.

All samples fell in an acceptable range and are tightly clustered, indicating the general use period of the church at Iglesiachayoq.

APPENDIX E: Tupus and Metal Artifacts

Tupus and metal artifacts from interred individuals

Metalwork is a time-honored tradition in the Andes, which has a rich history of exploitation of copper, tin, arsenic, lead, gold, and silver in order to create an array of metal tools and ornaments (Tiballi 2010).¹¹⁸ Metallurgy in the Andes was used primarily for symbolic aspects of life instead of warfare or technology, as in the Old World (Lechtman 1984). Rather than valuing metal qualities as a function of tools (hardness, durability, etc.), metallurgy in the Andes often valued “aesthetic” qualities such as color, malleability, symbolic meaning, or luminosity (Lechtman 1993). Thus, gold and silver held ritual and political significance in Andean prehistory, particularly in relation to the Inka king and the cult of the sun. During the Late Horizon, the production and use of metal artifacts increased, with Andean metallurgists trying to reproduce surfaces of gold or silver on artifacts which were actually made of neither (Lechtman 1984).

Despite the chroniclers’ focus on gold and silver in the Inka Empire, a more commonly used metal was copper (Lechtman 1984; Tiballi 2010). Copper could be used in alloys with both tin and arsenic. At Iglesiachayoq, all metal artifacts (other than Early Colonial Period iron nails) were derived from either copper-tin alloys or copper-arsenic alloys. The turquoise oxidation pattern of copper artifacts is present on nearly every recovered metal artifact within the church. In total, the metal sample from the central church at Iglesiachayoq contains 16 artifacts: 12 tupus, one needle, one circular pendant, and two unidentified pieces of metal. Five of the recovered tupus conform to the most basic Inka form, which is characterized by a long, narrow

¹¹⁸ The use of metal artifacts in religious rituals is first convincingly documented in the Chavin Cult (800 B.C.), and was continuously practiced through the Late Horizon (Lechtman 1993, 2007).

pin on one end with a flattened, crescent-shaped head which contains a small hole near the place where the pin attaches (see Figure E.1.). The remaining seven tupu pins are in a variety of forms ranging from having a circular head, flattened, horizontal head, or even a small conical bulb on the end (see Figure E.2.). The variety in tupu styles may indicate changing traditions after Spanish conquest.

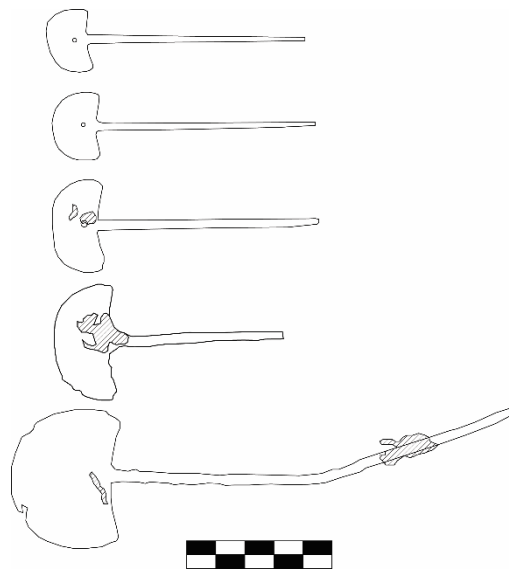


Figure E.1. Standard tupus recovered in the church.

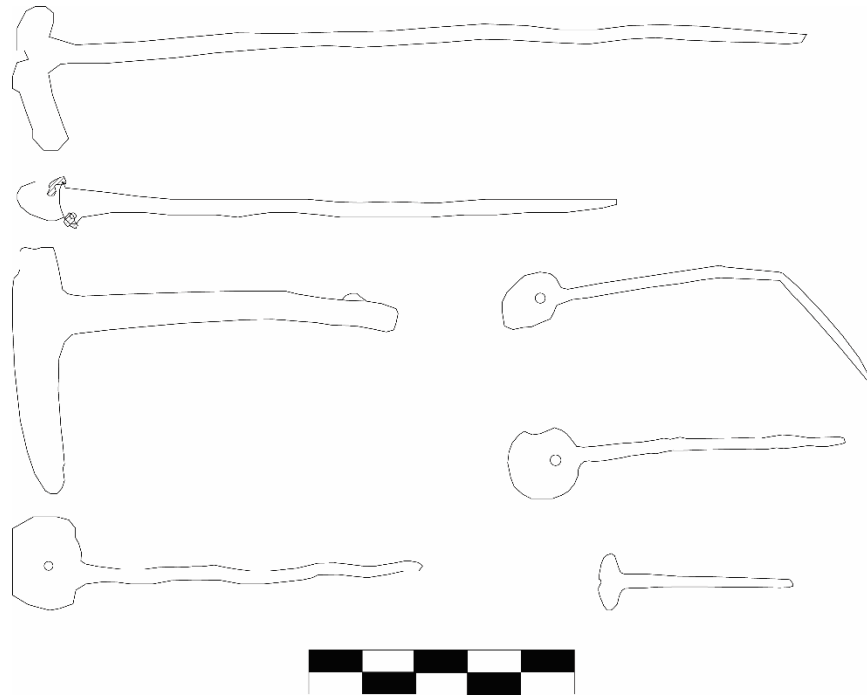


Figure E.2. Non-standard tupus recovered in the church.

Tupu pins were very common in Andean prehispanic times (and through today) in female styles of dress. The chronicler Guaman Poma demonstrates the use of tupu pins in two distinctive ways in his illustrated letter to the king: in one illustration, a set of paired tupu pins are used vertically to secure the main dress garment (Figure E.3.).¹¹⁹ In a second illustration, Poma depicts the horizontal pin (t'ipki) which holds the women's shawl closed around her shoulders (Figure E.3.). Cobo writes that tupu pins were normally between 10 and 28cm in length (Cobo and Hamilton 1990). For the tupus recovered at Iglesiachayoq, the length varies from the smallest tupu at 4.21cm, and the largest measuring 20.92cm.

¹¹⁹ See Guaman Poma's complete works, and specifically drawings 136 and 175. Also see Rowe 1995-96 and Cobo and Hamilton 1990.



Figure E.3. Left: queen depicted wearing two vertical tupu pins. Right: lady of high status depicted with one horizontal pin. Drawings by Guaman Poma v. 136 and v. 175.

APPENDIX F Unit Summaries

Unit 1, Sector 1, EST-002

Location (WGS 1984): 656773E 8427949N

Dimensions: 12m x 9.6m (divided into 12 3m x 3.2m quads)

Declared Loci: 751, 752, 753, 761, 762, 763, 764, 801, 802, 803, 791, 792, 793, 794, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 781, 782, 783, 784

Unit 1 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, the interior of EST-002, also known as the “casa de kuraka.” The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-002, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 1 into twelve separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 3m x 3.2m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Northeast quads (1-3), and then moved south according to the way language is read. Each quad was also assigned a separate set of loci, and only quads 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 were excavated due to time constraints. I will go over each quad locus by locus.

Quad 1

Quad 1 was located in the Northeast corner of Unit 1, and had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 751 represented the unit’s natural soil and consisted of a moderately homogenous sand with roots, poorly consolidated, and brown (10YR 4/3) in color. In the surface, there was a large quantity of roots, with little evidence of cultural material. In this locus, we collected four bags of ceramic, one bag

of lithic, one bag of animal bone, one soil sample, and one metal artifact. The metal artifact was an iron carret-head nail of Spanish origin, which was produced during the first half of the 16th century (see drawing). This level was an average of 14 cm thick, ending at an average of 125 cm BD throughout the unit.

Directly below locus 751 was locus 752, which was a natural level defined by a soil change. Locus 752 consisted of a poorly consolidated medium-grained sand of moderate homogeneity, very dark brown (10YR 2/2) in color. There was significantly less roots in this level, as well as less cultural material—we only collected one bag of ceramic and one soil sample. Locus 752 was an average of 10 cm in depth, and ended at an average of 135 cm BD throughout the quad. At the bottom of this locus, sterile earth began to appear, marked by a very hard, clay matrix.

Locus 753 was uncovered directly below locus 752, and was also uniformly excavated throughout the quad. Locus 753 was a natural level, marked by a soil matrix of dark brown sandy clay (7.5YR 3/2), which was uniformly compact. This locus was characterized by large inclusions of pieces of clay of different colors such as yellowish red (5YR 3/8), strong brown (7.5YR 5/6), and brownish yellow (10YR 6/8). There were no cultural materials in this locus, and we collected only one soil sample. The average depth of this locus was 8 cm, ending at an average of 143 cm BD across the quad.

Based on the lack of material evidence found in the preceding levels and the extremely dense sandy clay in this locus, we decided to stop excavating this quad.

Quad 3

Unit 1, Quad 3 was located in the Northeast corner of EST-002. In total, Unit 1, quad 3 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 761 represented the quad's natural topsoil and consisted of a brown (7.5YR 4/3), medium-grained sand uniformly distributed throughout the quad. From the start of excavating this locus, we made two amplifications to the north and east, going from the border of the quad to the north and east walls (see drawings). From the northwest corner of this quad to the north wall, the distance was 1.22m. From the northeast corner of this quad to the north wall, the distance was 0.20m. From the northeast corner of this quad to the east wall, the extension was 0.10m, and from the southeast corner of this quad to the east wall, the extension was 0.54m. This locus was filled with roots and plant material. We collected three bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, one bag of animal bone (located in the northern extension, 116 cm BD), and one soil sample. The average depth of this locus was 18cm, ending at an average of 129cm BD.

Directly below locus 761 was locus 762, which we excavated fully, including the extensions to the northern and eastern walls. Locus 762 was a dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) semi-compact medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the locus. There were less roots in this locus, with a matrix that contained more clay and some fragments of ceramic. In total, we collected three bags of ceramic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample. Locus 762 was an average of 7cm in depth and ended at an average of 137cm BD.

Locus 763 was directly below locus 762, and was changed due to a natural change in the soil, brown (7.5YR 4/4) semi-compact sandy clay, spread uniformly throughout the locus. Like locus 753 in quad 1, the matrix in this quad had significantly more hard, clay rocks and contained the beginning of sterile soil. No cultural artifacts were recovered from this locus,

although we collected one soil sample. On average, this locus was an average of 15cm deep, ending at an average of 146cm BD.

In order to expose and define the various colors of clay we encountered in quad 3, we excavated one more locus—764—only in the northern amplification of the unit. Locus 764 contained brown (7.5YR 4/4) sandy clay which was uniform and compact throughout the quad. This level also had several colors of clay including 7.5YR 2.5/1 (black), and 5YR 3/8 (yellowish red).

Based on the lack of material evidence found in the preceding levels, we decided to end the excavation of Quad 3 at this point.

Quad 5

Quad 5 was located in the center of the unit, southeast of Quad 1 and southwest of Quad 3. We began with locus 801, which was characterized as a dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) medium-grained sand, which was loose and very poorly distributed throughout quad 5. Locus 801 had an abundance of roots, and some cultural material. We collected one bag of ceramic, one soil sample, and one special find, which we called “hallazgo 1.” This special find was a metal cross (see drawing) found in the southeast corner of the quad at 122cm BD. On average, locus 801 was 15cm thickness, and ended at a depth of 132cm BD.

Locus 802 was located directly below locus 801, and was marked by a natural change in soil matrix. Locus 802 was a uniform, semi-compact brownish-black (7.5YR 3/2) medium-grained sand. This locus had less cultural material, and we collected only one bag of ceramic and one bag of lithic, along with one soil sample. The average depth of this locus was 9cm, ending at an average of 141cm BD.

Locus 803 was directly below locus 802, and was changed due to a natural soil change. The matrix in locus 803 was similar to the matrices in 753 and 763, characterized by large chunks of clay and the appearance of sterile earth. Locus 803 was a compact, uniform sandy clay which was brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. The presence of cultural material here was much less than in locus 802, and we recovered only one fragment of ceramic and one soil sample. The average depth of locus 803 was 5cm, ending at an average depth of 147cm BD across the quad. Since we recovered only a small amount of cultural material from locus 803, we decided to end excavation of this quad with this locus.

Quad 7

Quad 7 is located in the southwest portion of Unit 1, sharing its southern border with the northern border of Quad 10 (see drawings). In total, quad 7 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 791 represented the quad's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose medium-grained sand, distributed throughout the unit and brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. We extended the western border of this unit to the western wall in order to define the architecture of the base of the structure. From the northwest corner of the unit to the western wall measured 0.76m, and from the southwest corner of the unit to the western wall measured 0.77m. This locus had dispersed fragments of ceramic in the loose soil, with many roots and some gravel. We also recovered a small amount of lithic material. In all, we recovered two bags of ceramic, two bags of lithic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample. The average depth of locus 791 was 11cm, and the locus ended at a depth of average 128cm across the quad.

Locus 792 was located directly below locus 791, and was a natural level, dull reddish brown (5YR 4/3) in color, with the soil a more uniform, compact medium-grained sand. At the bottom of this locus, the sterile earth began to appear. In the western amplification, we defined a special "hallazgo 1," defined by fragments of ceramic associated with bone and carbon very close to the wall. In total, we collected three bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, two bags of animal bone, one sample of carbon, and two soil samples. The elevated amount of cultural material in locus 792 suggests that it was some sort of activity area, indicated by the ceramic associated with carbon and animal bone. The average depth of this locus was 8cm, and the locus ended at an average of 136cm across the quad and the amplification.

