

## A NEW SPIRITUAL SPACE – THE FOUNDATION OF PERSONAL PERFECTION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Abstract:** *This article analyzes the necessity of renewing the spiritual life of society and creating a new spiritual space in the context of New Uzbekistan, as well as its impact on personal development. The concept of a new spiritual space expresses the harmony of spiritual renewal, moral values, national identity, and universal ideals within society. Therefore, the paper scientifically and theoretically examines issues related to improving the spiritual environment, ensuring spiritual security, and fostering the worldview of young people through the family and education system, instilling national values into their consciousness. In addition, the article explores the spiritual foundations of the “New Uzbekistan” concept, the interconnection between personal perfection and social progress, and the directions for strengthening spiritual security in the age of globalization. Special attention is also given to the modern interpretation of spirituality and the need to develop spirituality in the digital environment.*

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### INTRODUCTION

After gaining independence, the Republic of Uzbekistan embarked on wide-ranging reforms in all spheres of life. In recent years, this process has entered a new stage – the era of New Uzbekistan. The development concept of New Uzbekistan is primarily based on the ideas of human interests, spiritual elevation, and building an enlightened society.

As President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized: “The New Uzbekistan we dream of is, first and foremost, a spiritually mature and enlightened society.” This idea demonstrates that at the heart of national development stand the individual, their spiritual potential, and their intellect. Indeed, the success of any reform ultimately depends on the human factor — on one’s worldview and moral maturity.

In the era of globalization, the intensification of information flows and the spread of various ideological influences have heightened the need to renew and strengthen the spiritual foundations of society. Hence, the concept of a “new spiritual space” has emerged in New Uzbekistan. This space represents a new moral and intellectual environment where national values, modern thinking, enlightenment, and social activity are harmoniously integrated. The present article analyzes the content of this concept, its development





directions, issues of spiritual security, and the interconnection between personal perfection and social progress.

Discussion and Results. The essence and significance of the new spiritual space. The new spiritual space is a social environment aimed at forming individuals who think freely, are enlightened, and loyal to both national and universal human values. It ensures personal spiritual growth, moral integrity, and social activity. This space is characterized by the following aspects:

- It ensures spiritual harmony between the individual and society;
- It promotes the development of systems for the production and dissemination of spiritual values;
- It serves the effective implementation of state policy in the field of spirituality;
- It protects young people from alien and destructive ideologies.

The President's initiative, "Combating ignorance with enlightenment," forms the ideological foundation of this process. The harmony of spirituality and enlightenment nurtures free thinking, moral purity, and civic responsibility within the individual.

The relevance of renewing the spiritual environment. In the conditions of a market economy and globalization, spiritual renewal must accompany economic achievements, as the elevation of human spirituality is the most important criterion of social development. In this regard, the following directions are of great significance:

- Integrating spirituality and education within the educational system;
- Strengthening the educational role of the family institution;
- Effectively organizing community and civic oversight.

Today, the fact that many spiritual and educational activities have become formal and lack modern approaches calls for a new strategy in this area. Therefore, such activities should be conducted on a scientific basis, through systematic analysis and monitoring.

Directions for shaping the new spiritual space. Building a new spiritual space is a long-term strategic process that relies on the following principles:

- Systematic approach: ensuring close cooperation between the state, family, educational institutions, community, and the media;
- Modernity: effective use of digital technologies, social networks, and media tools;
- Scientific approach: analyzing and managing the spiritual environment based on sociological research;
- Harmony of national and universal values: integrating national traditions with global achievements in enlightenment;
- Youth engagement: improving mechanisms for working with young people to protect them from harmful ideologies and direct them toward constructive activity.





These directions strengthen spiritual harmony, national self-awareness, and patriotic spirit within society.

Spiritual security and personal perfection. In the era of globalization and the widespread use of information technologies, ensuring spiritual security has become more important than ever. Alien ideas and moral weaknesses transmitted through the Internet and mass media negatively influence the minds of young people. Therefore, it is crucial to:

- Increase information culture;
- Develop media literacy;
- Strengthen the spiritual immunity of youth.

The foundation of personal spiritual perfection lies in education, upbringing, creativity, and active social participation. The new spiritual space supports precisely these processes by fostering a favorable environment for moral and intellectual growth.

Conclusion. In the context of ongoing economic reforms, the spiritual renewal of society serves as the foundation for national development. To enhance the spiritual image of individuals and foster a sense of national pride and responsibility, attention should be given to the following areas:

- Developing scientifically grounded strategies in the field of spirituality;
- Integrating spiritual education within the systems of schooling, family, and community;
- Promoting positive ideas through creativity, art, and culture;
- Creating special programs to improve Internet culture and media literacy among youth.

The new spiritual space is not merely a theoretical concept but the cornerstone of New Uzbekistan's socio-spiritual progress. It ensures the striving of individuals for moral perfection, the preservation of national identity, and the sustainable development of society.

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