

Wrap the Dead: The funerary textile tradition from the Osmore Valley, South Peru, and its social-political implications

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(E = ENGLISH; S = SPANISH; Q = QUECHUA; A = AYMARA)

Abasca (Q) rather coarse weaving, usually made of alpaca wool in warp-faced plain weave

Adulto (S) adult

Aguaje (S) phenomenon of dead plankton's gases poisoning marine plants and animals

Aguja (S) needle, made of cactus spine (probably *Browningia candelabris*)

Ají (S) peppe

Alfiler (S) pin, made of cactus spine (may be used to drill holes or to pin together cloths like a tupu
Algodón (S) (Gossypium barbadense); indigenous cotton of the Andean region, grows in coastal regions up to

1900 masl

Algodonal Ladera (S) literally: slope of cotton plantation. Name of site in lower Osmore valley

Almohadilla (S) literally: pillow; here: large pad of raw fibre

Alpaca (Q) (Lama glama pacos); one of four Andean camelids, domesticated for wool and meat supply Allwiy (Q) ritual of throwing coca leaves over the loom with silent prayers to invoke successful warping

and weaving

Altiplano (S) highland plateau, referring to southern Andean highlands

Analina (S) synthetic dye

Andinización (S) adaptation to high altitude resources in the Andean area Anemia (E) deficiency in red blood cells or hemoglobin in the blood

Anexo (S) hamlet, often with specialized economic function, known as minor ayllu

Anillado (S) simple looping, simple (open) or solid (close)

Anillado cruzado (S) cross-knit loop stitch for final construction of seams and selvedges

Antara (Q) panpipes made of cane or other hollow wood material

Archipelago, vertical (E) Andean structure of complementarity, including communities in different ecological zones

along the Andean slopes for exchange of products

Artritis (E) arthritis, inflammation of joints

Asociación (S) association

Atado (S) bundled (secondary use) cloth holding various items or foodstuffs

Awa (Q) bar, used in weaving loom

Awata illaway (Q) looping the upper warps to heddle rod

Ayllu (Q) Andean community, rooted in cultural coherence and in the social values required for the

survival of the group through self-sufficiency and direct control over natural resources

Balanced weave (E) interlacing structure, plain weave with warp and weft equally spaced

Balsa (S) raft, boat

Banda (S) belt wider than 30 mm

Basketry (E) one or two sets of vegetable fibres looped into a rigid container

Bastón (S) staff, made of cane or wood

Blanket stitch (E) = buttonhole stitch. Final construction on selvedge or seam Bolita (S) literally: small ball; here: rounded wad of raw fibre

Bolsa (S) general term for a bag

Bolsa faja (S) bag belt, doubled cloth wrapped around waist, usually containing coca Brindle (E) two colours of spun yarns plied together, creating a faint striping design all over

Cabeza (S) head, name of tightly wound ball of spun yarn, 'uma' in Quechua

Cabuza cultural phase directly related to Tumilaca, type site in Azapa valley; contemporary to Maytas-

Chiribaya culture

Cacique (S) indigenous leader, name taken from Caribbean people Cacto (S) cactus (Cactus sp., needles may be from *Browningia candelabris*)

Caja (S) little box, with internal chambers, probably used as container for pigments Galabaza (S) gourd (*Lagenaria sp.* used as container; possibly *Cucurbita sp.* eaten as fruit)

Camisa (S) = uncu; tunic, shirt, of square or rectangular shape that is made out of 1 (and rarely 2) webs

with openings for head and arms

Camote (S) edible tuber, sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*)

Campesino (S) farmer

Cántaro (S) large size water jar with narrow neck and two vertical handles at opposite sites of the belly

Caña (S) reed, used for matting

Capacho (S) carrying device for children and objects, made of twigs

Carbón (S) charcoal

Carbonización (S) oxidation process of textiles that caused them to become brittle and dark brown

Caries (E) tooth decay Cestería (S) basketry

Chanque (?) bivalve sea-shell species, locally also known as 'pata de burro'. The secretion of the animal is used

for purple dyestuffs.