Locus 793 was excavated directly below locus 792 and was a natural level. Here, the soil matrix was also more compact, brown (10YR 4/3) in color, and a uniform sand of medium grain. Here, there was much less cultural material, with sterile soil coming through at the end marked by large formations of colorful clay and very hard soil. In total, we collected two bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample. On average, this locus was 13cm, and the locus ended at an average depth of 148cm across the quad.

Locus 794 was the final locus in this quad, located directly below locus 793, and was a natural level. The soil here was a sandy clay, brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color, distributed uniformly throughout the quad. We only found one fragment of ceramic in this locus, and the tooth of one animal, and we also took a soil sample. At the end of this level, we reached sterile soil, which was nearly impossible to excavate, so we stopped the excavation of the quad at this point. The average depth of locus 794 was 7cm, and the locus ended at an average of 156cm distributed across the quad. Because of the extremely compact sterile soil and lack of cultural artifacts, we decided to stop excavation of this quad with locus 794.

Quad 10

Quad 10 was located in the southwestern corner of the grid in EST-002, directly south of Quad 7 and west of the accessway. In total, Quad 10 had six contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 771 represented the quad's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose, dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) medium-grained sand, distributed uniformly across the quad. The soil matrix in this locus had some roots and cultural evidence. In order to define the masonry at the base of the structure and to follow a higher concentration of cultural evidence found on the surface of the same corner, we amplified this quad to the west and to the south. From the northwest corner of the unit to the western wall, the distance was 0.73m. From the southwest corner of the unit to the western wall, the distance was 0.40m. From the southwest corner of the unit to the southern wall, the distance was 0.60m. From the southeastern corner of the unit to the southern wall, the distance was 1.10m. In total, we recovered three bags of ceramic, two bags of lithic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample from locus 771. The average depth of this locus was 15cm, and the average ending depth of locus 771 was 128cm BD.

Locus 772 was excavated directly below locus 771, and represented a natural level and soil change. The texture of the soil was semi-compact and dark reddish brown in color (5YR 3/2), medium-grained sand uniformly distributed. In the northern portion of the western amplification, we found a special hallazgo—here, there were fragments of ceramic and intentional depositions of ceramic, lithic, and animal bone. In total, we collected two bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample from locus 772. The average depth from locus 772 was 7cm, and the average ending depth was 134cm BD.

Locus 773 was located directly below locus 772, and represented a natural level change with soil more compact, dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color, and was a medium-grained sand with uniform distribution across the quad. In this level, we recovered three bags of ceramic, three bags of lithic, two bags of animal bone, two carbon samples, and one soil sample. In the southern amplification, the beginning of an activity area was present, including a higher concentration of ceramic and bone, which appear to have been deliberately placed. The average depth of locus 773 was 13cm, and the average ending depth below datum was 147cm.

Locus 774 was located below 773, but only in the southern amplification of the quad. This locus represented a special context, or “hallazgo especial,” in which we found large fragments of animal bone in the same level of fragments of ceramic, with a small piece of eggshell. This locus indicates an activity region, perhaps indicating food processing or butchering. The soil matrix in this locus was compact, medium-grained and uniform sand which was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2). In locus 774, we collected one bag of ceramic, one bag of animal bone, one soil sample, and one bag which contained the eggshell. This locus was an average of 24cm in depth and ended at an average depth of 137cm BD.

Locus 775 was located below loci 773 and 774, and was excavated uniformly below these two loci. Locus 775 was a natural level, with a soil matrix more compact and dark reddish brown in color (5YR 3/3), a sandy clay uniformly distributed throughout the quad. In locus 775, we collected three bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and two soil samples. The locus was an average depth of 11cm, ending at an average of 158cm BD.

The final locus in Quad 10 was locus 776, which we excavated only in the southern portion of the western amplification. This small cut was only 50cm x 65cm and was placed to investigate if the cultural material continued below the cultural levels. In this calicata, we found

only one fragment of worked stone, and the soil was much more compact and dull reddish brown (5YR 4/3), with more clay inclusions. We were not able to arrive at the base of the wall of Structure 002, indicating that those who constructed the base of the building must have dug at least one meter below the surface in order to place the massive stones. In locus 776, we collected only one bag of lithic and one soil sample. The calicata was an average depth of 52cm and ended at an average depth of 205cm BD. Locus 775 was the final locus in this quad, and the hard, sterile soil began to emerge at the bottom of the locus.

Quad 12

The last quad excavated was quad 12, located in the southeastern corner of EST-002. In total, Quad 12 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 781 represented the quad's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose, poorly distributed medium-grained sand, dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. Locus 781 had numerous plant roots, and cultural evidence including ceramic and lithic. In all, we collected one bag of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. The locus was an average depth of 20cm, ending at an average level of 131cm BD.

Locus 782 was excavated directly below locus 781, and was marked by a natural change in the soil to a more compact, uniform, sand of medium grain, brown in color (7.5YR 4/3). This locus had less roots and less cultural artifacts, including one bag of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. On average, locus 782 had a depth of 13cm and ended at an average depth of 144cm BD.

Locus 783 was excavated directly below locus 782, and represented a natural level marked by a soil change to a more compact, uniform medium-grained sand, brown (7.5YR 4/2). Locus 783 had less evidence of cultural materials, with one bag of ceramic and one soil sample. The locus was an average of 8cm in depth, ending at an average depth of 151cm BD.

The final locus of Quad 12 was 784, which was excavated directly below locus 783 and represented a natural level. It consisted of a soil matrix which was a medium-grained, very compact and uniform sand, with clay inclusions and brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. The average depth of locus 784 was 7cm in depth and ended at an average depth of 159cm BD. There were few cultural artifacts in this level, and we collected only one bag of ceramic and one soil sample.

After excavating quads 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 12, we terminated the excavation of Unit 1. After drawing profiles, cuts, and plans, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 1 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 751, 761, 801, 791, 771, 781

Level 2: Locus 752, 762, 802, 792, 772, 782

Level 3: Locus 753, 763, 803, 793, 773, 774, 783

Level 4: Locus 764, 794, 775, 776, 784

Unit 2, Sector 1, EST-030

Location (WGS 1984): 656850E 8427955N

Dimensions: 8m x 4m (divided into 8 2m x 1m quads)

Declared Loci: 401, 402, 403

Unit 2 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, the interior of EST-030. EST-030 was part of a small patio group which included three rectangular structures whose doors faced one another. This patio group was encircled by a low wall with an accessway in the western portion. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-030, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 2 into eight separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2m x 1m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Northeast quad (1-2), and then moved south according to the way language is read. Unlike Unit 1, Unit 2 utilized the same set of loci for all quads, and all quads were excavated according to natural and arbitrary levels throughout the unit. Unit 2 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible.

Locus 401

Locus 401 represented the unit's natural soil and consisted of a loose, poorly homogeneous medium-grained sand which was dark reddish brown (5YR 2.5/2) in color. The sand was mixed with lots of roots and some archaeological evidence including ceramic fragments, obsidian, and some animal bone. In order to define the base architecture of EST-030,

we extended the northeast quad (Quad 2) to the wall, which was 0.57m from the northwest corner of quad 2 to the wall, and 0.40m from the northeast corner of quad 2 to the wall. In the center of the extension, a mano was uncovered at 98cm BD. In this locus, we collected 26 total bags: 11 bags of ceramic, 10 bags of lithic, one bag of animal bone, one bag of carbon, one soil sample, and one clay sample. This level was an average of 13 cm thick, ending at an average depth of 1.18m BD.

Locus 402

Directly below Locus 401 was Locus 402, which was a natural level. We started Locus 402 because of a change in soil matrix, such that Locus 402 consisted of a medium-grained sand which was more uniform and compact than Locus 401. Locus 402 was dark reddish brown in color (5YR 3/2) and contained less roots, ceramic, and lithic than in Locus 401. In Quads 1 and 2, there were many more large rocks which were clay-like. There was a large tree in quads 5 and 7, which prevented thorough excavation here. There was one special find in Locus 402, which was a large grindstone 1.30m BD. In total, we collected 16 artifact samples—nine bags of ceramic, three bags of lithic, two bags of animal bone, one soil sample, and the grindstone. Locus 402 was an average of 19cm in depth, ending at an average of 1.34m BD throughout the unit. We stopped excavating Locus 402 when we reached a very hard, thick clay level which appeared to be sterile soil.

Locus 403

Locus 403 was a small, 50cm x 50cm cut which we placed in the southeastern corner of the unit in order to make sure there was no more evidence of cultural material and that we had indeed reached sterile soil. In Locus 403, there was no evidence of cultural material, the soil was

much more granular and compact, and very difficult to dig through, and there was a large distribution of rocks of different sizes which appeared to correspond to sterile soil. The color of the soil was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2), and we collected only one soil sample from this Locus. Locus 403 was an average of 6cm in depth and ended at an average of 1.56m BD across the cut. We terminated the excavation of Unit 2 at this point since we had found no cultural material and the soil was very difficult to excavate. After drawing the southern profile and a cut and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 2 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 401

Level 2: Locus 402

Level 3: Locus 403

Unit 3, Sector 1, EST-047

Location (WGS 1984): 656846E 8428016N

Dimensions: 4.5m x 4 m (divided into 4 2.25m x 2m quads)

Declared Loci: 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256

Unit 3 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, the interior of EST-047. EST-047 was an isolated circular structure situated within its own terrace, with its accessway facing to the northeast. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-047, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 3 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.25m x 2m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Northeast quad (1-2), and from the Southwest quad to the Southeast quad (3-4). Unit 3 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 3 had six contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible.

Locus 251

Locus 251 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural soil. Locus 251 was characterized by the presence of roots, and a very loose, poorly homogeneous medium-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. There were few cultural materials associated with this locus, and most of the soil was affected by wall fall throughout the unit. In total, 9 artifact bags were collected: four ceramic bags, three lithic bags, one sample of soil, and one sample of burned soil. To the south of quad four (the southeast corner), we placed an extension

of the unit in order to define the base of the wall. From the southwest corner of quad 4, this measured 70cm to the southern wall. From the center of quad 4 to the southern wall, the distance was 50cm. The southeastern corner of quad four (and the unit) abutted the southern wall. On average, this locus was 6cm thick, ending at an average depth of 61cm BD throughout the unit.

Locus 252

We closed Locus 251 and opened the new Locus 252 when we reached a soil change. The soil matrix in Locus 252 was a medium-grained sand that was moderately homogeneous and semi-compact, and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In this locus, we found some fragments of ceramic and lithic, but the fragments are very small and there is almost no diagnostic material. The soil is more compact and granular, and in quad 1 we uncovered small pieces of distributed carbon. In quad 3, we encountered some fragments of animal bone. In total, we recovered 15 artifact bags from Locus 252: six bags of ceramic, 5 bags of lithic, 3 bags of animal bone, and one soil sample. Locus 252 was an average of 10 cm in depth, and ended at an average depth of 71cm BD.

Locus 253

We closed Locus 252 and opened the new Locus 253 when we reached a soil change. The soil matrix in Locus 253 was a medium-grained sand that was moderately uniform and more compact than locus 252, of the color very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2). Locus 253 was only excavated in quads 1, 3, and 4 because quad 2 presented a different context in the same horizontal level. In general, Locus 253 had less fragments of ceramic than locus 252, and small nuclei of stone and carbon appeared. In quad 3, there was a slightly denser concentration of fragments of ceramic and obsidian. We collected a total of 7 bags from Locus 253: four of

ceramic, two of lithic, and one soil sample. The locus ended at an average of 82 cm below datum and was an average of 11cm total depth throughout the unit.

Locus 254

Locus 254 was in the same horizontal level as locus 253, but presented as a context which was distinct between both Locus 252 and 253. Locus 254 was excavated only in quad 2 and measured 2.80m x 2.19m in size. This locus was characterized by the presence of carbon, appearing sparsely in a small space. The soil was very wet (since there is not much sun that reaches this quad), and as a result the carbon was in very poor condition. There was very little ceramic. Our guess is that this context was the product of a hearth or a fire, since the cold is very strong during certain seasons, and clearly affected this house. The soil was a medium-grained, compact sand moderately uniform throughout the unit and was brown (10YR 4/3) in color. In total, we collected 5 bags of artifacts: two of ceramic, one of animal one, one of carbon, and one soil sample. Locus 254 ended at an average depth of 82cm below datum, and was an average of 10cm in depth.

