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**Annotation:** *The article discusses the importance of the idea of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in the development and progress of countries and, conversely, the decline of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in independent Uzbekistan and the work done in this direction. Also The essence of the categories "religious tolerance" and "interethnic harmony" in this article, the work done in Uzbekistan in the framework of the Action Strategy for 2017-2021 and the goals and objectives set in the Development Strategy for 2022-2026 analyzed.*

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It is known that the territory of Uzbekistan has been inhabited by different peoples and peoples with different cultures, languages, customs, and lifestyles, who believe in different religions. To date, representatives of 16 different religious denominations, 2,260 religious organizations, including 2,083 Islamic and 177 non-Islamic organizations, perform their prayers freely in the territory of Uzbekistan.

If we observe, there have been no ethnic or inter-religious problems and conflicts in this area for several thousand years. First of all, religious enlightenment and tolerance, inter-confessional cooperation are important in ensuring such harmony.

The territory of Uzbekistan was Islamized in the 8th century, and before Islam, about 10 religions lived together in this area. As a result of this, a culture of tolerance that has not been found anywhere in this region has been created for many years. The culture of tolerance means that representatives of different religious faiths live in the spirit of mutual friendship in a state of cooperation and solidarity based on the idea of nobility.

In fact, all religions are based on the ideals of goodness, rely on virtues such as goodness, peace, and friendship. For centuries, different religions have been educating the peoples based on what is good, what is bad, what is right and what is wrong.

In order to regularly inculcate the concept of religious tolerance in the consciousness of our people, it is necessary to study deeply the scientific problems related to Islamic theory and history, Islamic philosophy, jurisprudence, Islamic culture and ethics. The reason is that Islam, the youngest of the world's religions, has always called for a tolerant approach to all religions. Therefore, even after the establishment of Islam in our region, representatives of other religions performed



their prayers freely. A mosque, a church, a synagogue and other synagogues functioned at the same time. It is not difficult to understand how much Islam has called for peace and tolerance. As the first President said: "A Muslim child does not categorize one as an infidel and the other as a pious person... the reason is that it is God himself who judges his servant, not his servant." Therefore, it is not right for us to understand each other in vain and argue that I am a Muslim and you are an infidel."

Islam has always paid attention to human dignity and valued the rights, dignity, honor and rights of representatives of other religions. After all, religious tolerance and inter-ethnic harmony serve to prevent many conflicts. It is necessary to respect the wishes and beliefs of any person.

In the Islamic religion, special attention is paid to the issues of establishing freedom of belief and supporting religious tolerance. In the Holy Qur'an, there are several verses about the fact that God created people of different nationalities and peoples, and it is natural for them to differ from each other, but this cannot cause enmity, conflict and wars between them. In general, in hundreds of verses in more than fifty surahs of the Holy Qur'an, Muslims are encouraged to be faithful, peace-loving and tolerant towards representatives of other religions.

In the holy book of Islam, it is clearly stated that one's faith cannot be interfered with, that belief in religion is a personal matter of people, and it is referred to their conscience. It is said in the Holy Qur'an, "There is no compulsion in religion, because the right path is separated from the wrong path." From this verse, it can be seen that no one can force a person to convert to religion, Islam does not allow this, and this can be done only by the will of God. In addition, it is said in verse 118 of Surah "Khud": If our Lord had willed, He would have made (all) people one ummah (one religion).

To sum up, religious tolerance and values, first of all, envisages raising a well-rounded generation that understands its national identity based on rich historical and spiritual heritage, national value, customs and traditions, and has a worldview formed on the basis of universal values. The idea of tolerance has become important in the development of Uzbek society, and it calls everyone to be harmonious and treat each other with respect. That is why it is emphasized in Islam that relations with representatives of other religions should be built only on the principles of peace and tolerance. Our most important task today is to educate the growing young generation on the basis of religious and national values, to form in their hearts the spirit of patriotism, interreligious tolerance and interethnic harmony.

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