Chasquicamayoq (Q) running messengers in courier system in Inka empire that handed over spoken messages and quipus

Chen Chen name of site in Middle Osmore valley, dated to Tiwanaku V ('Decadent') phase, locally known

as Chen Chen phase

Chiribaya name of culture in coastal area extreme south of Peru and extreme northern area of Chile

(there known as Maitas or Maytas), dated ca. AD 1000-1400.

Chorro (S) bivalve sea-shell species, mussel

Ch'ukura (Q) strong yarn to tie warp elements to outer loom bar

Ch'ullpa (Q) funerary tower, square or round and made of cut or field stones, found in the Circum-Titicaca

area

Chumpi (Q) belt

Cinta (S)

Chuqcharutuy (Q) ceremonial first hair cut of two-year old boy or girl

Ch'uspas (Q) smallest size, square bags (10 to 15 cm square); most abundantly decorated of bags, usually for

ritual use, containing coca leaves narrow belt (less than 29 mm wide)

Coca (S) = $\operatorname{cuca}(Q) \operatorname{shrub}(Erythroxylon \operatorname{sp.})$, leaves used in ritual and medicinally

Cochineal (E) shield louse, source of red to purple dyestuff

Complementary warp extra set of warps interlacing with single set of wefts in reciprocal manner

Compound weave interlacing structure with additional set(s) of elements that differ functionally or directionally

from the basic set

Comunidad (S) community, village society, see ayllu

C'oncha (Q) ceramic oven for wood fuel Coprolito (S) coprolites, human excrements

Cordillera (S) Andean mountain range, the zone between 1500 and 3000 masl

Costal (S) largest size bag (about 100 x 50 cm, the warps about twice as long as the wefts), striped in

natural wool colours and used to store agricultural products and to transport goods

Cranial deformation deformation of the human skull, effected during earliest infancy

Cross-knit loop stitch = Ceylon stitch, = anillado cruzado (S); final construction to reinforce selvedge or close a seam

Cruz, La (S) literally: the cross. Name of site in lower Osmore valley

Cuarta (S) one quarter, also one hand's measurement of four hands wide fabric

Cuenco (S) open bowl
Cuenta (S) bead
Cuerda (S) cord

Cuchara (S) spoon, with round bowl and long handle that is flat or round at the top

Cumbi (Q) very finely woven (tapestry) fabric of the Incas Cuy (S) guinea pig, derived from the Quechua word *qowi*

Darning (E) repair structure of running stitches in warp or weft direction, open or close worked

Descanso, El (S) literally: the resting place. Name of site in the lower Osmore valley

Desconocido (S) unknown, unidentified Diameter (E) cross section of yarn or cord

Double faced (E) both faces of fabric show identical structural decoration: usually the result of complementary

set of warps with three-span floats in alternating alignment

Element (E) yarn used singly or as a set to produce a cord, braid, or weaving

Embroidery (E) ornamental yarn incorporated by means of a needle into a completed fabric

Encomienda (S) grant by the Spanish crown of land and its indigenous population to a Spanish beneficiary in

early colonial Peru

Enlazado (S) twining Entierro (S) burial Faja (S) belt

Fardo (S) funeral bundle, formed by human body wrapped in cloth and tied by rope fibra (S) fibre, the fibrous material of animal or plant origin, used in fabric construction

Fibra cruda (S) raw fibre, unspun

Ficha (S) form, paper prepared for textile analysis

Float (E) warps or wefts that float over more than one underlying element for decorative purposes ronto-occipital deformation (E) cranial deformation in a flat-head shape effected by pressure exerted on the forehead and the

occipital (back) region by a pad or board

Garua (Am. S) thick fog covering the coast in the winter months (June to October more or less)
Gateway God (E) frontally depicted anthropomorphic figure carved in monolithic gateway at the site of

Tiwanaku, maybe a solar god, or predecessor of Thunupa

Gorro (S) hat, headgear

Guanaco (Q) (Lama guanicoe), one of four Andean camelids, not domesticated
Guano (Q) bird droppings used as fertilizer, especially in coastal cultivation of maize

Guayabe (S) fruit from guava tree (*Psidium guajava*)

