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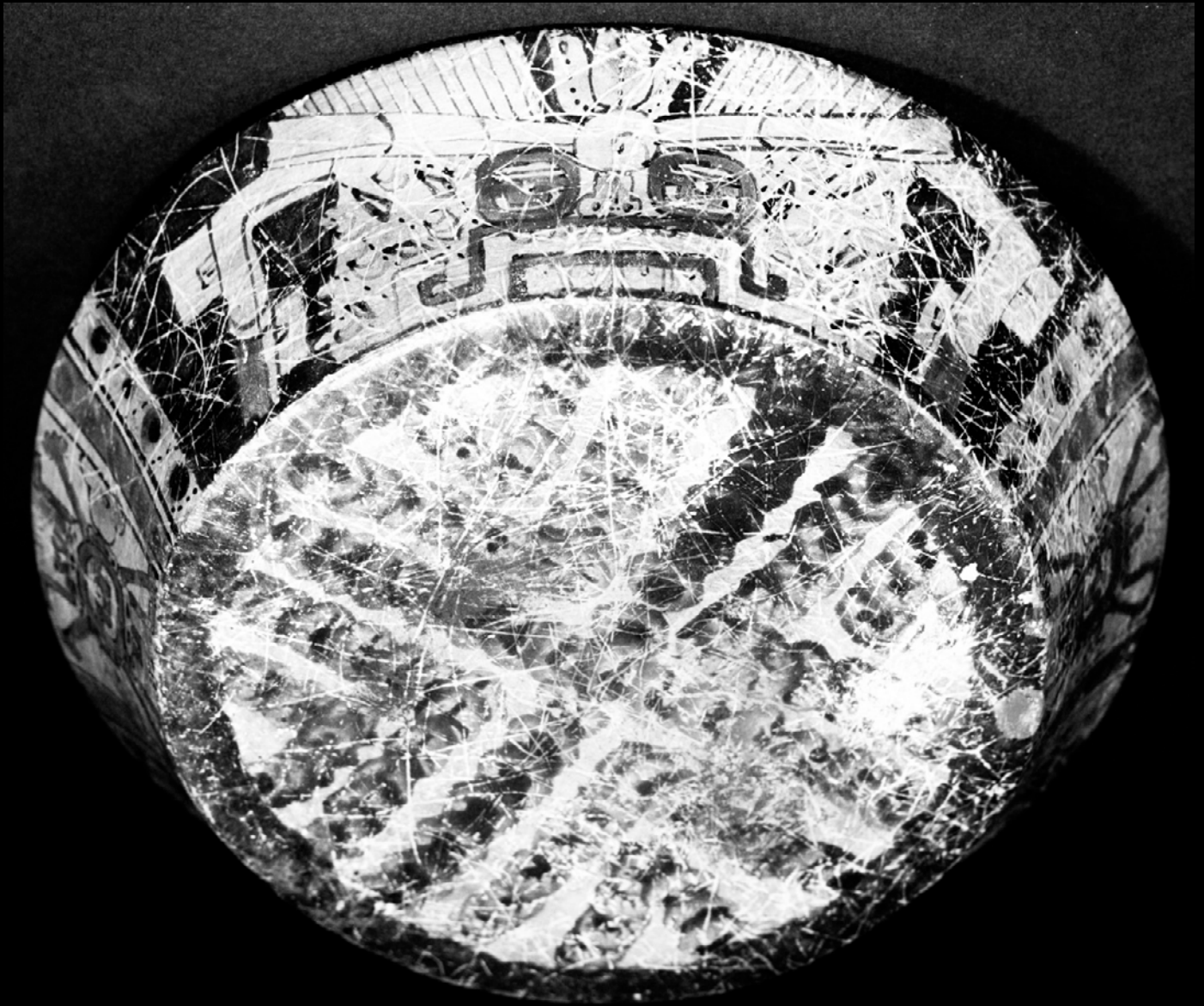
Tlaloc Face



