

Soltanyeh dome: the symbol of the domination of civilization over sword

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Abstract: Soltanyeh, in Iran has been erected to the southeast of Zanjan. With nearly 50 meters height, it is the third biggest dome in the world after Saint Mary's Cathedral in Florence, Italy, and Aya Sofia mosque in Istanbul, Turkey. In the studies related to the dome, the fact which is neglected is the changes in the Ilkhanid rulers' ideas as to civilization and urbanism. Soltanyeh city, along with this dome and the constructions around it, is the clear-cut evidence of this change concerning Ilkhanids' way of thinking. Thus, the present paper is aimed at answering the following questions:

1. How does Soltanyeh reveal a change in the way of Mongolians' thinking?
2. What are the reasons for the change in the thought of Mongolians from Yasa to civilization?

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