

COMPARATIVE SURVEY OF ALISHAH MOSQUE OF TABRIZ WITH OTHER SIMILAR MOSQUES IN TERMS OF VAULT

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Abstract

Alishah mosque was of great importance in the past. This mosque consists of two Iwans and two minarets and a space is predicted for school. After the required investigations, the vault of this mosque is of wagon type and another part of vault is Romanesque in the right. The applied materials in this mosque is brick and its foundation is of Lace stone and Saruj mortar. The door head of brick walls and two great cylinders exist in the mosque. This mosque dates back to Ilkhanan and Azari style. The building is destroyed by earthquake and only the head is remained. Based on my studies, there are some similarities between this mosque and the following mosques as Yazd mosque and Pir Bekran and Jame of Varamin, Neyriz and Farivmad and Kashan, Goharshad, Oshtorjan and Menar Jonban, Malek Zon and Ahmad Yusovy mosques. The present study aimed to analyze this mosque and compare it with the similar mosques in terms of vault. The historical and interpretive methods and library documents are applied. Based on the studies, this mosque is consistent with some mosques. It seems that it is also inspired by western model, constitutional revolution, war and tradition and the design of vault and arch of this building. The important point is that whether plan of arch and area of Iwan and materials and etc. are designed by western models in vaults or they are inspired by Iranian and Islamic models.

Keywords: Alishah mosque, Malek Zozen mosque, Two-Iwan vault, Western model, Yazd mosque.

Introduction

Arg Alishah is located in the center of beautiful city of Tabriz. This great building is made of brick and it dates back to Ilkhanan era and there is no evidence showing that this building is made by tile and plaster ornaments. A part of building is destroyed by earthquake and its renovated part is not similar to the previous plan. The buildings being constructed in Azari era are of great importance and some of them are famous not only in Iran but also their features should be studied in terms of plan, façade and materials and arch. This study attempts to investigate the construction method of this mosques and type of Iwans and vaults. We can also compared these mosques. It is worth to mention that most of these mosques are destroyed due to