

I can explore the importance of life for  
Alevi's and for ourselves.



# Pir Mansur Al-Hallaj (858 -922)

One of the most quoted lines for Alevi belief:

"Ene'l-Hakk"

"I am one with God, who is the Truth"

Another of his teachings is:

"the important thing is to proceed seven times around the Ka'aba of one's heart."



# Haci Bektaş Veli

- The most important saint in Alevism (1209-1271)
- He said: "It is not enough to seek truth; we must also live truthfully."
- What do you think this means?



# Haci Bektaş Veli

- He taught that God/Hakk is in everything.
- He is pictured with a gazelle and a lion because he said:  
*'Greed and malice disappear by love in our midst. The lion and gazelle are friends in our embrace.'*
- Once we accept that Hakk is in everything we cease being violent. It shows true humanity.



# More of Haci Bektaş Veli's teachings

"Whatever you are  
searching for, search in  
yourself  
  
Not in Jerusalem, not in  
Makkah."

"My Ka'aba (temple)  
human being."

What do you think these mean?

How might they influence Alevi  
people?

What difference might it make if  
everyone held these beliefs?

Do you agree with them?  
Why?/Why not?



# Pir Sultan (1480-1550)

- One of the most famous poets and musicians, who died for his beliefs.
- His hymns are used a lot in the Cem ceremony. They are very symbolic and use a lot of metaphor and imagery. This makes them hard to understand without a lot of time and deep thinking!
- His poems carry deep meaning that helps Alevis think about the meaning of life.



# The BIG question

What do you think is the meaning or purpose of life ... if anything?

Task: Write a paragraph to answer the question through your perspective. There is no wrong answers here...