Locus 255 and 256

Since we had reached a level where no cultural artifacts were being removed from the soil, we decided to continue excavating only in quad 4, and so loci 255 and 256 were excavated from this quad. Locus 255 was a natural level, with soil nearly the same color as locus 253 (very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2)). After excavating only two buckets of material, the color of the soil began to change rapidly, and we changed to locus 256 to account for the change. Locus 255 was thus likely a part of Locus 253, located above. Locus 256 is thus the last locus in this unit. The soil was a clay/sand that was moderately distributed and compact throughout the unit, of

dark yellowish brown color (10YR 4/4). Along with the color change, we encountered several large stones which delimited the space where the clay was located. With the presence of the delimited area, we hypothesized that this area was dedicated to artisanal usage of clay sources. In total, we collected four bags from loci 255 and 256: one of ceramic, one of lithic, one of clay, and one of soil. The locus ended at an average of 1.08m below datum, and was an average of 23cm in depth.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 3 at this point since we had found only one ceramic sherd and the soil was filled with clay and hard to excavate. After drawing the southern wall of the structure, the eastern profile, the western cut, and a plan view, and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 3 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 251

Level 2: Locus 252

Level 3: Locus 253 and 254

Level 4: Locus 255 and 256

Unit 4, Sector 1, EST-004

Location (WGS 1984): 656751E 8427938N

Dimensions: 5.5m x 3m (divided into 4 2.75m x 1.5m quads)

Declared Loci: 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210

Unit 4 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, the interior of EST-004. EST-004 was a quadrangular structure with squared edges located very near the kuraka house and the church, with its entryway facing both structures (southeastern side of the long axis of the structure). The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-004, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 4 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.75m x 1m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Northeast quad (1-2) and from the Southwest quad to the Southeast quad (3-4). Unit 4 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 4 had 10 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible.

Locus 201

Locus 201 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural topsoil. However, we soon encountered a change between quads 1 and 2 (north half of the unit), and so excavated quads 3 and 4 separately (south side of the unit) as Locus 203. Locus 201 was characterized by the presence of roots and was a uniform, loose medium-grained sand that was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) in color. There were few cultural materials in this locus, and we collected three

bags of artifacts, two of ceramic and one of lithic. Locus 201 ended at an average of 134cm below datum, and was an average of 12cm deep in the excavated quads.

Locus 252

While excavating Locus 251, we encountered a difference in soil composition and cultural materials in quad 2. We designated this area as a special locus, defined as an area with more concentration of carbon, bone, and ceramic. We considered this an activity area because of the higher level of cultural material. Locus 202 was 80cm x 69cm in size, was more compact than locus 201, and was a medium-grained sand that was dark reddish brown in color (5YR 3/2). We collected a total of four artifact bags in this locus, including two bags of ceramic, one bag of animal bone, and one soil sample. This lens of soil was an average of 6cm in depth and ended at an average depth of 140cm below datum throughout the locus.

Locus 203

We closed Locus 202 and opened the new Locus 203 when we encountered a soil change. Locus 203 was excavated in the northern portion of quads 3 and 4 and was distinctive due to a large quantity of ceramic and artifacts. The color of the soil and the consistency also changed from Locus 201. Locus 203 encompassed the entire width of the unit (3m) but was only 1.62m in length, as we encountered another horizontal soil change further south in the unit. Locus 203 consisted of a loose, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We collected 11 artifact bags from Locus 203, including 7 bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, one carbon sample, one soil sample, and a "special find" which was a button. The button looked like a piruru but without the hole in the middle. In general, this locus was characterized by a dense proportion of ceramic and was clearly an area used for food preparation.

Locus 203 was terminated at an average depth of 143cm below datum, and was an average depth of 21cm in thickness.

Locus 204

We closed locus 203 and moved southward in Unit 4, where we soon discovered a floor with artifacts on top which we designated as Locus 204. This locus took up the entire width of quads 3 and 4, but measured 113 cm of length in quad 3 and 85cm of length in quad 4. We found a huge amount of ceramic fragments in quad 4, especially concentrated in the southeast corner. We also found carbon, a piruru, animal bone, and a sewing tool. In quad 4, we extended the unit east until it reached the eastern wall in order to define the base architecture of the structure and follow the locus outward. The doorway was located east of quad 4, so we extended the quad until it reached the door. The extension was the length of quad 4 (2.75m) and was extended 16cm to hit the wall. The soil matrix for Locus 204 was a compact, uniform medium-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color and likely represented a floor. We collected 10 total artifact bags from Locus 204: four of ceramic, one of lithic, one of animal bone, one carbon sample, one soil sample, and two special finds which included the piruru (hallazgo 1) and the tool to sew (hallazgo 2). Locus 204 ended at an average of 138cm below datum and was an average of 17cm in depth.

Locus 205

We closed locus 204 and opened the new locus 205 when we encountered a soil change, such that the soil matrix in Locus 205 was a uniform, compact, fine ash which was black in color (5YR 2.5/1). This locus was a special burned context which indicated a lens of intense burning which contained several types of carbon, ceramic, and lithic. Locus 205 was located only in

quads 3 and 4, directly below locus 204, and was 3.16m in width and 2.75m in length. We collected 10 artifact bags from Locus 205, 2 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, 6 bags of carbon (2 unidentified carbon, one of bone, one of corn, one of cloth, and one of wood), and one soil sample. In general, this locus ended at an average depth of 148cm below datum, and was an average of 15cm in depth throughout the southern portion of the unit.

Locus 206

We closed Locus 205 and opened the new Locus 206 when we reached a soil change. The soil matrix in Locus 206 was a uniform, compact medium-grained sand with ash mixed in that was a dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. We found a large concentration of carbon here, but this locus is a natural level. We did not find a single ceramic or other artifact, but we found plenty of carbon. This locus is located below the base of the wall. It is possible that those who utilized this structure excavated below the base of the wall in order to place a more concentrated hearth. Locus 206 was 1.85m by 1.50m in size. This locus ended at an average of 159cm below datum and was an average of 9cm in depth. In total, we collected two bags from Locus 206—one carbon sample and one soil sample.

Locus 207

Locus 207 was an intruding locus which shared the same horizontal plane as locus 206. Locus 207 was likely a hearth or area of intense burning with a high concentration of animal bone. Locus 207 was located in the southwest corner of quad 3. We have a much higher proportion of animal bone than in any other locus at the site. The animal bone appears to be from a juvenile camelid because the joints are not fused. Locus 207 was 90cm by 60cm and consisted of a loose, uniform, ash layer which was black (5YR 2.5/1) in color. We collected only one bag

from this locus, which consisted of animal bone. Locus 207 ended at an average of 158cm below datum and was an average of 18cm in depth.

Locus 208

Locus 208 was excavated in quads 1 and 2 exclusively, and was the locus below Locus 201 and 202 (surface). Locus 208 was a natural level, and we found fragments of ceramic and lithic, as well as animal bone. The soil matrix was compact, uniformly distributed and a medium-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/2) in color. The lithic fragments are of a type of stone very rare in this area and seem to be knives used for cooking, and made of chert. I believe that this entire house was used to prepare food on a large scale because the ceramic fragments are enormous. We collected 6 bags of artifacts from this locus: 2 of ceramic, 2 of lithic, 1 of animal bone, and 1 soil sample. In general, this locus ended at an average depth of 144cm below datum and was an average of 7cm in depth.

Locus 209

We closed Locus 208 and opened Locus 209 upon reaching a soil change and a change in artifact density, such that the soil matrix in 209 consisted of a compact, uniform medium-grained sand that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. Because we found ceramic and lithic in the locus above, we excavated quads 1 and 2. But, upon finishing locus 209, we reached the base of the wall and there were very few ceramic fragments. We collected three bags from this locus, including 2 ceramic bags and one soil sample. In general, this locus ended at an average depth of 159cm below datum, and was an average of 15cm in depth.

Locus 210

At this point in the excavation of Unit 4, we had reached sterile soil in most of the unit. In order to ensure that there were no more cultural levels, we placed a small 60cm by 70cm test pit in the center of the unit, which had one corner in all four quads. We only collected one ceramic fragment and one soil sample from Locus 210, and we found some evidence of carbon which was likely residual from the loci above. The soil matrix of 210 was a compact, uniform, medium-grained sand which was very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/2) in color. This locus ended at an average of 169cm below datum and was an average depth of 15cm.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 4 at this point since we had only found one ceramic sherd and the soil matrix was difficult to excavate. After drawing the northern cut, western cut, western profile, and eastern accessway, and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with sieved soil.

Unit 4 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 201

Level 2: Locus 202, 203, 204

Level 3: Locus 205, 208

Level 4: Locus 206, 207, 209

Level 5: Locus 210

Unit 5, Sector 2, EST-175

Location (WGS 1984): 657031E 8428069N

Dimensions: 4.5m x 3 m (divided into 4 2.25 x 1.5m quads)

Declared Loci: 601, 602, 603

Unit 5 was located in Sector 2, located northeast of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-175. EST-175 was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners that had its own terrace, with its accessway facing to the northwest. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-175, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 5 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.25m x 1.5m. We numbered the quads from the Northeast quad to the Southeast quad (1-2), and from the Northwest quad to the Southwest quad (3-4). Unit 5 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 5 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 601

Locus 601 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural soil. Locus 601 was characterized by the presence of roots, and a very loose, poorly homogeneous medium-grained sand that was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. The archaeological evidence was fragments of ceramic and lithic and the presence of dispersed carbon in the four quads. In total, we collected 9 bags of artifacts from locus 601 including 6 bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, one metal artifact, and one soil sample. The metal artifact was a flattened copper rectangle with a

small hook at one end, which could have been used as a pendant or part of a necklace. In general, the locus ended at a depth of 100cm below datum and was an average depth of 12 cm throughout the unit.

Locus 602

We closed Locus 601 and opened the new Locus 602 when we reached a soil change. The soil matrix in Locus 602 was a poorly consolidated and moderately homogeneous fine-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In this locus, the archaeological evidence was fragments of ceramic, lithic, bone, and small pieces of lithic located in quads 1 and 2 in a dispersed manner. These stones were distributed almost like a layer of gravel, and were approximately golf-ball sized. We placed an extension to the north of quad 1 which measured 1.5m in width and 65cm from the northwest corner of quad 1 to the northern wall and 20cm from the northeast corner of quad 2 to the northern wall. In total, we collected 16 bags from Locus 602: 6 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, 3 bags of metal (likely natural stone or hematite), 5 bags of animal bone, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 602 ended at an average depth of 113cm below datum throughout the unit and was an average depth of 13cm throughout the unit.

Locus 603

We closed Locus 602 and opened the new Locus 603 when we reached a soil change. This natural level was characterized by a loose sand with minimal quantity of cultural material like ceramic and lithic. In quads 1 and 2, there was a large amount of loose stones. In general, the soil matrix in Locus 203 was poorly consolidated and moderately homogeneous, and was brown in color (7.5YR 4/3). In total, we collected four bags from Locus 603, including 2 bags of

ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. The average closing depth was 125cm below datum, and the average depth of the locus was 12cm.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 5 at this point since we had found only one ceramic sherd and the soil was filled with a matrix that was hard to excavate. After drawing the plan view, northern profile, two cuts, and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil. In general, this unit only had three basic levels—the first was the surface, the second was the cultural level and possible floor (rocks), and the third was below the floor and possibly sterile soil. There were no distinctive contexts such as hearths or activity areas, and in general it appears that this unit was only occupied for a very short time.

Unit 5 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 601

Level 2: Locus 602

Level 3: Locus 603

Unit 6, Sector 2, EST-168

Location (WGS 1984): 657006E 8428110N

Dimensions: 4.5m x 3 m (divided into 4 2.25 x 1.5m quads)

Declared Loci: 501, 502, 503, 504

Unit 6 was located in Sector 2, located northeast of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-168. EST-168 was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners that had its own terrace, with its entryway facing to the northwest. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-168, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 6 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.25m x 1.5m. We numbered the quads from the Northeast quad to the Southeast quad (1-2), and from the Northwest quad to the Southwest quad (3-4). Unit 6 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 6 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 501

Locus 501 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural soil. Locus 501 was characterized by the presence of abundant roots. There was regular ceramic throughout Locus 501, resulting in lots of borders with various sizes. There was also lithic, one fragment of metal and human bone, probably of camelid. Along the southern side of the unit where quads 2 and 4 are located, we placed an amplification to be able to define the base of the wall, and in this extension we collected ceramic, carbon, and part of a fragmented batan. The amplification was 3

meters in width and 50cm in length to reach the southern wall. In general, the soil matrix was a medium-grained, loose sand that was moderately homogeneous and dark brown in color (7.5YR 3/2). We collected 17 artifact bags, including 7 bags of ceramic, 5 bags of lithic, 1 metal artifact (a small pendant), 3 bags of animal bone, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 501 ended at a depth of 112cm below datum and was an average depth of 6cm.

Locus 502

We closed Locus 501 and opened Locus 502 when we arrived at a natural soil change, such that the soil in 502 was more compact, but still a moderately distributed medium-grained sand that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. The associated materials were fragments of ceramic, obsidian, and animal bone. In quads 3 and 4, we recovered large pieces of dispersed carbon. In total, we collected 12 artifact bags, including 5 bags of ceramic, 3 bags of lithic, 2 bags of animal bone, one soil sample, and one piece of wood. This level ended an average depth of 118cm below datum, and was an average of 6cm in depth.

Locus 503

We closed locus 502 and opened Locus 503 when we encountered a soil change, such that the frequency of cultural material decreased and the soil became more uniform in consistency. The soil matrix of Locus 503 was a uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was compact and brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. Besides the ceramic, we didn't find many other cultural materials with the exception of carbon. In quads 2 and 4, irregular-sized stones began to appear which were likely representative of sterile soil. In total, we collected 8 bags from this locus, including 5 bags of ceramic, 2 bags of lithic, and 1 soil sample. Locus 503 ended at an average depth of 126cm below datum and was an average of 8cm in depth. We decided to only

continue the excavation in quad 3, since the most material was emerging from this quad and since we had hit sterile soil in quads 1, 2, and 4.

