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Behlül Dane Completes a Prayer Line for a Hoca

Once Behlül Dane was attending the Friday service in a mosque. The preacher started the service with, "Elham dülillahi . . ." and repeated "Ham duleyki" [Thanks to him] several times but could not remember the rest of the prayer.

Behlül completed it by saying loudly, "Illezi iptelana bike" [ . . .Who made us pray under such an ignorant hoca as you].

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1Before the founding of the Republic, after World War I, the Sabbath in Turkey was Friday. The Friday noon service was the religious high point of the week.