A Prediction of Taptuk Emre Comes True

Taptuk Emre was such a well-known religious man that people sometimes came from great distances to consult him. Once the daughter of the mufti\(^1\) of Aleppo\(^2\) decided to come here in order to visit him.

Taptuk sensed immediately the decision she had made.\(^3\) He was by that time a very old man, and he knew that he would never see that girl in this world. He said to those around him, "The daughter of the mufti of Aleppo is coming here to visit me, but I shall not live long enough to see her. Although she is young, she also will soon die. In fact, she will not live long enough to return to Aleppo. Therefore, I want you to build tombs for both of us. Place

\(^1\)An authority of Moslem religious law.

\(^2\)Second-largest city of modern Syria, it has been important since antiquity and was part of both the Seljuk and Ottoman Turkish empires. Some 800 kilometers in straight-line distance from Sultan Emrem, it would be well over 1,000 kilometers away via any travel route.

\(^3\)Many Moslem saints are credited with prescience, mind reading, and other forms of extrasensory perception.
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her tomb in front of mine so that visitors who later come here will recite the Fatiha prayer for her before they recite it for me."

All that he had predicted was exactly what happened.

\footnote{The opening chapter of the Koran, it is used for several different religious purposes including that of requiem.}