HUMAN ORIGINS AND NATIONAL FEATURES OF THE UZBEK ETHNIC CULTURE

Abstract: In given article national and universal human values inherent to the Uzbek people, in some legends, epics, national holidays, traditions and customs are considered.

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In the fundament of study of national and human features of ethnic culture, in our opinion, is advisable to put aesthetic value. The most significant aesthetic value in the Uzbek ethnic culture – a harmony of beauty and morality. The beauty, generosity, humanism are expressed in the Uzbek folk art as a unique aesthetic values. This can be seen in the oral folklore, folk songs and chants, folk proverbs and literary works.

Let’s refer to the well-known epos (dastan) of the "Alpamysh". Famous researcher K.Yuldashev writes: "For understanding the nation, we need to know its spirit. The epos (dastan) of the "Alpamysh" is an incredible work of art to express emotional, moral and aesthetic world of the Uzbek people. Because the work is extremely finely displayed peculiar to the Uzbek way of thinking, ways of upbringing and aesthetic comprehension of the world, the manner of decision making... In our opinion, in the spotlight of the dastan are problems of influence on the destiny of man such quality like ignorance. The piece is created not to the listener is made from the narrative the specific findings; this is large-scale, exciting and generalizing work. Indeed, the "Alpamysh" was not created, but retold or vocalized. Because feelings, sensations, emotions, peculiar characters of the dastan are in the blood of the great Turkic peoples. Spiritual exploits, moral feelings of the ancient representatives of the Turkic peoples, soaked with mother's milk for their children, worried about their souls, were on everyone's lips. And it was sung. It was necessary to chant the fate of the great hero - Alpamysh. And it was impossible not to sing" [1, 28]. But it was the chanting not for mere pastime, not just for fun, but the chanting of the great moral and aesthetic values, which occupies a special place in the soul and destiny of people.

Another aesthetic side of the national features of the Uzbek ethnic culture is the exaltation of beauty, nobility and courage as ideal. Whatever folk tale or dastan you have not taken, the main hero is always portrayed as a handsome man, endowed with courage and fearlessness. This noble dignity in the artistic-aesthetic image is transformed into a social ideal, which are equal to and sought by generations. In folklore, the beauty, the charm, the elegance of the main hero is depicted as somewhat exaggerated, hyperbolizing. This is expressed in relation to the hero, his superiority among all other characters, bringing him to the forefront of the narrative. In romantic dastans, tales and songs the image of the characters is beautiful, shapely, comely, and young men in love - fearless, courageous, selfless seeking their loved ones is the main artistic device. This beauty, kindness, charming grace, become the nobility of a person of the main character creates in the reader's eye a perfect image. In this way embodied the aspirations, the hopes, the ideal of the nation and its greatness.

It should also be noted that people in the aesthetic evaluation of beauty, kindness face and figure of a hero absolutely not charming by this
external portrait. External beauty is only a reflection of noble virtues, lofty goals. None of the characters
do not like their appearance, like Narcissus of the
Greek legend, are not separated from their
Motherland and its worries. Folk heroes of their
noble deeds, love of country and family, in the
devotional service of them create a socio-aesthetic
ideal.

National features of the Uzbek ethnic culture
are reflected in the national character. The Uzbek
national character, according to famous researcher
M.Kurano, consists almost of one thousand
qualities. "Each stage in the life of the nation leaves
its own trace in it character. The more long and
difficult the path, then the deeper it is reflected in the
features and character of the nation" [2, p.31]. These
positive qualities of national character can be found
in varying degrees in almost all forms and types of
folk culture. For example, the Navruz is aimed at
the glorification inherent in our people hard work, on
the formation of the youth labour skills; the “Gul sayli”
(“flower festival”), education of love to the native
nature, its beauty; “Kovun sayli” (“feast of melons”) –
on the chanting of the results of labor, which allows
people to enjoy the juicy fruits of their native land.
In the Navruz (one of the national holidays), the Uzbek
put on a festive table a variety of dried fruits and
other treats. On the festive table was definitely a big
bowl of water, where they had gathered the herbs.
This custom was hoped that the New Year will be
abundant water and crops. And in general, the basis
of all traditions of the Navruz is the only desire of the
people to the new year was high-yielding and
abundant. The great thinker of the East Omar
Khayyam in his book "Navruz-name" specially dedicated to this feast, wrote: "If everyone will
celebrate Navruz in joy and gladness, inevitably in the
new year until the next Navruz of his life will be
held in joy and gladness" [3, p.36].