Locus 504

Locus 504 was the last locus excavated in Unit 6, and it was only located in quad 3. The soil matrix in locus 504 was clearly sterile soil, a very compact, moderately-distributed medium-grained sand that was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) in color. There were large hunks of clay and thick soil, but we did not collect a single cultural artifact. In total, we only collected one bag from this Locus, and it was a soil sample. Locus 504 ended at an average depth of 148cm below datum and was an average of 19 cm in depth.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 5 at this point since we had found no ceramic sherds and the soil was filled with a matrix that was hard to excavate. After drawing a plan view, the southern profile, the eastern cut, the northern cut, and the masonry which incorporated large boulders, we took photos and terminated the unit. The unit was closed and backfilled with sieved soil. In general, this unit only had three basic levels, with the fourth level consisting purely of sterile soil. There were no distinctive contexts such as hearths or activity areas, and in general it appears that this unit was only occupied for a very short time.

Unit 6 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 501

Level 2: Locus 502

Level 3: Locus 503 and 504

Unit 7, Sector 2, EST-147

Location (WGS 1984): 656957E 8428162N

Dimensions: 4.5m x 3m (divided into 4 2.25m x 1.5m quads)

Declared Loci: 451, 452, 453

Unit 7 was located in Sector 2, located northeast of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-147. EST-147 was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners that had its own terrace, with its accessway facing to the east. EST-147 is the structure with the best view of the valley and roadways to the north, and likely had the greatest viewshed of any of the structures at Iglesiachayoq. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-147, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 7 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.25m x 1.5m. We numbered the quads from the northwest to the northeast (1-2) and from the southwest to the southeast (3-4). Unit 7 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 7 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 451

Locus 451 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural soil. Locus 451 was characterized by loose, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. The archaeological material was ceramic, obsidian, burned bone, and a piece of metal which likely was used as a knife. There are many types of borders and bases in this

primary level. Since we had such a dense array of ceramic in the top level, we added two very large extensions to define the base of the wall and encompass the volume of the unit. To the east, we extended the unit by 3m in width and 22cm from the northeast corner to the wall, 38cm from the center of the unit to the entryway, and 16cm from the southeast corner to the wall. In the western side of the unit, we extended 3m in width and 58cm from the northwest corner to the wall, 85cm from the center to the wall, and 17 cm from the southwest corner to the western wall. In total, we collected 26 bags of artifacts from Locus 451, including 13 bags of ceramic, 6 bags of lithic, 1 metal artifact (knife), 4 bags of animal bone, one bag of carbon, and one soil sample. Locus 451 ended at an average of 90cm below datum and was an average of 10cm in depth.

Locus 452

We closed Locus 451 when we encountered a soil change such that the soil matrix for Locus 452 was a loose, medium-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color and uniformly distributed. We found much less fragments of ceramic but we also found animal bones, likely from a cow or a horse. In total, we collected 11 samples from this locus, 5 bags of ceramic, 3 bags of lithic, 2 bags of animal bone, and one soil sample. In general, the locus ended at a depth of 100cm below datum, and was an average of 10cm in depth.

Locus 453

Locus 453 was the last locus excavated in Unit 7. We only excavated quads 1 and 4 from this locus because they presented the most material in previous loci. There was a soil change for Locus 453, in which the soil was a more compact, medium-grained sand which was moderately distributed and very dark brown in color (7.5YR 2.5/2). We found almost no cultural materials, only a few fragments of ceramic and lithic. In general, we collected two bags from this locus, and

they were both ceramic. Locus 453 ended at an average of 124cm below datum, and was an average depth of 24cm throughout quads 1 and 4.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 7 at this point since we had found very little ceramic sherds and the soil matrix was dense and difficult to excavate. After drawing the eastern profile and the northern cut, we took photos and closed and backfilled the unit with sieved soil. In general, this unit only had three basic levels—the first was the surface, the second was the cultural level, and the third was nearly sterile soil. There were no distinctive contexts such as hearths or activity areas, and in general it appears that this unit was only occupied for a very short time.

Unit 7 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 451

Level 2: Locus 452

Level 3: Locus 453

Unit 8, Sector 3, EST-292
Location (WGS 1984): 656826E 8427836N

Dimensions: 4m x 3.5m (divided into 4 2 x 1.75m quads)

Declared Loci: 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57

Unit 8 was located in Sector 3, located south of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-292. EST-292 was an isolated ovoid structure which faced a small, semi-circular plaza and a steep rock face, with its entryway facing to the northeast. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-292, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

Unit 8 was the first unit excavated in the 2015 field season. As such, we dug much deeper than in the rest of the units so that we would be sure we reached sterile soil and excavated all cultural contexts. In total, we divided Unit 8 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2m x 1.75m. We numbered the quads from the Northwest quad to the Southwest quad (1-2), and from the Southwest quad to the Southeast quad (3-4). Unit 8 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 8 had seven contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 51

Locus 51 was the first level, and represented the unit's natural soil. Locus 51 was characterized by the presence of roots, and was a uniformly-distributed fine-grained sand that was loosely compacted and dark reddish brown (5YR 2.5/2) in color. The cultural materials included ceramic and lithic, and what we thought initially was metal—what we thought was

metal was characterized by smoothed, polished black stones which are heavy and likely of hematite. In actuality, these are not metal, but rather a polished natural substance. In total, we collected 10 bags from this locus—5 of ceramic, 2 of lithic, 1 of metal, 1 soil sample, and 1 “special find” which was a batan with evidence of use. Locus 51 ended at an average depth of 69cm below datum and was an average of 16cm in depth.

Locus 52

Locus 51 was closed and locus 52 was opened due to a natural change in soil matrix, such that Locus 52 was characterized by a moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was more compact and dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. Locus 52 contained less roots and organic material, as well as less presence of cultural material. There were several perfectly round stones which could have been used as weapons or sling stones. With the low density of material, this structure likely was not used as a domestic residence, or was only occupied for a short period of time. We collected 6 artifact bags from this unit, including 4 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 52 ended at an average depth of 77cm below datum, and was an average of 9cm in depth throughout the unit.

Locus 53

Locus 53 was a natural level distinguished by a higher degree of compaction than Locus 52. After excavating all four quads in Loci 51, and 52, we decided to proceed excavation only in Quad 2, which contained the most material. In Locus 53, there was almost no cultural material—we only recovered 3 ceramic sherds. Locus 53 represented the beginning of sterile soil, and the matrix was more compact and granular, a thick-grained sand that was poorly homogeneous throughout the quad and dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. We only collected one bag from

this locus, which was of ceramic. In general, Locus 53 ended at an average depth of 86cm below datum, and was an average of 8cm in depth.

Locus 54

Although we reached nearly-sterile soil in Locus 53, we decided to excavate at least 50cm more in depth to ensure that we had reached and excavated all cultural levels. Locus 54 was a natural level without artifacts, and was a compact moderately-homogeneous fine-grained sand, which was dark brown in color (7.5YR 3/2). We collected two artifact bags from Locus 54, including 1 bag of ceramic (only one fragment) and one soil sample. Locus 54 ended at an average depth of 93cm below datum, and was an average of 7cm in depth.

Locus 55

Locus 55 was a natural level without any evidenced of cultural material. Locus 55 represents the definitive sterile soil, and was a uniformly distributed fine-grained sand, which was compact and granular and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We collected no artifact bags from this locus. Locus 55 ended at an average depth of 101cm below datum, and was an average of 8cm in depth.

Locus 56

Because Unit 8 was the first excavated at Iglesiachayoq, we dug much deeper than normal in order to ensure there were no more cultural levels. Like Loci 53, 54, and 55, we continued down only in quad 2. There were no cultural artifacts recovered from this locus, and we only collected one bag which was a soil sample. Locus 56 ended at an average depth of 116cm below datum, and was an average depth of 12cm throughout the quad.

Locus 57

Locus 57 was the final locus excavated in Unit 8, and like the loci above, we only excavated in quad 2 and found no cultural evidence. The soil matrix in Locus 57 was a uniformly distributed fine-grained sand, which was compact and granular in nature and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. The locus ended at an average of 138cm below datum, and was an average of 23cm in depth.

At this point in the excavation, we had not encountered a single fragment of cultural material in over 50cm, so we decided to close the unit. After drawing the southern cut, eastern cut, and eastern profile, we took photos and closed and backfilled Unit 8 with sieved soil. In general, this unit only had three basic levels—the first was the surface, the second was a cultural level, and the third was the end of that cultural level, heading toward sterile soil. There were no distinctive contexts such as hearths or activity areas. Given the relative low percentage of cultural materials, we hypothesize that this unit likely was in a structure that was not utilized for domestic activities.

Unit 8 Level Groupings

Level 1: 51

Level 2: 52

Level 3: 53

Level 4 (sterile soil): 54, 55, 56, 57

Unit 9, Sector 3, EST-247

Location (WGS 1984): 656799E 8427790N

Dimensions: 4m x 2.5m (divided into 4 2m x 1.25m quads)

Declared Loci: 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106

Unit 9 was located in Sector 3, located south of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-247. EST-247 was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners located on its own terrace, with its accessway facing north. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-247, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 9 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2m x 1.25m. We numbered the quads from Northwest to Northeast (1-2) and from the Southwest quad to the Southeast quad (3-4). Unit 9 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 9 had 6 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 101

Locus 101 was the first level, and included the surface of the unit. On the surface after clearing some of the vegetation, we encountered several in situ finds. First, we found two vessels—one was complete and intact and appeared to be a bottle or vessel for liquid storage, and the other vessel, while in pieces, was also nearly complete. These were both located in the southern portion of the unit and the structure. WE also collected two grindstones likely used in preparing food and cooking. Near the whole vessel, we found a piece of carbon which we

collected for possible radiocarbon dating in the future. The soil matrix in Locus 101 consisted of coarse, small stones which were poorly distributed throughout the unit and were medium-compaction and a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected 15 bags from Locus 101, including 6 bags of ceramic (not including the whole vessels), 2 bags of lithic, one bag of animal bone, one carbon sample, one soil sample, and four special finds (the two whole vessels and the two grindstones). In general, Locus 101 ended at an average depth of 163cm below datum, and was an average depth of 8cm throughout the unit.

Locus 102

Locus 102 was a natural level defined by a change in soil matrix, such that Locus 102 was a semicompact, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) in color. Locus 102 was more compact than locus 101, and more granular. Some sections of Locus 102 seemed to be part of a floor, which is reasonable considering all of the domestic artifacts we found in Locus 101. In Locus 102, we collected three special finds. First, was a large, flat grindstone located in the Northeast of quad 2. The second special find was another grindstone, but it was smaller and round and located in the south of quad 2. The third special find was a small ceramic vessel, broken but located between the two other special finds. In total, we collected 14 bags from Locus 102, including 5 bags of ceramic, 2 bags of lithic, 2 bags of animal bone, 1 carbon sample, 1 soil sample, and 3 special finds (the two grindstones and the ceramic vessel). We also found one piruru in this locus. In general, Locus 102 ended at an average depth of 175cm below datum and was an average depth of 12cm throughout the unit.

Locus 103

Locus 103 was only excavated in the southernmost quads, 3 and 4, and was a floor in the south of the unit. There were places that were more compact and almost smoothed which appear to be parts of a floor, although these were not uniform throughout the unit. There is a possible hearth associated and some animal bone located in these quads. In general, the soil matrix in Locus 103 was a compact and semicompact medium-grained sand which was poorly distributed throughout the unit and brown (7.5YR 4/4) in color. We collected 6 bags of artifacts in this unit, including 3 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of animal bone, 1 carbon sample, and 1 soil sample. The carbon was associated to the hearth in quad 4. Locus 103 ended at an average depth of 176cm below datum and was an average depth of 12cm throughout quads 3 and 4.

Locus 104

Locus 104 was excavated only in quad 4 and was designated by the presence of abundant carbon located within a ring of irregular stones which possibly were part of the hearth. We also found a fragment of camelid bone and fragments of ceramic. Additionally, the stones in the southeast corner of the structure are black with evidence of smoke damage or cooking. Locus 104 was semicompact and uniformly homogeneous, with a medium-grained sand filled with small stones, and was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected 5 bags from Locus 104, including 1 bag of ceramic, 1 bag of animal bone, 2 carbon samples, and 1 soil sample. On average, Locus 104 ended at a depth of 178cm below datum, and was an average of 9cm in depth.

Locus 105

At this point in the excavation, we were nearing sterile soil, so Locus 105 was excavated only in quads 1, 3, and 4. Locus 105 was defined by a sparse quantity of ceramic and in some

quads, almost no evidence of cultural material. There are obsidian flakes and another piece that looks like quartz. To the south of quad 3, we placed an amplification of 8cm in order to define the base of the wall. Locus 105 consisted of a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand with inclusions of small pebbles. In total, we collected 7 artifact bags, including 4 bags of ceramic, 2 bags of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 105 ended at an average depth of 189cm below datum and was an average of 17cm in depth.

