

## THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL PROCESSES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL STATE

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**Annotation:** This article comprehensively analyzes the role and significance of spiritual processes in the development of a social state in Uzbekistan. It highlights the role of spirituality in the formation of political, social and moral relations in society, its inextricable connection with national values and traditions. It also analyzes the issues of renewing social consciousness, developing tolerance, forming new values through the education system, and reflecting spiritual principles in state policy. The article substantiates the role of spirituality in the development of social justice, equality, national unity and human capital.

**Keywords:** social state, spirituality, spiritual processes, social consciousness, tolerance, social policy, social justice, national unity, moral values, innovation.

### Introduction

The role of spiritual processes in the development of a social state in Uzbekistan is both significant and multifaceted. Spirituality in Uzbekistan is deeply connected with the country's cultural heritage, traditions and the dominant Islamic religion. These spiritual processes influence the moral foundations of society, shaping values, social norms, and the general direction of national development. As our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized, "spirituality is the foundation that determines the content and quality of all political and social relations in society"<sup>1</sup>. Spirituality influences how political leaders approach governance, focusing on the well-being of the people and the ethical conduct of government. It serves as a guiding force in shaping policies that promote social justice, equality, and national unity.

### Results and Discussions

Spiritual values help to foster a sense of collective responsibility, respect for others, and commitment to the common good. In everyday life, a spiritual foundation promotes values such as honesty, respect, and empathy in interpersonal relationships. This improves the quality of social interactions, contributing to a more harmonious and stable society. Spirituality strengthens the sense of identity that is essential for national unity. It encourages citizens to interact positively with each other, work together for the well-being of society, and preserve national values. Policies that address social problems such as poverty and inequality are often framed in a spiritual context and not only provide for the satisfaction of material needs, but also enhance dignity and moral well-being. The government of Uzbekistan pays special attention to promoting traditional values, national pride and a sense of collective responsibility. Spiritual processes aimed at strengthening national identity and unity, including religious traditions, cultural ceremonies, and educational programs, are encouraged. As the philosopher A. Erkayev noted, "It is necessary for a turn in social consciousness and human behavior to take place, and new ideals and values to be established"<sup>2</sup>. A shift in social consciousness involves a greater awareness of societal challenges and opportunities. It challenges people to think critically about their place in society, the impact of their actions, and the direction society is heading. A shift in social consciousness also involves a shift in collective thinking. This

<sup>1</sup> Mirziyoyev Sh.M. Yangi O'zbekiston strategiyasi. –Toshkent: "O'zbekiston" nashriyoti, 2021. -B.267.

<sup>2</sup> Эркаев А. Янги Ўзбекистон: Мўлжал-Учинчи Ренессанс. Тошкент: Маънавият, 2021. -Б. 20.

includes fostering a greater sense of responsibility, community engagement, and commitment to the common good. New ideals may include a stronger focus on equality, justice, innovation, and inclusion that reflect the needs of modern society. As society evolves, so must its values. This involves embracing ideals that are more in line with global trends, technological advances, and the aspirations of younger generations, while maintaining a connection to traditional values.

Education plays a crucial role in enabling these shifts in social consciousness. By incorporating new ideals and values into the curriculum, schools help shape the attitudes and behaviors of future generations. Promoting cultural activities that reflect these new values can also help to gradually change societal norms and behaviors. This can include everything from the media and the arts to community projects that embody these ideals. For this change to be effective, it must be supported by appropriate social and economic policies that encourage and reward new behaviors and ideals. Leaders must embody and promote these new ideas and values, serve as role models, and guide the nation through these changes. Their ability to articulate a clear vision of the future is essential to building public support and implementing change.