on low Late Classic Maya Bowl

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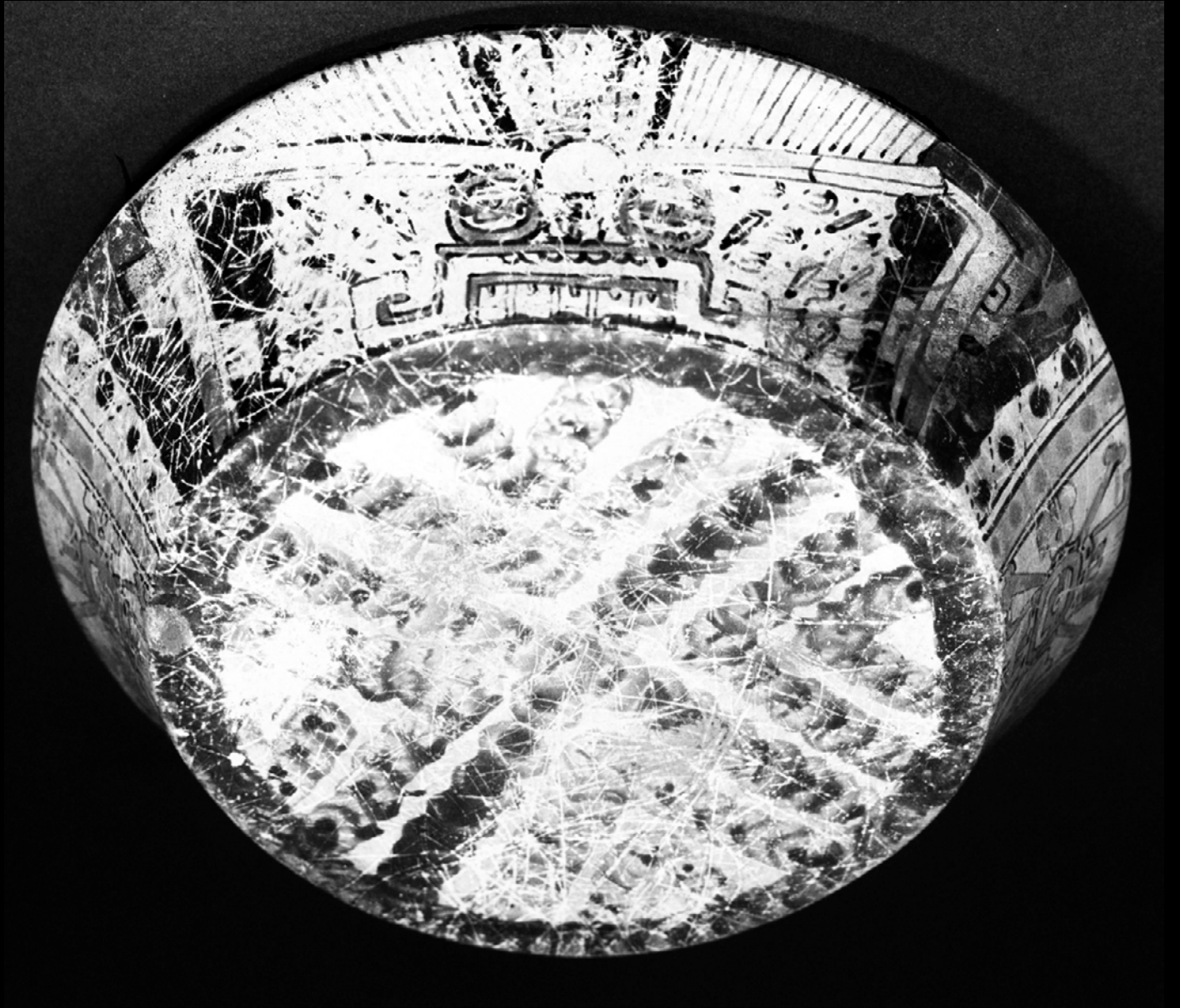
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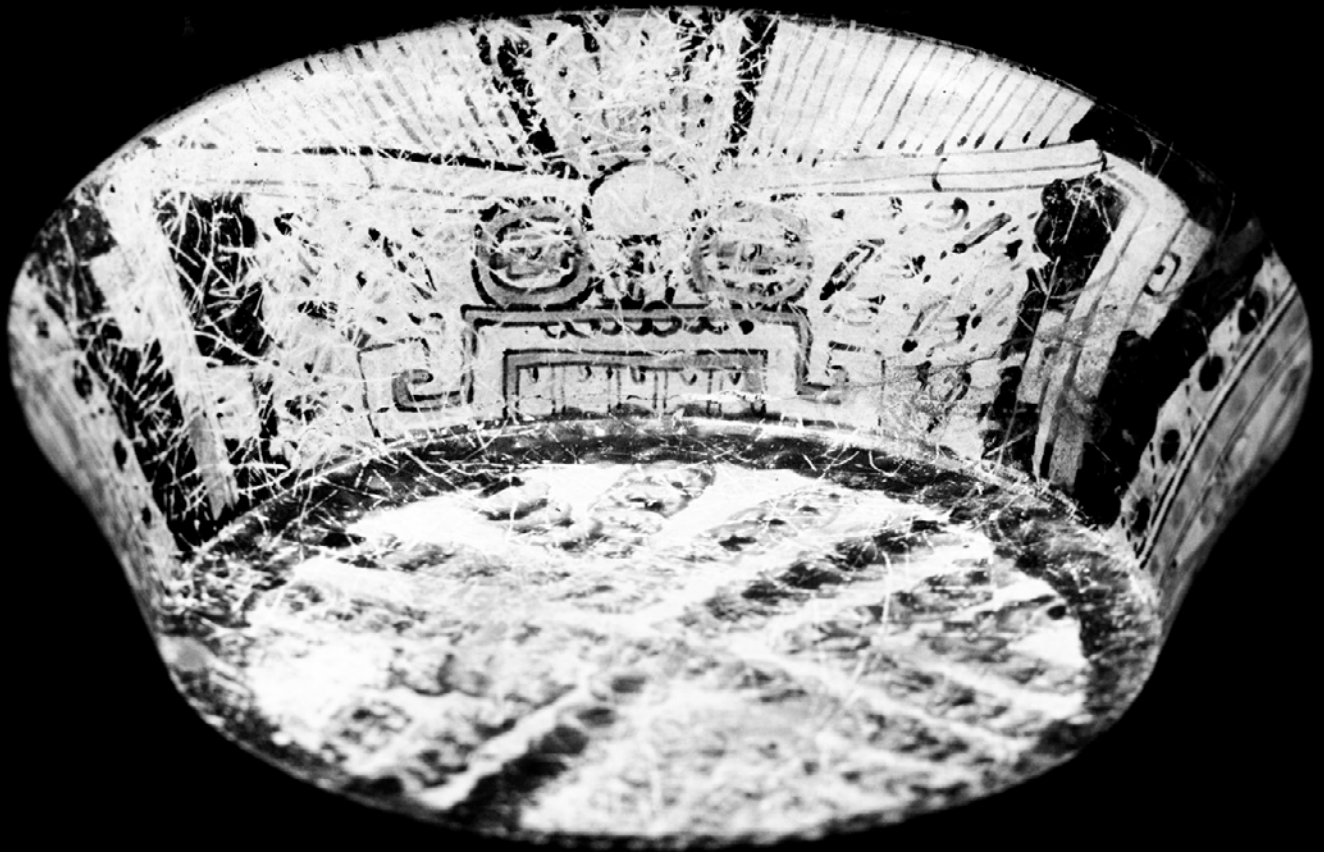
This is a local Late Classic Maya variant of Tlaloc; no Yearsign. I am interested in Mayanized versions of Teotihuacan motifs since my 1969 MA thesis was on Maya use of Teotihuacan motifs in the Late Classic when Teotihuacan itself no longer existed as imperial capital. Most of my MA thesis was on sculptures. I estimate I photographed the current bowl circa 1998-2004.



The motif inside the eye of this Tlaloc is the same as the main motif in the decorations between the Tlaloc faces, especially the elongated one.



The other Tlaloc face.



Different angle helps see the overall scene.



When possible I photographed everything in black-and-white and also in color.



I have seen aspects of this motif elsewhere, but I admit I can't yet identify it. The central motif is in the eye of the Tlalocs on this same vessel. The X-shape bones are unexpected