Locus 106

Locus 106 was the last locus excavated in Unit 9. This locus was excavated only in quad 3 and contained no archaeological material. Thus, in this locus, our main goal was to define the base of the wall, which reached a depth of 30cm under the surface layer and was constructed with large stones. After we excavated 25cm, the color of the soil changed to a black color, and there were no more cultural artifacts. The soil matrix in Locus 106 was a very dark brown (10YR 2/2) and compact medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout quad 3. In total, we collected 2 bags from this locus, including one bag of ceramic and one soil sample. The locus ended at an average depth of 212cm below datum and was an average depth of 24cm throughout the quad.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 9 at this point since we had found only one ceramic sherd and the soil was filled with a dense, compact matrix. Throughout the unit, we drew a plan view of Locus 101 and 102, a plan view of Locus 103, a plan view of Locus 104, a cut of the eastern wall, and the western profile. After completing all drawings and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 9 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 101

Level 2: Locus 102

Level 3: Locus 103, 104

Level 4: Locus 105, 106

Unit 10, Sector 3, EST-212

Location (WGS 1984): 656756E 8427856N

Dimensions: 5m x 3.5m (divided into 4 2.5m x 1.75m quads)

Declared Loci: 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159

Unit 10 was located in Sector 3, located south of Sector 1, and was the interior of EST-212. EST-212 was an isolated quadrangular structure with rounded corners, located on the hillside behind the church and kuraka house. EST-212 has an entryway which is almost complete and facing west, and has a clear view of the church, plaza, and the activities which would have happened there. The excavation unit was strategically placed to encompass the maximum amount of space in EST-212, in order to learn about the domestic activities that were occurring inside of this structure.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 10 into four separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.5m x 1.75m. We numbered the quads from Northwest to Northeast (1-2) and from the Southwest quad to the Southeast quad (3-4). Unit 10 utilized the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 10 had 9 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 151

Locus 151 was the first level, and included the surface of the unit. We immediately added an amplification to the southeast corner of the unit. To the south, we increased the unit 1m x 0.55m until it reached the wall. To the east, we increased the unit 1m x 0.55m so that it also reached the wall. We placed this amplification in order to be able to define the bottom of the wall

and because we immediately encountered an activity area which had bone, carbon, and ceramic, which we excavated as locus 153. The majority of Locus 151 was the surface, but the activity area in quad 4 may have been used as a hearth. In general, the soil matrix in Locus 151 was a loose, medium-grained sand which was moderately homogeneous throughout the locus and very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/3) in color. In total, we collected 15 bags from Locus 151, including 9 bags of ceramic, 4 bags of lithic, 1 soil sample, and one “special find,” which was a colonial-period caret head nail in the northeast portion of quad 2. In general, Locus 151 ended at an average depth of 54cm below datum, and was an average of 7cm in depth.

Locus 152

Locus 152 was located just below locus 151, and was marked by a change in soil matrix such that the soil in this locus was much more compact and uniformly distributed, a medium-grained sand that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) in color. There were many fragments of ceramic and obsidian, and the obsidian was especially concentrated in quad 1. In total, we collected 11 bags of artifacts from Locus 152, including 5 bags of ceramic, 4 bags of lithic, one bag of animal bone, and one clay sample. Locus 152 ended at an average depth of 62cm below datum, and was an average depth of 15cm throughout the unit.

Locus 153

Locus 153 was a special context, which appeared to be an area of activity denoted by the presence of carbon associated with a camelid mandible and fragments of ceramic. Given the carbon, animal remains, and the darkened stones in this corner (southeast), we believe that this area was a hearth or food preparation area. Locus 153 was excavated only in quad 3 and the amplifications, and was 1.36m x 1.46m in size. In general, the soil matrix in this locus was a

compact, granular, homogeneous medium-grained sand with carbon inclusions that was dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) in color. We collected 5 artifact bags from this locus, including 2 bags of ceramic, one animal bone, one carbon sample, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 153 ended at an average depth of 57cm below datum, and was an average of 11cm in depth.

Locus 154

Locus 154 was fully present in quads 1 and 3, but shared its horizontal provenance with Locus 155 in quads 2 and 4. Locus 154 had less ceramic and obsidian material than the locus above (152), and the consistency of the soil was compact with areas that were looser. The Locus 154 soil matrix was a medium-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We collected a total of 7 artifact bags from this locus, including 4 ceramic bags, 2 lithic bags, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 154 ended at an average depth of 74cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 13cm.

Locus 155

Locus 155 was at the same horizontal level as Locus 154, but was located only in quads 2 and 4 in the eastern side of the unit. Locus 155 appeared to be a floor or area of compaction, with wallfall on top of it. The soil matrix in 155 was very compact and a medium-grained, uniformly distributed brown (7.5YR 4/3) sand. We collected 7 bags from this locus, including 3 bags of ceramic, 2 bags of lithic, 1 soil sample, and one “special find,” which was a caret-head early colonial period iron nail. The presence of this nail in the lower levels of the unit suggests that this structure was occupied into the Early Colonial Period, particularly since it was associated with fragments of local ceramic. Locus 155 ended at an average depth of 64cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm.

Locus 156

Locus 156 was a natural level that was excavated through all four quads. There was much less cultural material, only some ceramic and lithic, and the soil matrix was a compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand with small pebble inclusions which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected 9 bags of material from this locus, including 4 bags of ceramic, 4 bags of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 156 ended at an average depth of 83cm below datum and was an average thickness of 12cm

Locus 157

Because we had a dearth of materials in Locus 156, we decided to continue excavating only in quads 3 and 4, where most of the material was coming from. We found no cultural materials in this locus, but there was a soil change such that Locus 157 was compact and dark reddish brown (5YR 3/5) in color, and was a uniformly distributed medium-grained sand. We collected only one soil sample from Locus 157. Locus 157 ended at an average of 84cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm.

Locus 158

Locus 158 was excavated only in quad 4, to ensure that we recovered all cultural materials. The soil matrix in Locus 158 was a very compact and uniform granular medium-grained sand that was dark reddish gray (5YR 4/2) in color. We only collected one soil sample from this locus, and no cultural materials, In general, this locus ended at an average depth of 99cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 12cm.

Locus 159

Locus 159 was the last locus excavated in Unit 10, and was marked by a soil change such that Locus 159 was a very compact, very uniformly distributed medium-grained sand which was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. There was no material culture here, and the matrix was very difficult to excavate, leading us to conclude that we had reached sterile soil. Locus 159 was excavated only in quad 4 and ended at an average depth of 108cm below datum and was an average thickness of 10cm.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 10 at this point since we had found no ceramic sherds in the previous two loci and the soil was a dense, compact matrix. Throughout the unit, we drew the floor in locus 155, the southern profile, the eastern cut, the southern cut, a final excavation plan view, the front view of the masonry style, the overall plan view, and the northern cut. Finally, after taking lots of photos, we backfilled the unit with sieved soil.

Unit 10 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 151

Level 2: Locus 152, 153

Level 3: Locus 154, 155

Level 4: Locus 156

Level 5 (sterile soil): Locus 157, 158, 159

Unit 11, Sector 1, PAT-002

Location (WGS 1984): 656769E 8427938N

Dimensions: 2 m x 2 m

Declared Loci: 851, 852, 853, 854

Unit 11 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, south of the entrance to EST-002, the “casa de kuraka.” The excavation unit was strategically placed in the patio of EST-002, in order to learn about domestic or non-domestic activities that were occurring in the patio outside of this structure. The unit was located one meter southeast of the entrance.

Summary of Loci

In total, Unit 11 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 851 represented the unit’s natural topsoil and consisted of a compact brown (10YR 4/3) medium grained sand, with gravel inclusions. In the surface, there were ceramic fragments, one fragment of bone and one of obsidian. The topsoil of this zone may have been used for cultivation, which indicates that the cultural material found in this level is likely out of context. The soil in this locus was uniform throughout the unit, without any other specific, unique contexts. This level was an average of 12 cm thick, ending at 129 cm BD throughout the unit. Four artifact bags were collected—one of ceramic, one of lithic, one of animal bone, and one soil sample.

Directly below locus 851 was locus 852, which was a natural level defined by a soil change. Locus 852 consisted of compact, dark brown (7.5YR 4/3) medium grained sand of

uniform homogeneity. There was also evidence of gravel and small stones mixed with this level, with significantly less plant material than locus 851. There was less evidence of cultural material, especially marked by a decrease in density of both ceramic and lithic. Locus 852 was an average of 13 cm in depth, and ended at average 142 cm BD throughout the unit. There were three artifact bags initially collected from Locus 852, one of ceramic, one of lithic, and one soil sample.

Locus 853 was uncovered directly below locus 852, and was also uniformly excavated throughout the unit. Locus 853 was a natural level, marked by a soil matrix of a compacted dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) sand of medium grain and a much lower density of cultural material. There were small inclusions of gravel, as in the previous two loci, but in 853, we collected only one fragment of ceramic and one of lithic—along with the soil sample there were three artifact bags total. This locus was an average of 11 cm deep, ending at 153 cm BD across the unit.

Based on the lack of material evidence found in the preceding levels, we decided to continue excavating in only the southeast 1m x 1m square of the unit, in order to save time. This 1m x 1m was excavated as arbitrary locus 854, and the soil matrix was a very compact, very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/3) medium-grained sand. We found no artifacts or evidence of human occupation, and we guess that this locus is the natural soil. We collected one soil sample, and the locus was an average depth of 33 cm. We terminated the excavation of Unit 11 at this point, 186 cm BD in the southeast corner, and 153 cm BD across the other three quadrants. After drawing the eastern profile and two cuts and taking photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 11 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 851

Level 2: Locus 852

Level 3: Locus 853 and 854

Unit 12, Sector 1, PAT-030

Location (WGS 1984): 656843E 8427955N

Dimensions: 2 m x 2 m

Declared Loci: 651, 652, 653, 654

Unit 12 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, west of the entrance to EST-030, one of three quadrangular structures with squared corners which shared an enclosed patio area. The three structures in this enclosed area are of a greater size and masonry quality than those in other sections of the site, and were clearly separated in a manner which suggests that entrance was restricted. The excavation unit was strategically placed in the patio of EST-030, in order to learn about domestic or non-domestic activities that were occurring in the shared patio outside of these three structures. The unit was located one meter west of the entrance.

Summary of Loci

In total, Unit 12 had four contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and faithfully as possible. Locus 651 represented the unit's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose, moderately homogeneous brown (7.5YR 4/4) medium grained sand. This initial level contained some ceramic, but no evidence of lithics, and contained plant material. In a small portion of the eastern side of the unit, small fragments of carbon appeared. The soil in this locus was uniform throughout the unit, without any other specific, unique contexts. This level was an average of 9 cm thick, beginning at an average of 58 cm below datum, and ending at an average of 67 cm below datum. Two artifact bags were collected—one of ceramic and one soil sample.

Directly below locus 651 was locus 652, which was a natural level defined by a soil change. Locus 652 consisted of compact, uniform dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) medium grained sand. There was almost no archaeological material in this locus, with the exception of the intrusive locus 653 (described below). There was significantly less plant material than locus 651. Locus 651 was an average of 17 cm in depth, beginning at an average of 67 cm below datum and ending at an average of 84 cm below datum. Two artifact bags were initially collected from Locus 652, one of ceramic and one soil sample.

Locus 653 was an intrusive locus which began slightly deeper than locus 652, but was only located in the eastern portion of the unit. Locus 653 was separated as a separate locus representing a feature, because it contained an abundance of carbon in a circular form. There are two possible interpretations for this feature—it could have been a recent burning event since it was rather close to the surface. Or, it could be the product of the extended burning of the huacas described by Albornoz. The soil matrix in this locus was a loose, poor homogeneity black (10YR 2.5/1) fine-grained sand. This locus began at an average depth of 75 cm below datum, and ended at an average depth of 82 cm below datum, for an overall depth of 7 cm. There were two artifact bags collected from this locus, one of carbon and one soil sample.

Locus 654 was located below loci 652 and 653 and was a natural level. No archaeological material was recovered from this locus, and sterile soil matrix marked by dense rock quickly appeared in the unit. This locus was a uniformly compact very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) medium-grained sand. Locus 654 began at an average depth of 84 cm below datum and ended at an average depth of 95 cm, for an average total depth of 11 cm. Only one artifact bag was collected, and this was a soil sample. We terminated the excavation of Unit 12 at this point. After

drawing the eastern profile and two cuts and taking aerial and normal photos, the unit was closed and backfilled with the sieved soil.

Unit 12 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 651

Level 2: Locus 652 and 653

Level 3: Locus 654

Unit 13, Sector 1, PAT-047
Location (WGS 1984): 656853E 8428014N

Dimensions: 2m x 2m

Declared Loci: 351, 352, 353

Unit 13 was located in Sector 1, the religious core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, northeast of the accessway of the circular structure EST-047. This circular structure was located somewhat isolated, with its own patio and surrounding border walls. The excavation unit was strategically placed in the patio of EST-047 in order to learn about domestic or non-domestic activities that were occurring in the patio outside of this structure. The unit was placed offset from the entrance of the structure, in an attempt to discover any sort of trash midden that would have been dumped outside the structure.

Summary of Loci

In total, Unit 13 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 351

Locus 351 represented the unit's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose, poorly-consolidated medium-grained sand that was brown (7.5YR 4/4) in color. This initial level contained almost no cultural material, possibly because the area may have been used for agricultural activities in the past. In total, we collected three bags from Locus 351, including one bag of ceramic, one of lithic, and one soil sample. The locus ended at an average depth of 67cm below datum and was an average thickness of 19cm throughout the unit.

