

Maddo and Maddo's Father: Description of Short Names in the poetry of Khushal Khan Khattak

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Abstract:

Khushal Khan Khattak (1022-1100) the reckoned Pashto poet has mentioned the names of 325 different persons in his poetry. These names are narrated in different contexts and with different gestures. Sometimes he praises and shares his inspirations and the other time describes certain persons with a high satirical connotation. In this paper the scholar has strived to track some of the generic short names that are used with in poetry, while most of the papers cater the specific short names of Maddo and Maddo's Father. According to the scholar "Maddo" is the short name of Mukkaram Khan Khattak, the grandson of Khushal Khan while "Maddo" father was Behram Khan, the son and rival counterpart of Khushal Khan till the last moments of his life. This paper certainly adds a value to the poetry for retrieving the history of that specific time and the nature of conflicts Khushal Khan faced.

Key words: Khushal Khan Khattak, Maddo, Behram Khan, Pashto Poet, Maddo Father.