Hacienda (S) farmstead

Hilar (S) spinning fibre into yarn

Hilo (S) yarn Honda (S) stone sling

Horizon (E) time unit in which a culture's stylistic elements dominated large parts of the Andean area,

indicative of political unification

Hueso (S) bone

Ichu (Q) bunch grass from highlands

Illawa (Q) loops (also known as heddles) separating upper warps from lower counterpart

Informe (S) report

Inkuña (Q) = unkuña (Q), pañuelo (S), tari (A). Small size, square or rectangular cloth often highly

decorated. Used as head covering cloth, bundle holding small items, or in a ritual as a cloth

upon which items are displayed.

Interacting structure (E) twining; interacting structure of 2 sets of elements

Interlacing structure (E) weaving; interworking structure in which 2 sets of elements cross at right angles

Inventario (S) inventory

Jarra (S) small size water jar with narrow neck and one vertical handle connecting the shoulder with the

rim

Junquillo (S) type of fine reed fibres used to manufacture ropes and basketry

Juniir (Q) unreeling balls of paired spun yarns to form a loose bundle of yarn

K'antiy (Q) plying two or more spun yarns together

Kero (S) tall drinking cup with flaring walls, derived from Quechua word 'qeru', may be ceramic or

wood

K'intu (Q) offering of three coca leaves

Kiwiy (Q) winding (dyed) yarn up into a firm ball Knotting (E) repair structure of tieing together loose ends

Knotted looping (E) one-element structure, also known as 'larkshead knot' to create an open or close-worked

fabric, such as nets and hats

Ladder (E) complementary warp design creating horizontal bars (= peine, k'utu)

Leitmotive (G) most characteristic motifs of a group or culture Lítico (S) lithic artefacts such as arrow heads, flakes

Llama (Q) (Lama glama glama), one of four Andean camelids, domesticated species, used for meat, (coarse)

wool, transport in llama caravans

Llibta (Q) (also spelled as 'llipta') small balls made of mineral lime with wood ashes. Small bites are

chewed together with dried coca leaves in order to release the alkaloid from the leaves

Loma (S) seasonal or year-round xerophytic vegetation near the coast, sustained by winter fog (June to

October), between 400 and 800 masl

Loom (E) framework for weaving procedure

Looping (E) structure using one single, continuous element to create an open or close-worked fabric, such

as nets and hats.

Lúcuma (Q) fruit from small tree (*Lucuma bifera*)

Luk'a (Q) sword

Maíz (S) maize, corn (Zea mays): kernels are eaten, cob used as bottle stopper

Makhnu (Q) natural dyed yarn and weaving

Malla (S) netted bag

Mallqui (Q) ancestor, mummy bundle, ancestral tree

Manta (S) = awayu = lliqlla; mantles or small size blankets (coarser than mantle)

Maritinización (S) adaptation of coastal people in exploitation of marine and coastal resources

Masl (E) metres above sea level

Midden (E) concentration of refuse in archaeological context

Mínin (Q) weft yarn

Mini qaspi (Q) wooden shuttle (50 cm long) wrapped lengthwise with weft yarn for weaving, also called

qeshwina

Mitamaq (kuna) (Q) relocated communities by Inca rulers: either subversive groups sent to consolidated provinces,

or loyal groups sent to hostile or newly conquered lands

Molle (S) seeds of tree (*Lithra molle*), used for production of chicha beer, wood for tools and structures,

various parts used for dye stuffs

Mordant (E) chemical that makes the dyeing of fibres permanent Mummy (E) derived from Arabic word 'mumiya' (Guillen 1992, 15)

Niño (S) child; also a natural event, referring to the arrival of warm water from the eastern Pacific that

give rise torrential rains in otherwise desert climate zone of Peruvian coast, causing mudslides that destroy agricultural systems, and the disappearance of large schools of cold water fish,

resulting in social upheaval and famine

Oblique interlacing multiple elements of one set interlaced into a multiple strand braid, used in faja and hairstyles

Ofrenda (S) offering

Ofrenda externa (S) offer placed on top of tomb, sherd, food, textiles

Olla (S) cooking pot with wide neck and two vertical handles connecting the shoulder with the rim

Osteoporosis (E) disease characterized by decreased density of bone mass

Overcast stitch (E) = whipping stitch; simple, solid, or mid-solid variety of final construction on selvedge or seam.