Locus 352

Locus 352 was a natural level just below Locus 351, and was characterized by a soil change, such that the matrix was a semicompact, moderately distributed medium-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. Like the previous locus, we collected very little archaeological material from this locus. We found one small piece of carbon, but did not collect it since it was not associated with any context. We collected three bags in total, including one bag of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 352 ended at an average depth of 82cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 15cm throughout the unit.

Locus 353

Locus 353 was a natural level below Locus 352, and was characterized by less cultural material and was a uniformly distributed, semicompact medium-grained sand that was brown (7.5YR 4/4) in color. In total, we collected only two bags from this locus, including one bag of ceramic and one soil sample. We reached sterile soil at the end of the unit. In general, Locus 353 ended at an average depth of 92cm below datum and was an average thickness of 10cm throughout the unit.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 13 at this point, because we had found almost no cultural materials and had reached sterile soil. After drawing the southern profile and cut, and taking lots of photos, we refilled the unit with sieved soil and closed it.

Unit 13 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 351

Level 2: Locus 352

Level 3: Locus 353

Unit 14, Sector 2, PAT-168
Location (WGS 1984): 657001E 8428114N

Dimensions: 2m x 2m

Declared Loci: 551, 552, 553

Unit 14 was located in Sector 2, situated geographically northeast of the core of the site at Iglesiachayoq, slightly northwest of EST-168 but aligned with the entry of EST-168. This quadrangular structure with rounded corners was located in a somewhat isolated space, with its own patio and surrounding border walls. The excavation unit was strategically placed in the patio of EST-168 in order to learn about domestic or non-domestic activities that were occurring in the patio outside of this structure.

Summary of Loci

In total, Unit 14 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 551

Locus 551 represented the unit's natural topsoil and consisted of a loose, medium-grained sand that was poorly homogeneous throughout the unit and brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. This unit was placed in what we now know was an agricultural field, so all contexts were likely disturbed. We have found fragments of ceramic strewn with lots of roots. In total, we collected three bags from Locus 551, including two bags of ceramic and one bag of lithic. In general, Locus 551 ended at an average depth of 51cm below datum and was an average thickness of 12cm throughout the unit.

Locus 552

Locus 552 was a natural level below Locus 551 and was characterized by a soil matrix that was compact, uniformly distributed, and a medium-grained sand that was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. There was very little cultural material, and we collected only four bags of artifacts, including 2 bags of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 552 ended at an average depth of 64cm below datum and was an average thickness of 13cm throughout the unit.

Locus 553

Locus 553 was the last natural level in Unit 14, and was made up of the sterile soil. The soil matrix was a very compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. There was no cultural material in this locus, and we did not collect any bags from Locus 553. In general, Locus 553 ended at an average depth of 17cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 10cm throughout the unit.

We decided to terminate the excavation at this point since we had reached sterile soil and there were no archaeological materials. After drawing the northern cut, western cut, and northern profile, we took lots of photos and backfilled the unit with sieved soil.

Unit 14 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 551

Level 2: Locus 552

Level 3: Locus 553

Unit 15, Sector 3, PAT-292
Location (WGS 1984): 656826E 8427843N

Dimensions: 2m x 2m

Declared Loci: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007

Unit 15 was located in Sector 3, situated geographically south of the core of the site of Iglesiachayoq. Unit 15 was located north of EST-292, and aligned with the entry of EST-292. EST-292 was an ovoid structure located facing an upper plaza. The excavation unit was strategically placed in the patio of EST-92 in order to learn about domestic or non-domestic activities that were occurring in the patio outside of this structure.

Summary of Loci.

In total, Unit 15 had seven contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 001

Locus 001 represented the unit's natural topsoil, and was characterized as a semi-compact, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was dark reddish gray (5YR 4/2) in color. There was very little material, and we collected only two bags from this locus including one of ceramic and one of lithic. In general, Locus 001 ended at an average depth of 60cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 13cm throughout the unit.

Locus 002

Locus 002 was the second natural level, and was characterized by a soil matrix that was a semi-compact, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was brown (5YR 4/3) in color. The presence of cultural material diminished in this Locus compared to the preceding

locus, and we collected only one bag of ceramic from Locus 002. In general, Locus 002 ended at an average depth of 72cm below datum and was an average thickness of 13cm throughout the unit.

Locus 003

Locus 003 was the third natural level and was characterized by a compact, granular medium-grained sand which was a dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) in color. There was even less cultural material in Locus 003, and we collected only one bag of ceramic and one bag of carbon, which was found without an associated context. In general, Locus 003 ended at an average depth of 86cm below datum and was an average thickness of 13cm throughout the unit.

Locus 004

For the rest of the excavation of Unit 15, we only dug in Quad 4 (the southeast quad) since we had found so little cultural material. We decided to go down at least 50cm without cultural material to confirm that there were no more cultural levels, as this was one of the first units we excavated. Locus 004 represented a natural, sterile level which was characterized by a soil matrix that was a medium-grained sand that was uniformly distributed throughout the quad, compact, and black (5YR 2.5/1) in color. We found no cultural materials in Locus 004 and collected no bags. In general, Locus 004 ended at an average depth of 100cm below datum and was an average thickness of 14cm throughout the quad.

Locus 005

Locus 005 continued only in quad 4 to make sure there were no more cultural levels in Unit 15. This locus was an arbitrary locus to maintain control, and was characterized by a compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was black (5YR 2.5/1) in color. There

were no associated artifacts and we collected no bags. In general, Locus 005 ended at an average depth of 123cm below datum and was an average thickness of 22cm throughout the quad.

Locus 006

Locus 006 was an arbitrary level excavated in only quad 4, in order to make sure there were no more cultural levels. The soil matrix was a compact, medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout quad 4 and was black (10YR 2/1) in color. We collected no artifacts from this locus, and the locus ended at an average depth of 150cm below datum and was an average thickness of 27cm throughout the quad.

Locus 007

Locus 007 was the last locus excavated in Unit 15, and was an arbitrary level to ensure we had arrived at sterile soil. The soil matrix in Locus 007 was a compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sandy-clay which was black (5Y 2.5/1) in color. There were no artifacts in this Locus, and the sand was very difficult to excavate. We collected one sample from this locus, which was clay. In general, Locus 007 ended at an average of 171cm below datum and was an average thickness of 21cm throughout the quad.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 15 at this point, after having excavated more than 50cm without a single cultural artifact. Loci 001, 002, and 003 represented natural levels, and loci 004, 005, 006, and 007 were arbitrary loci which we dug to ensure we had reached sterile soil. After drawing the southern cut and eastern profile and taking lots of photos, we backfilled Unit 15 with sieved soil and closed the unit.

Unit 15 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 001

Level 2: Locus 002

Level 3: Locus 003

Level 4: Locus 004, 005, 006, and 007

Unit 16, Sector 1, PAT-001

Location (WGS 1984): 656796E 8427953N

Dimensions: 5m x 5m (divided into 4 2.5m x 2.5m quads)

Declared Loci: 301, 302, 303

Unit 16 was located in the central plaza due North of the church in Sector 1, the religious core of Iglesiachayoq. Unit 16 was placed in the center of the plaza and was a 5m x 5m unit designed to learn about the church ritual activities that were occurring in the central space at Iglesiachayoq.

Summary of Loci

In total, Unit 16 had three contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 301

Locus 302 represented the unit's natural topsoil and was characterized by a semi-loose, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. We collected very little archaeological material, but found lots of roots and small, granular stones. In total, we collected 8 bags of artifacts from this level, including 4 bags of ceramic (one for each quad), 3 bags of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 301 ended at an average of 26cm below datum and was an average thickness of 10cm throughout the unit. There were no associated contexts, and the lack of material may have been caused by disruption due to agricultural activity in the recent past.

Locus 302

Locus 302 was excavated only in quads 1 and 4 due to the lack of material found in Locus 301 and the great size of the quads. Locus 302 was a natural level characterized by a semi-loose, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was brown (7.5Locus 302 was a natural level characterized by a semi-loose, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5R 3/2) in color. The darker color of this soil, combined with dispersed flecks of carbon suggests a burning event could have taken place here. We found very little cultural material in this locus, collecting six bags total: one bag of ceramic and three bags of lithic, and two soil samples. The lithic recovered was in huge quantities, and appeared to be shattered pieces of slate, basalt, and hornfel. The greater degree of lithic here as opposed to other areas of the site suggests that certain stones could have been intentionally destroyed here, possibly remnants of huacas. Locus 302 ended at an average depth of 55cm below datum and was an average thickness of 29cm in both quads 1 and 4.

Locus 303

The last locus excavated was locus 303, which was dug in all of quad 4 and a 50cm x 50cm cut in quad 1. We decided to fully excavate quad 4 because this is where the majority of lithic was found in the previous locus. The soil matrix in Locus 303 was characterized by a dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) compact, uniformly homogeneous medium-grained sand with an absence of cultural materials. We collected three bags from this locus, including 1 bag of ceramic, one bag of lithic, and one soil sample. Like the previous locus, Locus 303 was characterized by a darker soil color perhaps indicating a burning event, as well as the presence of lots of fractured stone, which could have been huacas destroyed by Albornoz. Locus 303 ended at an average depth of 66cm below datum and was an average thickness of 10cm.

At this point, since we had found scarce cultural material, we decided to terminate excavation of Unit 16. We drew the southern cut, the eastern cut, and the southern profile, took lots of photos, and then backfilled Unit 16 with sieved soil.

Unit 16 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 301

Level 2: Locus 302

Level 3: Locus 303

Unit 17, Sector 1, EST-001

Location (WGS 1984): 656786E 8427936N

Dimensions: 5.5m x 2m (divided into two 2.75 x 2 quads)

Declared Loci: 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916

Unit 17 was located inside of the church in Sector 1, and was one of three large trenches placed in EST-001 in order to define whether or not the structure was a church and to gain bioarchaeological data from the burials located in the church. Unit 17 was located against the western wall of the church, abutting this wall where the mural was located.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 17 into two separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.75m x 1m. We numbered the quads from North to South (1-2). Unit 17 used the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 17 had 16 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 901

Locus 901 was the surface of Unit 17. The soil matrix was a loose, fine-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the locus and brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. There were very little cultural materials recovered in this locus—this could be because this area was used as an area for cultivation. In total, we collected 8 bags from Locus 901, including 3 bags of ceramic, 3 bags of lithic, 1 bag of animal bone (likely from present day), and one soil sample. In general, Locus 901 ended at an average depth of 50cm below datum and was an average thickness of 16cm.

Locus 902

Locus 902 was a natural level below locus 901, and the soil matrix was a semi-compact, medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. There was little evidence of cultural activity, only a few fragments of ceramic. In total, we collected 5 bags from Locus 902, including 2 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, 1 carbon sample, and 1 soil sample. Locus 902 ended at an average depth of 61cm below datum and was an average thickness of 11cm.

Locus 903

Locus 903 was a natural level in Unit 17, designated by a soil change such that the matrix in 903 was a semicompact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was brown (10YR 4/3) in color. In the southeast of quad one, we recovered a special find which was a copper tupu at 71cm below datum. In total, we collected 6 artifact bags from Locus 903, 2 of ceramic, 2 of lithic, 1 of metal, and 1 soil sample. In general, the locus ended at 71cm below datum, and the thickness of the locus was an average of 10cm.

Locus 904

Although we were not finding cultural material, we decided to continue excavating until we were absolutely sure we had hit sterile soil, because burials likely would be located deeper in the unit. Locus 904 was excavated in both quads 1 and 2 and was a natural level defined by a compact, dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) medium-grained sand that was uniformly distributed throughout the unit. There was very little cultural material, and we collected 5 bags including 2 of ceramic, 1 of lithic, 1 carbon sample (without associated context), and one soil sample. In general, Locus 904 ended at an average depth of 83cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 12cm throughout the unit.

Locus 905

Locus 905 was located just under Locus 904, and shared the horizontal level with Loci 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, and 915, all which contained burials or areas where burials had been removed. In general, the soil in Locus 905 was poorly homogeneous—there were areas which were very compact, and there were intrusions (burials) where the soil was looser and less compact. Locus 905 was located below the church floor and the soil matrix was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) medium-grained sand which was poorly homogeneous. We collected only here artifact bags from this locus, including 1 of ceramic and 1 of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 905 ended at an average depth of 91cm below datum, and had an average thickness of 8cm.

Locus 906

Locus 906 was the first burial we encountered, and the area we defined for this locus was 90cm x 36cm. The soil in this area is extremely acidic, so we only have crania, teeth, and some long bone for each of the burials. Locus 906 was a burial interred in a flexed position with its head to the south and feet to the north. It was located in quad 2 abutting the western wall of the church. The cranium was 95cm BD, the mandible was 107cm BD, the superior extremities were 105cm BD, and the inferior extremities were 105-106cm BD. The soil in Locus 906 was very loose, and no cultural artifacts were associated with the individual. After preliminary bioarchaeological analysis, it appears that this individual was elderly. The soil matrix was a loose, poorly homogeneous fine-grained sand that was very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected three bags from Locus 906, including 2 bags of human bone (one cranium and the other long bones) and one soil sample. Locus 906 ended at an average of 115cm below datum and was an average thickness of 17cm throughout the locus.

