

CHRISTIANITY AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE SPIRITUAL EDUCATION OF FUTURE TEACHERS

The article deals with current issues of spiritual education of students in the Christian faith. It is alleged that the national educational traditions were linked with the guidance of the clergy as the Ukrainians, from the time of the Christening of Rus, were faithful people.

Educating a versatile, fully developed, harmonious personality is possible, in our opinion, only in the presence of a strong basis which includes Faith, Love, and Kindness, those ideals that are inherent to Christianity.

However, nowadays Ukrainian national traditions, including faith, do not find an appropriate place in the process of educating young people, future teachers among them.

The education of future teachers should be implemented in compliance with the national, culturally appropriate, ethnicity directed process. It should be directed at value formation and perception of the world in all its «colors» through human values.

In addition, the state in its Basic Law declares that man's life, honor and dignity determine the nature and direction of the country. Provisions of the Constitution of Ukraine declared the right to freedom of religion. The same constitutional provisions indicate that the Church in Ukraine is separated from the state and the school – from the church.

Contrary to this rule, let us note the fact that in its essence and meaning neither the state nor the educational process can do without a comprehensive power of faith. The Church, as the house of God, gives mankind this faith, the Christian faith, with its tenets of good and justice, which in turn are taken by the theory of law and norms of positive law in our country. The state is not just a mechanism but primarily an association of people who are united by the common territory of residence, attitudes, perceptions of the environment, etc. Because of this, it is impossible to underestimate the role and importance of spirituality and faith in the establishment of those norms that are essential to society and the state law, as well as the principles of freedom, equality, and justice are implemented in daily life in accordance with the indications of the Fathers of the Church. These are the basic principles that create the foundation for future personality, towards the formation of which the process of education is directed.

The Church as an integral part of the community at all times has taken an active part in shaping the national strategy vector, and the religious factor, even in the most secular modern historical period, is taken into account when forming planetary solutions. That spiritual potential and features of its implementation form the intellectual, social, economic, environmental and even political directions of society.

The Ukrainian Orthodox moral tradition makes people think about the creation of ways and conditions for personal fulfillment. We consider in this context Christian values to be the most appropriate in the educational process.

In summary, we want to emphasize that it is possible to debate on the expediency or in expediency of joining religious institutions and their representatives to the process of education; however, it is evident that the spiritual component of education, based on Christian tradition, plays an undeniable role in the formation of an adequate personality. In our view, religious education should be skillfully combined with the processes of students' national education since spiritual education is impossible without a millennial tradition of Christianity in the territory of modern Ukraine. The Church and its Holy Fathers in effect give the public not only their own spiritual values, but also create favorable conditions for deep perception of those values, their transmission and assimilation by the younger generation.

Finally, we consider it necessary to indicate that today we require a combination of the efforts of the government and the Church in the formation of a new educational doctrine that will adequately reflect the needs of society taking into account the accumulated Christian traditions and serving the development of personality, the formation of civil society, democratic, legal and social state in Ukraine.

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