Pacay (Q) fruit from tree, inner fruit pod is eaten (Inga feuillei)

P'achat'aqsay (Q) ritual of washing of clothes of deceased individual in special part of river

Palito (S) small stick

Paño (S) cloth, often secondary use; usually used as nappy or wrapping

Pañuelo (S) = inkuña, unkuñua, tari. Small sizes, square to rectangular cloth, often highly decorated.

Used in ritual as display cloth, or to cover the head or carry small items or foodstuffs

bundled up

Pata (S) paw, foot

Patching (E) mending a fabric by sewing a fragment of other fabric over hole

Peine (S) comb, two-sided, with teeth of wood, cane, or cactus needles; also name for ladder design in

weaving (= k'utu in Aymara), ladder (E)

Peine doble (S) alternating ladder motif in weaving, also called or 'línea ajedrez'

Pelo (S) hair Perro (S) dog Pescado (S) fish

Pichu (Q) matted tips of camelid or sheep fleece, unsuited for spinning

Piel (S) hide, skin Plato (S) plate, dish

Plaza (S) square, open area in habitation areas

Pluma (S) feather

Ply (E) procedure in which two or more spun single yarns are twisted together to form a yarn or cord

Poncho (S) poncho, tunic doubled over the shoulders with lateral sides left open

Porta hilo (S) small object with wound yarn for textile production

Pukara (Q) name of culture (400 B.C.-A.D. 200) situated to the north east of Titicaca lake, ancestral and

contemporary with Tiwanaku culture

Puna (Q) highland plateau over 4000 masl, subdivided into a wet puna around the Titicaca Lake and a

dry puna in southwestern Bolivia and northern Chile

Pushka (Q) spindle made of wooden stick with whorl used for manual spinning

Oallu (A) child, animal offspring; also referring to the thin flanking stripe of solid stripes in repeating

colour in weavings. Called uña in Quechua.

Qeshwina (Q) wooden shuttle (50 cm long) with weft yarn for weaving, also called mini qaspi

Quebrada (S) deep ravine with steep slopes

Quelccaya (Q) glacier in southern Andean, source of ice core samples for analysis of climatic changes

Q'iqi (A) supplementary discontinuous wefts inserted to straighten the fell in textiles

Ramita (S) twig

Rapé (S) hallucinogenic snuff used by Tiwanaku people

Reducción (S) concentrated villages for the indigenous population installed by the Spanish in the late 16th

century to facilitate the colonial administration system and conversion

Reinformcement (E) structural strengthening within fabric, selvedge, or seam

Relación (S) register, list

Repair (E) techniques to restore a fabric in its original state

Reply (E) procedure in which two or more plied yarns are twisted together to form a cord or rope

Rescate (S) rescue (excavation); 'rescate superficial' (r/s) is surface find Reseaming (E) repair structure of doubling and stitching a fraying selvedge

Running stitch (E) reinforcement stitch: intermittent or in a solid line ('running-back stitch')

S-twist (E) \direction of spun or plied yarn, or twining direction

Sacrificer (E) (= Sacrificador)

Sampona (S) panpipes made of cane or other hollow wood material

Sandalia (S) sandal

Satin stitch (E) selvedge finishing structure, close worked straight, flat stitches, identical on both faces of fabric

Scaffold weft (E) weft around which discontinuous warps are turned in warp-faced plain weave

Seam (E) join of 2 separate fabrics

Selvedge (E) = selvage. Edge of a fabric that is closed by loops where the elements change direction of

movement

Señorío (S) kingdom, here referring to Aymara kingdoms of the Titicaca region

Shuttle (E) stick used for winding weft to facilitate insertion of weft in shed (lanzadera (S)

Sierra (S) the Cordillera mountain range, located between 3000 and 1500 masl

Simple weave (E) basis interlacing structure to create textiles

Soga (S) rope Soqosa (Q) heddle rod

Spinning (E) procedure in which fibers of limited length are drawn and twisted together in a continuous strand.

