

Spiritual Reforms in The New Uzbekistan as A Factor of Social Development

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Abstract: In this article, spiritual potential is the development of forms of social consciousness of the society, raising the worldview and spiritual world of its members, preserving the centuries-old spiritual heritage, and passing it on to future generations, ensuring spiritual security. It is explained that it is a set of possibilities and tools that can be used in this regard.

Keywords: Spiritual potential, New Uzbekistan, community potential, economic potential, spiritual and spiritual environment, social potential, creative thinking, social progress, national ideology, cultural heritage.

Introduction: The development of any society, and the level it achieves at a particular time and space, largely depends on the spirituality of its citizens, their way of life, and the extent to which their spiritual, material, and social needs are met. The progress of every state is the result of correctly implemented reforms. Since the creation of the world, constant and continuous change has been its defining feature. As the ancient sages said, "eternal movement is eternal change." Continuous transformation is a law of eternity. Changes in human thought and life, their noble aspirations and hopes, are the driving forces and essential conditions of progress, renewal, and modernization.

Today, rapid development is taking place in science, technology, culture, education, and production. The pace of reforms is accelerating. Meanwhile, changes in lifestyle in line with the demands of the information age bring new challenges that require effective solutions. Raising the spiritual and cultural level of a nation and enhancing people's worldview and intellect play a key role in a country's progress.

In this regard, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasizes: "Strengthening the spiritual foundations of our society, developing the sphere of culture, and supporting the activities of scientific and creative organizations and our respected intellectuals will remain among our top priorities."

Indeed, our people possess an ancient and rich history. Particularly, our Jadid ancestors boldly promoted the

ideas of love and loyalty to the Motherland and national values. Their noble struggle and selfless devotion serve as an example for all generations.

Literature Review and Methodology. The philosophical idea that there is a certain connection between the spiritual capabilities of humans and the social processes of society is not new. Thinkers such as J. Rumi, G. Hegel, and I. Kant expressed valuable views on this issue. However, at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries, philosophers, sociologists, and psychologists began to study this topic actively. For example, H. Marcuse, in his work, analyzed the influence of changes in the spiritual world of a person on the nature of social development. A. Toffler revealed that transformations in the human psyche completely change the spiritual reality of society. P. Buchanan examined how certain tendencies in Western societies at the end of the 20th century altered their spiritual potential, thereby leaving a mark on development rates.

Currently, the world is developing faster than ever before. As people's welfare grows, their demands and needs also increase. History shows that nations achieve progress through their spiritual unity and national ideology. Indeed, spirituality is the main criterion that determines the development of a society. Only when the spiritual level of individuals is elevated will peace and progress flourish. Spiritual growth means the moral, ethical, and intellectual development of people

and society, based on human dignity, moral values, and cultural-historical heritage.

Discussion

Wherever the pace of development is maintained, the lives of citizens improve, and the nation confidently moves toward a bright future. Conversely, stagnation in social progress immediately affects living standards and the ability to achieve future goals. Therefore, building New Uzbekistan and ensuring social development requires the rational use of all existing potentials within society.

It is also important that the state possesses an effective mechanism for managing the spiritual potential of society. In Uzbekistan, such a mechanism indeed exists—various ministries and departments manage the process of raising spiritual potential. However, the presence of a unified political, ideological, and methodological center would further enhance the efficiency of this process.

To turn spiritual potential into a factor of social development, it is not enough to define the tasks and mechanisms of state policy; it is equally necessary to determine the prospects for rational use of this potential. In the era of large-scale reforms aimed at building an enlightened society and laying the foundations of the Third Renaissance, it is essential to identify the necessity and opportunities for using existing spiritual potential.

In our country, raising spiritual potential to a new level increases the responsibility of all those working in this field. Many strategic measures have already been implemented based on national development strategies. Before identifying future tasks, it is advisable to analyze the reforms carried out so far and their effectiveness. Much has been done to strengthen the secular, scientific, and moral potential of our youth, to instill patriotism, ideological resilience, and immunity against extremism, to ensure a healthy socio-political environment, and to strengthen the foundations of a democratic state governed by the rule of law.

A system of ideological promotion aimed at consolidating the spiritual and educational foundations of public life, implementing the principles of national ideology, instilling a sense of responsibility for the future in the younger generation, and strengthening immunity against alien ideas has been established.

The main priorities of social renewal in Uzbekistan are as follows:

- Creating favorable conditions for every person to realize their potential;
- Ensuring public welfare through stable

economic growth;

- Saving water resources and protecting the environment;
- Ensuring the rule of law and organizing a state administration that serves the people;
- Consistently pursuing a policy based on the principle of a “peace-loving and secure state.”

Thus, society’s spiritual potential can and should be applied to achieve these goals.

Results. In conclusion, to transform the spiritual potential of society into a factor that accelerates social development, it is essential to outline rational strategies for its effective utilization. These strategies must align with the priorities of ongoing reforms. From this perspective, the spiritual potential of society today should serve to achieve the main goals of building New Uzbekistan— to ensure stable economic growth and join the ranks of upper-middle-income countries; to create education, healthcare, and social protection systems that fully meet public needs and international standards; to create favorable environmental conditions for citizens; to build a fair, modern, and people-oriented state; and to guarantee the sovereignty and security of the nation.

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