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Three ^{all} Saints of the Polatlı Region

According to what I hear, there are three important saints in the region of Polatlı. They are Karacı¹ Ahmet, Hacı² Tuğrul, and Bacım Sultan. Bacım Sultan [female] and Hacı Tuğrul lived together on Çile Mountain. They wandered about the mountain and prayed to Allah.

Karacı Ahmet, the third of these saints, did not approve of the relationship between the other two. One day he said, "It is not right for fire and cotton to be together; it is not right for a man and a woman to wander in the fields together."

The woman heard about this remark. She took a piece of cotton and some fire, placed them in a box, and sent the box to Karacı Ahmet. When Ahmet opened the box, he felt bad. They call him Karacı Ahmet because he slandered the woman. Karacı Ahmet was from the Tekke village of Polatlı kaza. His tomb is there, and there is also a mosque there named after him.

¹ The word karacı means backbiter.

² Hacı means pilgrim. It is also a title earned by anyone who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca. Some pilgrims do not use the title. Others use it for the rest of their lives as a substitute for their first names.

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Bacım Sultan was from Bacım village of Polatlı kaza. Her tomb is there by the mosque of that village. Hacı Tuğrul was from Yenidoğan village.

People who have a wish they hope can be fulfilled go to the tomb of Karacı Ahmet. They sacrifice a sheep there and pray.