Supplementary warps (E) set of warps supplemented to the foundation weave to reinforce or shape

Talega (S) medium sized bag, square to rectangular form. Usually striped all over in number of natural

wool shades, mirrored around the central stripe. Mostly they are used to carry dried foods on a

journey or small tubers or kernels in the sowing season

Taparrabo (S) loincloth, breech cloth

Tapestry (E) weft-faced weave with discontinuous wefts

Tari (A) = Pañuelo, inkuña. Small size, square or rectangular (weft wider than warp) cloth usually with

decoration. Used as head covering cloth, bundle holding small items, or in a ritual as a cloth

upon which items are displayed

Taypikhala (A) Aymara name for the Tiwanaku site, literally: 'stone in the centre'

Tela (S) cloth

Thunupa (A) celestial god of the Aymaras in Late Intermediate and Inca Period, related to natural forces

such as sun, wind, and rain

Tiestos (S) sherds, diagnostic or undiagnostic

T'isnu (A) narrow band

Tiwanaku = Tiahuanaco, culture dated to 200 B.C.-A.D. 1200, with its monumental centre on the

altiplano just east of the Titicaca Lake

Tocado (S) headdress; here: yarn wrapped around head and/or (plumed) stick

Tocapu (Q) square or rectangular blocks with geometric figures woven into Inca tapestry camisas and

mantas, lined up in horizontal or vertical bands or all over the fabric

Topuña (Q) woolen string used as measuring device Torcer (S) plying two or more spun yarns together

Tortero (S) spindle whorl

Totora (S) coarse reed fibres, used to fabricate vegetable ropes. Coarser than junquillo reed fibre

Trenza (S) braid

Trompo (S) wooden object, rounded with pointed base, may be used as spinning tops, or bottle stoppers

for tapering gourds, or fish net floats

Trophy head (E) human heads taken in battle and used for ritual purposes

Tuberculosis (E) disease primarily affecting lungs and eventually deforming vertebral column deformation (E) deformation of human skull by bandaging the head, causing a conical shape

Tulma (Q) cinta, narrow band

Tumilaca type site in higher Osmore drainage, also name of cultural phase following Tiwanaku

influence in this region (A.D. 900-1200)

Túmulo (S)round, collective burial mounds from the Formative PeriodTupu (Q)pin made of metal or cactus spine, used to pin together clothsTurbante (S)turban, usually loose bundle of strings wrapped around the head

Twill (E) plain weave derived float structure with diagonal alignment of warp or weft floats; sarga (S)

Twining (E) interacting structure of two hand-manipulated sets of elements

Uma (Q) head, tightly wound ball of spun yarn

Unco (Q) camisa, sleeveless tunic reaching down to the knee, man's tunic

Uña (Q) child, animal offspring; also referring to the thin stripes flanking solid stripes in repeating

colour in weavings. 'Qallu' in Aymara.

Urna (S) large size pot used as urn, usually olla or cántaro

Vaso (S) small size cup with straight walls

Vicuña (Q) (Lama vicugna), smallest one of the four Andean camelid species; not domesticated but

enclosed once per two years to shear the extreme fine wool from their back

Wak'a (A) belt; faja (S)

Warp (E) set of parallel yarns stretched between the two loom bars that form the base for the weaving

process, when wefts are inserted perpendicularly to the warps

Warping (E) action of placing and stretching the warp yarns between the loom bars

Wasqa (Q) wool ropes

Weft (E) yarn that crosses the warp elements perpendicularly

Wichuña (Q) bone pick made of tapered camelid tibia (lower leg bone) of some 15 cm, used to disentangle

warps and beat down wefts during the weaving process

Yuca (S) manioc, cassave, edible root tuber originally from the Amazon tropical region

Yunga (Q) warm, low altitude valleys on west and east side of the Andes Z-twist (E) / direction of spun or plied yarn, or twining direction

code for S spun or plied yarn code for Z spun or plied yarn

/2\ code for a 2-plied yarn: two Z spun yarns are S plied into a single yarn