

## THE SOCIAL LIFE OF THE BEKTASHI DERVISHES

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### ABSTRACT

This research paper focuses on the analysis of the “dervish” figure as a chronological effluence of his life. Analyzing the conditions that an individual should fulfill when he wants to become part of Bektashi faith, the steps to be taken, the rights and obligations, until the moment when separated from life. Dervishes have played an important role not only in their institutions such as *tekkes*, *tyrbe*, *headquarters* (*Alb. Kryegjyshata*), but have helped people with the opportunities they have had. The love they have given to humanity, has caused the tekke to be added with many other dervishes, to attract many Albanian and foreign believers. All this analysis is based on documented data as well as record data from conversation with dervishes during the time this research paper is realized in protection of the dissertation topic.

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