Uzbekistan is home to diverse ethnic groups, and spiritual processes often serve as a bridge to develop mutual understanding, tolerance, and cooperation between different communities. Paying attention to spiritual values helps maintain social harmony and stability. As the English philosopher Thomas Hobbes noted, “tolerance is the provision of security and peace for citizens and a high appreciation of the values of representatives of other nationalities”<sup>3</sup>. By promoting tolerance, a society can minimize the risk of internal conflict and violence, which in turn increases the security of all citizens. Hobbes argues that tolerance reduces the likelihood of conflict and thus contributes to peaceful coexistence within the state. High regard for the values of other peoples means recognizing and respecting cultural diversity. Hobbes understood that in a diverse society, peace is best maintained when people are not only tolerant but also value the contributions and perspectives of others.

By valuing different values and cultures, a society develops a sense of mutual respect and understanding, which strengthens social bonds and ensures collective security. For Hobbes, the state plays a central role in enforcing the social contract and ensuring that tolerance is practiced. This may include implementing laws and policies that protect the rights of minorities, promote equality, and encourage dialogue between different cultural or religious groups. To ensure tolerance, the state must implement laws that protect individuals from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, or nationality. These laws help create an environment where diverse values are respected and valued. Hobbes’s emphasis on valuing the values of other peoples also has implications for international relations. In this context, tolerance means recognizing and respecting the sovereignty and cultural heritage of other states, which is key to maintaining peaceful global relations. Tolerance is not only a moral principle, but also a practical necessity for ensuring peace and security in society. By encouraging appreciation of diverse values and cultures, tolerance helps create a stable and harmonious social order that is necessary for the well-being of all citizens. The government of Uzbekistan incorporates spiritual principles into its social policy, which ensures justice, social welfare, and the well-being of all citizens. In Uzbekistan, the concept of a “social state” is closely related to ensuring that society reflects its spiritual and moral values. As our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted, “our people are well aware of the work we have done in implementing an effective and targeted social policy, providing the population with affordable housing, creating a new system in the

<sup>3</sup> Doug Magendanz. *Heretics, Atheists and Infidels: Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Grotius, Hobbes and Kant*. 2019. -P. 23.

field of continuing education and upbringing, developing science in line with the requirements of the times, and providing necessary assistance to all segments of the population, in particular, the enlightened, women, youth, and people with disabilities and those in need". Affordable housing is essential for social stability and quality of life. The government is paying attention to this and ensuring that more citizens have access to safe living conditions, which are a key aspect of social well-being. Affordable housing initiatives are likely part of a broader effort to balance urban and rural development, reduce inequality, and ensure balanced regional growth. Developing a system of continuing education and training is crucial to adapting to rapid changes in the global economy. This ensures that citizens of all ages have the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge, increase their competitiveness in the labor market. Ensuring that access to education is available to all segments of the population means that no one is left behind due to socio-economic status, geographical location, or other barriers. Developing science based on the requirements of the times requires focusing on modern, cutting-edge research that meets modern requirements. This is essential for fostering innovation, economic growth, and addressing issues such as climate change and public health. By prioritizing science, the government is investing in the country's future. This is ensuring that Uzbekistan can compete globally and contribute to global knowledge. Supporting intellectuals fosters a culture of innovation and critical thinking.

Empowering women and youth, in turn, ensures broader social and economic participation. Ensuring that people with disabilities or those in need are supported is essential for building a just society. This approach is consistent with the broader goals of human rights and social justice. Specific programs targeting intellectuals, women, youth, and people with disabilities include scholarships, grants, entrepreneurship support, and social security initiatives. These efforts will help reduce inequality and develop a more inclusive society. The development of science involves large investments in research institutions, cooperation with international universities, and financing innovative projects that solve national and global problems. By focusing on continuous education and scientific development, the government is investing in the human capital necessary to ensure long-term economic growth and competitiveness.

### **Conclusion**

In short, as Uzbekistan moves towards the modernization of society, the issue of balancing spiritual and traditional values with the requirements of a globalized and technologically advanced society does not lose its relevance. This balance is crucial for sustainable social development. Spiritual processes in Uzbekistan are an integral part of the development of a social state, affecting everything from national identity and education to governance and social cohesion. These processes help create a stable and just society based on moral values.

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