

SOCIO-PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS OF THE CONCEPT OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

This article provides a socio-philosophical analysis of the concept of spiritual development. It illuminates issues related to national self-realization and the creation of an ideological foundation for the spiritual development of New Uzbekistan, based on national characteristics and harmonized with universal human values.

Keywords: Spiritual development, spiritual ascent, national self-awareness, values, cultural heritage, customs.

Introduction

The reciprocal dialectical relationship between spiritual ascent and national development influences the establishment of new, progressive values, social stability, and the perfection of the individual personality. Consequently, this requires the following:

it necessitates the systematic explanation of the heritage and values left by ancestors to the youth to ensure they understand their national identity and feel their nationality. It is appropriate to demonstrate these aspects through the changes currently occurring in the socio-spiritual life of our country;

as national heritage and values serve as the basis for the elevation of spiritual needs, raising them to a new level serves as a tool to educate the new generation in the spirit of our national values and to protect them from the influence of cosmopolitanism and mass culture;

the independence of our country created opportunities for our people for spiritual ascent and national development. It was precisely during the independence period that the theoretical foundations for restoring and renewing the people's spirituality and choosing a model of national development were created.

Historical memory has formed in the thinking of our people, connecting the past and the present, giving hope, desire, and enthusiasm for future life. The formation of historical memory in the national state and national development model, based on the national idea, is indicated as one of the most fundamental factors. "Historical memory is a powerful force capable of harmonizing a nation within a specific territory, history, and process, emphasizing patriotism, humanism, tolerance, prosperity, freedom, human dignity, and national independence ideals, and directing future actions based on these principles" ¹;

"The process of spiritual ascent primarily includes aspects such as human self-realization, perceiving national consciousness, interests, goals and their unity, knowing the history of the nation and the Motherland, national customs, traditions, and adhering to them"². Especially in our multi-ethnic country, satisfying spiritual needs is considered a crucial factor in achieving national development.

Spiritual Development is a qualitative rise in the system of values, meanings, and ideals in the consciousness of the individual and society. It is a continuous process wherein the level of understanding of oneself, others, and the world becomes increasingly complex and is reconstructed based on criteria of responsibility, freedom, duty, and conscience.

Spiritual Ascent is the elevation of a person's inner world, moral views, and life ideals to a higher, purer, and more responsible level. It is an internal process where one strives to live based on high spiritual criteria by purifying the soul through a deeper understanding of one's "self," others, and existence.

Priorities of Spiritual Development in New Uzbekistan.

First: In the spiritual development of New Uzbekistan, a significant place is occupied by national self-awareness and the creation of an ideological foundation that relies on nationality while harmonizing with universal human values. Preserving and developing interethnic and inter-confessional harmony is recognized as a key principle for ensuring the spiritual integrity of society.

¹ Современное образование как открытая система (под ред. Н.Г. Ничкало, Г.Н. Филонова, О.В. Суходольской-Кулешовой). - "Институт научной и педагогической информации РАО, "ЮРКОМПАНИ", 2012 г.

² Культуротворческая функция права, юридической науки и образования.

Second: Human dignity and personal freedoms are placed at the forefront of New Uzbekistan's spiritual development. These values constitute the main direction of democratic reforms and include principles such as humanism, tolerance, and mutual respect.

Third: One of the main characteristics of spiritual development is the special attention paid to the spiritual-moral education of the young generation. This educational system is not limited to providing knowledge but is aimed at the individual's self-realization, self-improvement, and the formation of a sense of responsibility in life.

Fourth: The concept of spiritual development of "New Uzbekistan" requires revising the modern education system and enriching its educational content. Therefore, significant attention is being paid to issues of spiritual and moral education in state standards and legislative acts in this field.

Fifth: In spiritual development, the enhancement of social responsibility, civic activism, and legal culture is becoming increasingly important. This, in turn, implies combating corruption, eliminating legal nihilism, and strengthening the principles of justice in the social life of the population.

The policy regarding spiritual-enlightenment development in the Republic of Uzbekistan relies on several theoretical factors. Specifically, the **national idea and ideological principles** at the core of the New Uzbekistan concept are rooted in historical and cultural heritage, folk traditions, and national customs. Through this, feelings of national pride, national self-awareness, and love for the Motherland are strengthened in the youth.

In the process of globalization, Uzbekistan, as an integral part of the world community, must demonstrate its unique values and rich scientific and cultural heritage when cooperating with various cultures. **Individual Freedom and Societal Responsibility:** In spiritual development, independent thinking, conscious expression of one's position, and engagement in creative activities are supported. In this regard, supporting youth in every aspect and ensuring social justice and the rule of law are of urgent importance.

The cultural heritage, customs, and traditions formed in Uzbekistan over various periods are an integral part of our society. They serve as an important source for preserving national identity, introducing it to the world, and educating the young generation. Measures are being defined to harmonize progressive ideas with our rich historical heritage by attracting a new generation of researchers.

Developing national spirituality in the modern world is impossible without science and innovative approaches. The following issues remain urgent in this regard:

improving the quality of education and interdisciplinary integration.

raising the intellectual potential of the youth through the widespread introduction of digital technologies and distance learning opportunities.

supporting scientific research through state grants, private investments, and international cooperation, focusing on fundamental and applied research.

promoting modern scientific achievements and organizing regular dialogue events between scientists, researchers, qualified specialists, and youth.

widely promoting the importance of science through social networks and mass media.

In conclusion, the principles of spiritual development in New Uzbekistan acquire special significance by combining national uniqueness with universal and modern values. The socio-philosophical analysis of these principles serves to provide a better understanding of the role and importance of spirituality in the modern development of Uzbekistan.

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