Folk culture is durable thanks to the
combination therein of universal human values and
national features. It is a universal human origin turns
conservatism into the ethnic culture in a positive
reality. Traditions, traditional morality, politeness,
behavior in society, norms of existence, which is
deply rooted in the soul, the lifestyle and mentality
of the people and turned into historical and cultural
paradigm – no matter how conservative they may
seem to other cultures, if they are not against
humanity, not calling for killing, looting and
violence, can be evaluated positively. It's not deal
with that traditions are ancient, far behind the
modern life, stable, always recurring phenomenon.
Such traditions teach people to live in harmony and
peace with society, not to put their interests above the
interests of society. This, of course, a positive
phenomenon. However, if those traditions are contrary to universal values, deny them, prevent a
person to live freely and exercise their creative ideas,
it leads to negative and even tragic consequences.

Universal human origin in the Uzbek ethnic
culture – especially in its humane ideas, in the
expression of these ideas through artistic methods
and techniques. The exaltation of man, his beauty
and virtues, the formation of his needs to look to the
future with hope is a moral-aesthetic value of popular
culture.

Universal human values reflected in the ideas
and plots of literary works, is the friendly relations
and integration between peoples, nations and states.
Distribution of the dastan “Alpamysh” among all the
Turkic peoples, the presence in folklore of almost all nations of subjects, glorifying the friendship of
representatives of different nations, show that
national culture has always been influenced by the
ideas of integration. The isolationism was not typical
of folk cultures phenomenon, and international
relations and cooperation contributed to the ethnoco-cultural processes of human motives, themes,
aesthetic ideal [4, p.16].

Universal human aesthetic values in the Uzbek
culture are the result of cultural ties of the Uzbek
people with other fraternal peoples, especially
peoples of the Central Asia. The proximity of people
and their cultures visible not only in some subjects,
aesthetic images and ideals, but in the whole works,
folk songs, chants, games, and crafts. For example,
the dastan “Oshiq Garib va Shahsanam” (“Lover
Gharib and Shahsanam”) is present in the Uzbek, and
in the Turkmen oral folk art, “The Khorezm Iyazgi”
(dance) is with us, and the Azerbaijanis. Blue, green
paints in the ornament found in the Uzbek, the Tajik,
and the Kirghiz peoples. Red and octagonal patterns
of the Turkmen carpets are often used by the
Azerbaijanis and the Turks.

So, many artistic and aesthetic images and
stories in the Uzbek ethnic culture were formed in the
result of a long socio-historical development and
cultural integration. So, the peoples of our region,
without comments and translation understand the
culture, traditions and artistic and aesthetic thoughts,
ideas each other, to easily distinguish them from the
ethnic cultures of other peoples. Emotion and plain
mischievous songs, the grace of movements in dance,
the rich shades and patterns of the imitation of nature
when it comes to picking color, the epic and
polyrhythms in folklore, openness and syncretism of
cultural holidays and performances – this is art-aesthetic
originality of the culture of the peoples of our region.

On the formation of national and universal
human features of the Turkic ethnic culture
influenced by other factors, such as the natural-
geographical environment, the uniqueness of
lifestyle, social relations, and especially the
occupation of the ethnic group. These factors could
affect the socio-cultural life of man, nation and the
world. Therefore, in the culture of peoples living in
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different regions but with similar natural and geographical environment, a lot of similarity, proximity [5, p.38-41]. But we should not dwell an attention on the factors leading to the isolation of ethnic cultures. No matter how necessary philosophical study of facets of the national identity, of practical importance is also the identification of universal human values, the search for artistic and aesthetic means of the integrating of ethnic cultures.

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