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Why Night Is Better Than Day

Someone once asked Behlül Dane the following question: "Which is better--night or day?"

Behlül replied in this way. "Night is better. God Almighty created Heaven and Hell, giving each a day and a night. When the world was created, he took the night of Heaven and the day of Hell and gave them to the world. Heaven is always bright; Hell is always dark. Since night has come out of Heaven, it is better than day."

[Professor Ünver's comment: "In fact, in the Hadith<sup>1</sup> it says

El leyl ahval veyl, meaning Night enveloped and concealed Hell. The night conceals all bad things. Some scholars are of the opinion that it is better to die during the night than during the day."]

<sup>1</sup>Hadith (Hadis, in Turkish) are religious traditions of the Prophet.