



THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE

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Abstract

The article presents a philosophical analysis of the concept of ecological culture and its role in solving environmental problems in society. It explores the factors influencing the formation of ecological culture, including its spiritual, moral, historical, cultural, and religious foundations. The impact of urbanization, technological advancement, and the level of public consciousness on the deepening of ecological issues is discussed. The author highlights the potential for achieving environmental security through the development of ecological culture.

Keywords: ecological culture, environmental problems, philosophy, sustainable development, urbanization, public consciousness, environmental security.

Introduction

At present, our country is facing numerous major environmental problems across various sectors. The efforts being made to solve these issues are not sufficient, and this situation continues to worsen the problems. In our opinion, one of the main reasons for the emergence of such issues is the lack of ecological culture. This, in turn, is likely to lead to even greater problems.

As Goethe once emphasized: “One cannot joke with nature. It is always truthful, always strict, always serious. It is always right, and even the mistakes are caused by people themselves.”¹ Therefore, protecting the environment and using natural resources efficiently is becoming increasingly important for all of humanity.

In this regard, ensuring environmental safety — in other words, addressing ecological problems — will always remain one of the most essential issues.

¹ Qoraboev S.B. Talabalarda ekologik madaniyatni shakllantirishning psixologik-pedagogik asoslari. Academic research educational sciences. Volume 2 (Issue 4) 2021. P.168



Methods

In conducting the research, the following philosophical methods were used in the study of social phenomena: analysis and synthesis, historicism and logic, generalization, and concretization.

Results

How is such an ecological culture formed? In our opinion, the following important elements of environmental education and upbringing can serve as examples of this:

- it is necessary to continue to study the rich scientific heritage of environmental protection left by our ancestors, to instill them in the minds of our people, and to teach them to children, while studying modern scientific developments;
- to explain to citizens the harmonization of national and universal values and the features of integration with other forms of social consciousness in this regard, in particular, the study of ecological knowledge, which is reflected in the spiritual heritage of our ancestors and is prescribed by our sacred religion;
- to study in depth the proposals made by the international community on environmental problems and, if their moral and ethical principles are suitable, to implement them for our society, and others.

It should be noted that the development of ecological culture is currently taking shape in the scientific theory of social development, which encompasses the laws of social ecology. Social ecology analyzes various indicators of social development, as well as the techniques and technologies used, from the point of view of ecological requirements². From this it can be understood that a number of disciplines also serve to develop ecological culture.

Discussions

What should be done to eliminate such environmental problems today? According to the results of our research, it is necessary to develop environmental education, environmental awareness and ecological culture. The environmental philosophy that serves this purpose provides information about the impact of urbanization, which is an important sign of development, on the environment, and encourages the development of sustainable and ecologically clean cities. It should be emphasized that while these philosophical factors may influence urbanization

² Salomova H.Yu. Ijtimoiy ekologiya asoslari. Toshkent: "Fan va Texnologiya" – 2004. - B.3



processes, other factors, such as economic, social, and political factors, are also important. In this process, special attention is paid to the development of an ecological culture.

Nowadays, there are several ways to solve environmental problems, one of which is, of course, the promotion of ecological culture through environmental education and environmental upbringing. Ecological culture is perfected through environmental education. In order to receive ecological education, the first and foremost task is to follow the advice and teachings left to us by our ancestors. Along with this, it is necessary to strictly follow the practices prescribed by our sacred religion for ecological education.

Given the above, environmental education and upbringing play an important role in the development of ecological culture among citizens. Now we will analyze the concept of ecological culture. In the following sections, special attention is paid to the analysis of such concepts as "ecological attitude", "ecological awareness", "ecological culture", "ecological policy" as a social phenomenon. The significance of these scientific studies is of great importance in solving general philosophical, epistemological, methodological, and ethical issues. The content of these concepts consists in demonstrating that through the analysis of general ecological activity in specific areas, it is possible to strengthen the socio-political life position of a person, increase his activity and responsibility³.

Based on the above considerations, scientific research, that is, preparation for environmental education, increases the value of developing ecological culture, which serves to increase people's responsibility towards this problem. We can see that the concept of ecological culture is defined as follows in the philosophical dictionary. "Ecological culture is a conscious creative attitude of man to the transformation and improvement of nature, understanding the responsibility and duty to leave natural values unharmed for future generations. A national ecological culture has emerged and developed in connection with the natural and geographical features of people, areas of material production, forms of belief, and ethnographic characteristics."⁴

³ Mamashokirov S. Ekologik faollik va mas'uliyatni shakllantirishda ijtimoiy-siyosiy omillarning roli. Falsafa fanlari doktori ilmiy darajasini olish uchun dissertatsiya. - Toshkent: O'zMU. – 1997. - B. 32.

⁴ Falsafa qomusiy lug'at. – Toshkent: "Sharq", 2004. – B.416



To eliminate the problems mentioned above, it is necessary, first of all, to form an ecological culture among people. In this, environmental education and upbringing play an important role. In this regard, it is necessary to strengthen propaganda work to increase the literacy of the population and shape its culture, as well as to improve the activities of environmental inspectors in the regions, and to regularly inspect garbage cans in densely populated regions, and to impose administrative penalties in the form of large fines on citizens who litter, which will undoubtedly improve the cleanliness, health and It helps to ensure the flow of clean water from ditches and canals⁵. Such environmental education factors play a significant role in the development of ecological culture.

In general, it can be said that environmental problems are among the problems facing the development of countries around the world. That is why the world community is currently seriously engaged in this problem. In our opinion, the development of ecological culture plays an important role in solving these problems. Research A. According to Gulamov, "ecological culture is knowledge about nature, consciousness, perception, literacy, intellectual ability and the ability to apply it in practice, a high level of activity in relation to the environment, conscious and responsible interaction. It includes a rational and responsible relationship between nature and man."⁶ In our opinion, ecological culture consists of appropriate participation in the prevention and elimination of damage to nature, the rational use of natural resources, and the development of ecological literacy.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it can be said that environmental problems pose a number of tasks for us. This situation requires the acquisition of modern knowledge by scientists and the dissemination of the latest developments in the field. This, in turn, requires the formation of innovative pedagogical technologies in teaching related disciplines among specialists as professional qualifications. In this regard, the purposeful implementation of environmental education and upbringing is of great importance.

⁵ Ibragimov N.I., Raximova L.S. Qattiq maishiy chindilar utilizatsiyasi. T.: 2018. - B. 162-163

⁶ G'ulomov A.B. Jadid mutafakkirlarining ekologik madaniyatga doir qarashlari: tarixiy– falsafiy tahlil Falasafa fanlari bo'yicha falsafa doktori (PhD) dissertatsiyasi. – Buxoro: BuxDU. 2021. – B.16



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