Locus 907

Locus 907 was in the same horizontal level as 905, but was another burial designated by a loose soil matrix. In this case, the individual had his head directly in the northwest corner of quad 1 and the unit, with the long bones at an angle to the southeast. This locus measured 110cm x 80cm. The cranium, while visible, was completely disintegrated, but we were able to recover nearly all the teeth. We also recovered two identical tupus located at the neck of the individual, which were likely part of the burial attire. We divided this locus into two hallazgos which appeared separated but associated. One of these was the main burial, and hallazgo 2 was a collection of long bones located in the very north of the unit. We recovered one grave good with this burial which was a small, miniature teacup that was gray in color. In total, we recovered 11 bags from Locus 907, including 2 of ceramic, 2 of lithic, 1 of metal (the two tupus), 4 of human bone, and 2 soil samples. Locus 907 ended at an average depth of 110cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 21cm. The soil matrix was a very loose, moderately homogeneous fine-grained sand that was dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) in color.

Locus 908

Locus 908 was located in the same horizontal level as 905, and was another burial located halfway down quad 1, pegged against the western wall of the unit. Locus 908 was 85cm x 50cm in size, and the bones were in extremely bad shape. All we recovered from Locus 908 was some fragments of human bone, and more specifically, the cranium. The cranium was located to the northern side of this locus, with its head facing the south. Apart from the cranium, we recovered only a few small pieces of long bone. The soil matrix in Locus 908 was a loose, moderately uniform fine-grained sand which was dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) in color. We recovered 5 bags from this locus, including 1 bag of ceramic, 2 of human bone, 1 soil sample, and one

sample of what appears to have been ocher. The locus ended at an average depth of 106cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 14cm throughout the locus.

Locus 909

Locus 909 was located in the same horizontal level as Locus 905 and presented as an area with looser soil. The Locus measured 165cm x 75cm in size and was located in the southeastern corner of quad 2. The soil matrix was a loose, fine-grained sand that was poorly homogeneous and a dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) in color. We recovered only a few very small fragments of human bone, one small fragment of obsidian, and two different tupus—one of these tupus has a fiber stuck through the hole. It is possible that the burial was removed from this locus since we only had distal bone fragments and the density of the soil was looser than the rest of Locus 905. In all, we recovered 4 bags from this locus including one of lithic, one of metal (the tupus), one of human bone (the fragments), and one soil sample. The unit ended at an average depth of 121cm below datum and was an average thickness of 17cm throughout the locus.

Locus 910

Locus 910 was yet another area of loose soil in the same horizontal level as 905. Locus 910 was located in the northeast portion of quad 2 and measured 84cm x 53cm in size. In this locus, we did not recover any evidence of cultural activity. However, it appears this was once a burial pit that had the skeleton removed and was refilled. Evidence of this can be found in the several loose stones which were in the pit, and the looseness of the soil. In all, we recovered only one soil sample in this locus, and the soil matrix was a loose, poorly consolidated fine-grained sand which was dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. This locus ended at an average depth of 122cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 31cm.

Locus 911

Locus 911 represented another area of loose soil in the same horizontal level as Locus 905. Locus 911 was an extended burial located in the northeast corner of quad 1. We placed an extension of 15cm x 85cm in order to account for the length of this burial. While the human bone in this locus was in very bad condition (some long bone fragments, we also recovered four turquoise Nueva Cadiz beads which date to the Early Colonial Period, and one tupu with fibers attached. There was also a small piece of carbon which we recovered. While we did not recover the cranium, the location of the necklace was at the west, and the feet of the individual were located to the east, facing the altar. The soil matrix was a loose, poorly consolidated fine-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. We recovered 7 total bags from this locus, including 2 bags of metal, one bag of human bone, one macrobotanical, two carbon samples, and one soil sample. Locus 911 ended at an average of 106cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 16cm.

Locus 912

Locus 912 was located directly south of Locus 911, and measured 116cm x 62cm in size, utilizing the same extension we placed for Locus 911. Locus 912 was a definitive extended burial, with the head of the individual in the west and the feet in the east, facing east. The arms were flexed with the hands near the cranium. We recovered a small metal disc near the neck/chest, which could have been a medallion. The soil matrix was a loose, poorly homogeneous fine-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. We recovered 7 total artifact bags from Locus 912, including 1 bag of metal (the medallion), 4 bags of human bone, 1 soil sample, and the cranium. Locus 912 ended at an average depth of 112cm below datum and was an average thickness of 22cm throughout the locus.

Locus 913

Locus 913 was another area of loose soil located in the south part of quad 1, 110cm x 75cm in size and in the same horizontal level as Locus 905. We encountered almost no cultural material, only a fragment of ceramic, and only one long leg. This locus also may have been an area where a burial was removed, since we only have evidence of one bone and no teeth or evidence of a cranium. The soil matrix was a loose, uniformly homogeneous fine-grained sand that was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. In total, we recovered three bags from this locus, including 1 of ceramic, 1 of human bone, and 1 soil sample. Locus 913 ended at an average depth of 120cm below datum and was an average thickness of 27cm throughout the locus.

Locus 914

Locus 914 was an area of loose soil matrix in the same horizontal level as Locus 905. It was located in the southwestern corner of quad 2 and measured 80cm by 60cm in size. There was no evidence of archaeological material or bone, and could have been where a burial was removed in the past. The soil matrix was a loose, fine-grained sand which was moderately homogeneous throughout the unit and dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) in color. We recovered only one soil sample from Locus 914. In general, Locus 914 ended at an average depth of 112cm below datum and was an average thickness of 17cm throughout the locus.

Locus 915

Locus 915 was the last burial excavated in Unit 17, and was an extended burial in the north of quad 2. The size measured 158cm x 55cm, and the individual had its head to the west and feet to the east, facing the altar. The soil was very loose and was a dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) poorly homogeneous fine-grained sand. We recovered the cranium and inferior extremities

from this locus, without any evidence of cultural materials. In all, we recovered 4 artifact bags from Locus 915, including 2 of human bone, 1 cranium, and 1 soil sample. Locus 915 ended at an average depth of 129cm below datum and was an average thickness of 27cm throughout the locus.

Locus 916

Locus 916 was located below all of the burials, and was a very compact medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit. The soil matrix was very dark brown in color (7.5YR 2.5/3) and represented the sterile soil. There were no cultural artifacts, but we did recover two fragments of human bone which were likely remnants of the burials. The soil matrix was very difficult to excavate, so we terminated the excavation with this locus. In total, we recovered three artifact bags from this locus, including 2 bags of human bone and one soil sample. Locus 916 ended at an average depth of 130cm below datum and was an average thickness of 36cm throughout the unit.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 17 at this point since the soil was extremely difficult to excavate and we had found no cultural materials in nearly 40cm. In total, we excavated 6 definitive burials in this unit, 3 which were flexed and 3 which were extended with their feet pointed toward the altar. There were four more areas which had one or two bone fragments but no other evidence of human bone, and these were either disintegrated burials or areas where burials had been removed. In general, the burials presented as areas of loose soil amongst a more compact soil matrix (Locus 905). We recovered several associated tupus from this unit, which will be useful for a study in the future. We drew sketches of each burial and took lots of photos (including aerial photos), and we drew the northern cut and the western profile.

Finally, we took lots of photos, backfilled the unit with sieved soil, and terminated the excavation of Unit 17.

Unit 17 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 901

Level 2: Locus 902

Level 3: Locus 903

Level 4: Locus 904

Level 5: Locus 905, 906, 907 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915

Level 6 (sterile soil): Locus 916

Unit 18, Sector 2, EST-001

Location (WGS 1984): 656796E 8427938N

Dimensions: 5.5m x 2m (divided into two 2.75m x 2m quads)

Declared Loci: 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965

Unit 18 was located inside of the church in Sector 1, and was one of three large trenches placed in EST-001 in order to define whether or not the structure was a church and to collect bioarchaeological data from the burials located in the church. Unit 18 was located just east of western door, encompassing where we found the benediction water bowl. Unit 18 extended from the northern wall of the church to the southern wall of the church.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 18 into two separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.75m x 1m. We numbered the quads from North to South (1-2). Unit 18 used the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 18 had 15 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 951

Locus 951 was the surface of Unit 18. The soil matrix was a loose, medium-grained sand that was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. There were very little cultural materials collected in this locus, including 7 total bags: 2 bags of ceramic, 2 of lithic, 1 of animal bone, one soil sample, and one sample of clay tiles from the northern end of the unit. At the north of the unit abutting the wall, we recovered three pieces of a round, stone bowl which was likely used to hold the holy water near the door of the church. Like Unit 17, this area was also used for agriculture, so the surface could have been disturbed. In

general, Locus 951 ended at an average of 65cm below datum and was an average thickness of 11cm throughout the unit.

Locus 952

Locus 952 was a natural level below locus 951, and the soil matrix was a loose, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand which was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. There was less organic material than in Locus 951, as well as less cultural material. In total, we collected 5 artifact bags from Locus 952, including 1 bag of ceramic, two bags of lithic, a soil sample, and a second sample from the burned, thick clay pieces at the north of the unit. Locus 952 ended at an average depth of 76cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 11cm throughout the unit.

Locus 953

Locus 953 was the third natural level in Unit 18, designated by a soil change such that the soil in Locus 953 was a compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand that was dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) in color. Like the previous two loci, we recovered flat, hard clay pieces which were red in color, which could have been part of the roof tiles or the floor. They also could have been fragments of mortar from the walls. In total, we recovered 5 artifact bags from Locus 953, including 2 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, one soil sample, and one sample of the flat clay fragments from the north of the unit. In general, Locus 953 ended at an average depth of 85cm below datum and was an average depth of 9cm throughout the unit.

Locus 954

We began excavating Locus 954 uniformly throughout Unit 18, but then encountered two distinctive loci at the south of the unit, which we designated 955 and 956. Locus 954 was a

compact, uniformly homogeneous medium-grained sand that was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. In quad 1, we recovered one metal artifact which was a tupu, but it lacked association with any feature. In total, we collected 4 artifact bags from Locus 954, including 1 bag of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, 1 metal artifact (the tupu) and a soil sample. Locus 954 ended at an average depth of 94cm below datum and was an average thickness of 9cm in quads 1 and 2.

Locus 955

Locus 955 shared the same horizontal provenience with Locus 954, and was a 1m x 0.5m sized area in the southeast corner of quad 2. Locus 955 was designated by the presence of a poorly-conserved human cranium, possibly of a minor individual. We recovered the bone with the soil matrix to maintain the integrity of the remaining cranial bone. It is possible that this individual was a secondary burial, since we have only a cranium and no other connected human bone. The soil matrix was a compact, uniformly-distributed fine-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. In all, we collected only two bags from this locus, including the cranium and a soil sample. In general, Locus 955 ended at an average depth of 102cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 17cm throughout the locus.

Locus 956

Locus 956 shared the same horizontal provenience as Locus 954 and 955, and was a 1m x 0.5m sized area in the southwest corner of quad 2. We found the remains of a cranium and a tupu here, as well as assorted teeth. The bones were very fragile and difficult to remove. It is possible that the bones in Locus 955 are associated with the cranium in Locus 956, as they were recovered at the same depth; however, because there are two separate crania (one in each locus), we separated the two regions into two distinct loci. The cranium in Locus 956 was also likely

from a minor individual. The soil matrix was a compact, uniformly-distributed fine-grained sand which was brown (7.5YR 4/3) in color. We collected only two artifact bags from Locus 956, including one metal artifact (the tupu) and one bag of human bone. In general, Locus 956 ended at an average depth of 121cm below datum and was an average thickness of 32cm throughout the locus.

Locus 957

Locus 957 was a natural level below Locus 954, which we excavated in order to level out the burial depths with the rest of the unit. Locus 957 was a compact, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand which was brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We collected one carbon sample which lacked association from the northwest corner of quad 1. In general, there was no cultural material from Locus 957, including only 1 carbon sample, and 1 soil sample. In general, Locus 957 ended at an average depth of 109cm below datum and was an average thickness of 15cm throughout the unit.

Locus 958

Locus 958 was a 1m x 0.9m-sized area which contained a burial located in the western side of quad 1, approximately 25cm south of the northern wall. Locus 958 shared part of the same horizontal stratigraphy as Locus 957 and was a loose, uniformly distributed fine-grained sand which was brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We recovered long bones and the occipital part of the cranium. The long bones are somewhat disarticulated, and this burial appears to be secondary, as if the bones were intentionally placed on top of the other. The burial was interred with the head at the west and the long bones to the east, and was in a flexed position, as though it were a bundle. We collected 4 bags from Locus 958, including 1 bag of ceramic, 2 of human

bone, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 958 ended at a depth of 118cm below datum, and was an average thickness of 20cm throughout the locus.

Locus 959

Locus 959 was another natural level excavated below Locus 957/958. In quad 2, the soil was very compact without any cultural material. In quad 1, the soil was a little looser with small round stones. There were no archaeological materials in either quad, so we only collected one soil sample from Locus 959. In general, Locus 959 ended at an average depth of 117cm below datum and was an average thickness of 7cm throughout the unit.

