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### **Abstract**

In the Alevi belief system, there are rituals and belief activities known as dem or dolu formed around the cult of drink which has an important place in the Alevi cems. Some publications have mentioned this cult within the Alevi belief system. However, those publications are far from revealing the overall of this subject because they aren't focusing directly on the subject. Also, one of the basic lacks of available publications is that they don't include visual elements. In this paper, determinations from dem-based rituals that are continuing to live in the Alevi communities in Anatolia and Balkans, together with differences between them will be analyzed and presented. There will be an analysis of "Dem Geldi Semahs", one of the rituals that are dem-based practiced, supported with examples from different regions and visual elements. "Dem Geldi Semahs" is one of semah rituals which are performed together with dem service within cem ritual on different locations. In the study, "Dem Geldi Semahs" which we recorded during our fieldwork on the various locations in Turkey, and the forms of semah performances, its place in the ritual, musical works with notes will be presented comparatively. In the analyses, without just focusing on the semah in basic aspect, the view of the belief community on the cult of drink will be also presented by referring, when it is necessary, to other belief activities related to drink.

**Keywords:** Alevi, Bektashi, dem, drink, semah, dem geldi semahs.

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