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Abstract

The Bektashi sect created peculiar literary traditions by benefitting from the facilities of the literature that was emerging in Anatolia as of the XIII. century. This literary tradition is said to have been established by Kaygusuz Abdal. Kul Himmet, about whose life there is limited information in sources, is thought to have lived between the second half of the XVI. century and the first half of the XVII. century. Considered to be one of the seven supreme minstrels of Alevi-Bektashi tradition, Kul Himmet gained a huge reputation in the century he lived. Kul Himmet sometimes characterizes the Alevi Bektashi community, of which he is one of the members, as "Gürûh-ı nâci" and sometimes as "Hüseynî". In his poems, he emphasizes the fact that being decent, respecting seniors and showing compassion to younger ones, responding to malignancy with kindness, not wanting the bad of anyone, not offending anyone, being modest, being patient and keeping secrets are features of a community. According to Kul Himmet, they passed through the as-sirat al-mustaqeem by means of these features. Kul Himmet believes that this community frowns upon disagreement and favors togetherness. In his poems, which pay tribute to the trio of Allah (God), Mohammed and Ali, the sympathy to Ali is in the foreground. According to Kul Himmet Hz. Ali was brought to life far before the universe was created and his name was engraved in the hearts of this community. Hz. Ali, who is at the heart of the unity of existence belief, appeared on the world in different guises. Along with these points, attachment to twelve imams, tevella and teberra belief, friendly talk, companionship, cem rituals and a number of other rituals connected with these and, briefly, a set of beliefs system of Bektashi were handled in poems. The present study aims to explain these aspects, which are present in Kul Himmet's poems and form the basis of Alevi-Bektashi philosophy, by means of sample texts to show how Alevi-Bektashi belief system affects the poem world.

Keywords: Alevi-Bektashi literature, Alevî-Bektashi belief system, Kul Himmet.

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