Locus 960

Locus 960 shared the same horizontal strata as Locus 959 and was a 0.65m x 0.6m sized area in the western side of quad 1. Locus 960 was separated because of the presence of human bone, including long bones and fragments of a cranium. We found three associated metals—two whole tupus, and a third fragment of a tupu. Given the bones present in Locus 960, we believe that this possibly was a secondary burial since there is no anatomical connection between the bones. The head was situated to the west of the long bones, and was overall oriented to the altar in a flexed position. Locus 960 was characterized by a loose, uniformly homogeneous fine-grained sand which was brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected 6 bags from Locus 960, including 1 bag of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, 1 bag of metals (the two tupus and a third fragment of a tupu), 2 bags of human bone, and one soil sample. In general, Locus 960 ended at an average depth of 121cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm throughout the locus.

Locus 961

Locus 961 was a natural level which we excavated throughout quads 1 and 2. It was characterized by a compact, medium-grained sand which was uniformly homogeneous and brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. We collected no ceramic or lithic from this level; however, there was one metal tupu in quad 2 at a depth of 1.23m. In all, we collected 2 bags from Locus 961, including 1 metal artifact (the tupu) and one soil sample. In general, Locus 961 ended at an average depth of 125cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm throughout the unit.

Locus 962

Locus 962 was another burial located in the northwest corner of quad 1 and measuring 0.9m x 0.45m in size. Here, we recovered long bones and phalanges. Part of the burial was located outside of the western boundary of the unit, so we added an internal amplification to remove the human bones. This burial was also oriented toward the altar, with the head to the west and the legs to the east. There was no anatomical connection between the bones, so we think this burial could have been secondary. The soil matrix in Locus 962 was a loose, uniformly distributed fine-grained sand which was brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In all, we recovered 5 artifact bags from Locus 962, including one bag of ceramic, 2 bags of human bone, and two soil samples. Locus 962 ended at an average depth of 127cm below datum and was an average thickness of 14cm throughout the locus.

Locus 963

Locus 963 was a natural level which shared the same horizontal strata as Locus 962. Locus 963 was excavated in both quads and was a compact, medium-grained sand which was uniformly homogeneous and brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. There were no cultural

materials in this locus, and we collected only one soil sample. In general, Locus 963 ended at an average depth of 132cm below datum and was an average thickness of 7cm throughout the unit.

Locus 964

Locus 964 was an arbitrary level located below Locus 963. Although we hadn't found any cultural materials in some time, we wanted to continue excavating until sterile soil to ensure that all burials and evidence of cultural occupations had been recovered. The soil matrix in Locus 964 was very compact with small pebbles, and brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color, but lacking any cultural evidence. We collected only one soil sample. In general, Locus 964 ended at an average depth of 140cm below datum and was an average thickness of 9cm throughout the unit.

Locus 965

Locus 965 was excavated only in quad 1, because the soil matrix in quad 2 was extremely compact and nearly impossible to dig through. Locus 965 was an arbitrary level to ensure that we had collected all possible cultural remains from the preceding loci. The soil matrix in Locus 965 was a compact, thick-grained sand which was uniformly homogeneous and brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) in color. There was no cultural evidence in this locus, and we believed that we had reached the sterile soil so we terminated excavation of Unit 18 at this point. On average, Locus 965 ended at a depth of 149cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm throughout the unit.

We terminated the excavation of Unit 18 at this point since the soil was extremely difficult to excavate and we had found no cultural materials in the previous two loci. In total, we excavated 5 definitive burials in this unit, the majority of which were likely secondary and in flexed position. Three out of the five burials were oriented toward the altar, with the cranium to

the west and the long bones to the east, and the orientation of the other two burials could not be determined. In general, the burials presented as areas of loose soil amongst a more compact soil matrix, and they did not share a horizontal provenience but rather were located at different depths throughout the unit. We recovered several associated and unassociated tupus from Unit 18, which will be useful for a study in the future. We drew sketches of each burial and took lots of photos (including aerial photos). We drew the western cut and the western profile, took lots of photos, and backfilled the unit with sieved soil.

Unit 18 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 951

Level 2: Locus 952

Level 3: Locus 953

Level 4: Locus 954, 955, 956

Level 5: Locus 957, 958

Level 6: Locus 959, 960

Level 7: Locus 961

Level 8: Locus 962, 963

Level 9: Locus 964, 965

Unit 19, Sector 1, EST-001

Location (WGS 1984): 656808E 8427941N

Dimensions: 5.5m x 2m (divided into 2 2.75m x 1m quads)

Declared Loci: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1012

Unit 19 was located inside of the church in Sector 1, and was one of three large trenches placed in EST-001 in order to define whether or not the structure was a church and to collect bioarchaeological data from the burials located in the church. Unit 19 was located abutting the eastern altar steps and extended from the northern wall of the church to the southern wall of the church. The northern part of the unit was sunken into the ground, and may have been looted or disturbed at an earlier time.

Summary of Quads and Loci

In total, we divided Unit 19 into two separate quads in order to maintain a degree of control in excavation, each quad measuring 2.75 x 1m. We numbered the quads from North to South (1-2). Unit 19 used the same set of loci for all quads. Unit 19 had 11 contexts among natural strata and arbitrary levels, which were identified as loci. The excavation team tried to follow each natural level as completely and as faithfully as possible.

Locus 1001

Locus 1001 was the surface level of Unit 19, and was characterized by a loose, moderately homogeneous medium-grained sand which was brown (10YR 4/3) in color. In the eastern side of the unit, we defined the third and lowest step of the altar staircase. In the northern side of the unit, there was a looter's pit. In general, there was not much cultural material in Locus 1001, and we collected 6 total bags including 4 bags of ceramic, 1 bag of lithic, and one soil sample. Locus 1001 ended at an average depth of 85cm below datum and was an average

thickness of 12cm throughout the unit. Eventually, we placed a 1m by 1m extension to the west of quad 2, starting at the northwestern corner and moving 1m down the quad. I will describe this extension in more detail later on.

Locus 1002

Locus 1002 was a natural level excavated in quads 1 and 2. In quad 2 just in front of the third step of the altar, we recovered several pieces of a vessel which had been placed deliberately. We defined this as “hallazgo 1” and collected all of the pieces together. The matrix in Locus 1002 was a semicompact medium-grained sand which was moderately homogeneous and a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) in color. The soil distribution was only moderately homogeneous because there were some looser parts and more compact parts throughout the unit, likely caused by the intrusions in quad 1. In total, we collected 3 bags of artifacts including 2 bags of ceramic and one soil sample. Locus 1002 ended at an average depth of 93cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm throughout the unit.

Locus 1003

Locus 1003 was a natural locus defined by a soil change, such that the soil matrix was a loose clay/sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and brown (10YR 4/3) in color. There was very little cultural materials, and we collected only 3 artifact bags, including 2 bags of ceramic and one soil sample. Locus 1003 ended at an average depth of 108cm below datum and was an average thickness of 9cm throughout the unit.

Locus 1004

Locus 1004 was a natural level located below Locus 1003 which was excavated throughout the unit. In this locus, there was a very low density of cultural materials, just a few

fragments of ceramic randomly distributed throughout quads 1 and 2. There were several rocks in quad one which could have been used in church activities, since they were finely hewn and polished. The soil matrix in Locus 1004 was a semi-loose medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected only three bags from this unit, including 2 bags of ceramic and 1 soil sample. Locus 1004 ended at an average depth of 110cm below datum and was an average thickness of 8cm throughout the unit.

Locus 1005

Locus 1005 shared the same horizontal strata as Locus 1004, and was located directly west of the last altar step in quad 2. Locus 1005 was 1.33m x 0.33m, and we recovered 5 long bones without anatomical connection. We also recovered a few ceramic fragments. The soil matrix was a loose sandy clay which was uniformly distributed throughout the locus and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) in color. In total, we collected 3 bags from Locus 1005, including 1 of ceramic, 1 of human bone, and one soil sample. Locus 1005 ended at an average depth of 129cm below datum and was an average thickness of 25cm throughout the locus.

Locus 1006

Locus 1006 was a natural level below loci 1004 and 1005, and was characterized by a loose, uniformly distributed medium-grained sand which was very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/2) in color. In quad 1 there were several cut stones which were likely removed from their original context. The ceramic recovered from quad 1 was likely disturbed and does not reflect original contexts. There were 3 bags recovered from Locus 1006, including 2 bags of ceramic and one

soil sample. Locus 1006 ended at an average depth of 128cm below datum and was an average thickness of 18cm throughout the unit.

Locus 1007

Locus 1007 was a loose, medium-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and brown (10YR 4/3) in color. The density of cultural artifacts was minimal, only fragments of ceramic in quad 1 and almost nothing in quad 2. In total, we recovered three bags from Locus 1007, including 2 bags of ceramic and one soil sample. Locus 1007 ended at an average depth of 155cm below datum and was an average thickness of 27cm throughout the unit.

Locus 1008

Locus 1008 was a burial located in the northwest corner of quad 2, sharing the same horizontal strata as Locus 1007. Locus 1008 was differentiated by a looser soil matrix, which was a fine-grained sand that was very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/2) in color and was homogeneously distributed throughout the locus. The individual we recovered was flexed, with the cranium situated to the west and the long bones to the east, facing the eastern altar. We recovered no associated artifacts, and we believe that the individual was a secondary interment. The cranium was resting on top of the soil, literally looking at the altar, and the bones were in a much better conservation state than the rest of the bones recovered in the church. This led us to believe that this individual had been interred first in another area and then deliberately moved to the church. We found a carbon sample beneath the inferior extremities at a depth of 1.52m below datum. In all, we recovered 7 bags from this locus, including 1 bag of lithic, 3 bags of human

bone, 2 carbon samples, and one soil sample. Locus 1008 ended at an average depth of 142cm below datum and was an average thickness of 3cm throughout the locus.

Locus 1009

Locus 1009 was another human burial which was located in the eastern portion of quad 2, just below the altar stairs. The soil matrix in Locus 1009 was a loose, fine-grained sand which was uniformly distributed throughout the unit and brown (10YR 4/3) in color. We recovered the cranium of an individual which was likely less than 15 years of age. Below the stairs, we also recovered a tupu and a needle. Below the cranium, we found long bones which we considered associated with this locus. However, upon post-field bioarchaeological analysis, it appears that these long bones likely belonged to an older individual. Taken together, it seems as though the bones in Locus 1009 represent two separate individuals in secondary burials under the altar steps. In total, we recovered 5 bags from Locus 1009 including 1 bag of metal (the tupu and the needle), 3 bags of human bone, and one soil sample. Locus 1009 ended at an average depth of 192cm below datum and was an average thickness of 44cm throughout the locus. This locus was much thicker than the other loci throughout excavations due to the vertical nature of the burial.

Locus 1010

Locus 1010 was one of the most important finds during excavations at Iglesiachayoq. Locus 1010 was an extended individual interred with its head to the west and its feet to the east, directly west of the altar and thus facing the altar. Locus 1010 was an undisturbed tomb with a stone sarcophagus—there were two courses of stones forming an oval frame for the burial. Atop of these courses, there were 6 wide stone slabs which enclosed and protected the burial. The sarcophagus extended west beyond the limits of the unit, so we placed a 1m x 1m extension to

the west of the unit in order to define the western edge of the burial. We believe that given the interment style and position/location of the individual, that this could have been the priest serving Iglesiachayoq during the Early Colonial Period. The soil matrix in Locus 1010 was a loose, finely-grained sand which was homogeneous and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In total, we recovered 11 bags from Locus 1010, including 1 bag of ceramic, 2 bag of lithic, 6 bags of human bone, 2 carbon samples, and one soil sample. Locus 1010 ended at an average depth of 189cm below datum and was an average thickness of 34cm throughout the locus.

Locus 1012

We had declared a Locus 1011 in quad 1, but ended up not excavating any material from this level, since Locus 1012 extended throughout the unit. Locus 1012 thus was excavated in quad 1. The ceramic density was very small, and the area was likely disturbed in the recent past. In quad 1, recovered a carved, square, massive stone which could have been used as the altar table. The soil matrix was a loose, medium-grained sand which was homogeneous and dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) in color. In total, we recovered three bags of artifacts from Locus 1012, including 1 bag of ceramic, one bag of nonassociated human bone, and one soil sample. Locus 1012 ended at an average depth of 176cm below datum and was an average thickness of 22cm throughout the unit.

At this point, the rainy season had started and we had reached what appeared to be sterile soil, so we terminated the excavation of Unit 19. In total, we excavated 3 definitive burials in this unit, two of which were secondary flexed burials and one which was the extended burial in the stone sarcophagus. In general, the burials presented as areas of loose soil amongst a more compact soil matrix and were located at different depths throughout the unit. We drew sketches of each burial and took lots of photos (including aerial photos). Throughout the unit, we drew the

northern cut, the southern and eastern profiles, a plan view of the stone sarcophagus (quad 2), a plan view of the mass table and disrupted context in quad 1, the western cut, and the altar steps in quad 2. We took lots of photos, and backfilled the unit with sieved soil.

Unit 19 Level Groupings

Level 1: Locus 1001

Level 2: Locus 1002

Level 3: Locus 1003

Level 4: Locus 1004, 1005

Level 5: Locus 1006

Level 6: Locus 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010

Level 7: Locus 1012

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