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## Social ethics and spiritual security: A brief outline

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### Abstract

During the transition period of Mongolian society, i.e. the transition from a socialist system to a market social relationship, there were many changes in our spiritual environment and social consciousness. When entering a new social relationship, citizens did not have clear mental preparation, and the process of adapting to the newly formed situation was very difficult and long-term. Due to the long-term continuation, social ethics, national consciousness, and emotional environment were greatly damaged. The “crisis, which continues to be at a certain level today, makes a scientific conclusion and corrects this process of defining the” crisis, determines the direction of future development at the level of public policy, and pays attention to ensuring spiritual security, which is the main pillar of the country's independence and socio-economic development. Has become one of the pressing problems in today's society.

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### Introduction

The process of human development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century continues to show that ethical, personal moral values, moral consciousness, and moral issues in social life are becoming more and more important. In the fast-paced conditions of social and political relations, the criteria for the security of peoples, solving the problem of world peace, the fate of civilization, responsibility and freedom in society, are the criteria for the spiritual development of mankind and individuals at home and on the international stage of the country.

These and other spiritual-ethical changes in society are evident in the social development of Mongolia, its institutions aimed at society, society, economy, and politics, along with the household foundations of the country's citizens. Such changes are taking place in a very unique and sensitive way due to the characteristics of the development of Mongolian civilization, its national values, and national character.

Deep changes in the social life and activities of Mongolians in many fields are clearly visible in our social ethics and spiritual environment, and the fair conclusion given by foreign and domestic researchers to study this situation is the assessment of “crisis, or to put it mildly, transition. Mongolia's social ethics, sudden spiritual degradation and social inactivity of the population, the introduction of questionable values into people's ethics and spiritual space, which leads our country to the negative trend of becoming a backward, corrupt and weak country in the world is directed towards.

### 1. Spiritual Plain

The above-mentioned situations are a real analysis and conclusion of spiritual phenomena such as moral consciousness and ethical status in the current environment of Mongolian reality, as well as their future development direction, and determine the level of spiritual security of individuals, society, and even the country. As a researcher, I believe that there is an urgent need to clarify the role of these factors in the future development of the country and the quality of life of our children.

**Firstly, we must ask the question:** Why is it necessary to analyze social ethics and spiritual consciousness? the real independence, social and economic development of the country

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cannot be ensured without the freedom of civil society, democracy, morality, ethics and strong spiritual foundation (Arnoldov AI, 1992) <sup>[1]</sup>.

Second, at the same time as the beginning of the new era of the market society, various ideological currents that clearly contradict our values, national civilization, and ethics in the social psychology and spiritual environment of Mongolians, and whose future consequences are likely to have significant consequences, have entered in large numbers, and negative effects are increasing. The stability of the development of our society is highly dependent on how resistant the basic values of citizens' spirituality and ethics are to external negative influences and how well they maintain their national spiritual consciousness.

Thirdly, during the transition of a certain period of Mongolian social life, the process of moving away from the values and ideologies of our previous society and accepting the current reality in our spiritual space was complicated and difficult. In this situation, national consciousness will be the basic factor for society and individuals to protect and preserve their Mongolian civilization.

Fourth, many different negative ideologies and cultural currents that are penetrating from outside in various ways are not processed in the spiritual environment and reviewed from a critical point of view.

Fifth, the research and resolution of the violations accumulated in the ethical and spiritual environment of our society, and the deep and far-sighted research and analysis of its future development, have been extremely lacking at the policy level.

## 2. Clarification

As a researcher, allow me to clarify one's ideas about the above-mentioned problems. We removed previous social values in the 1990s, but so far, we have not created anything new. Until now, we do not see the spiritual values that will positively affect the national consciousness and advance the development of society.

From the moment Mongolian society steps on the threshold of the third millennium, it sees multifaceted and deep changes covering all areas of social life in history and goes through a difficult period of transition. In these 30 years, changes in the basic social institutions such as politics and economy took place in our society, and deep changes took place in our minds. Unfortunately, these changes took place as an ethical and spiritual crisis.

Unemployment, alcoholism, moral decline of the population, loss of confidence in the future, inactivity of life, corruption in government institutions, bureaucracy, and the deterioration of justice among certain groups in society, the influence of external soft power policies and strong cultural waves of attacks took place, and basically, we were not ready. All this has caused great damage to the spiritual environment of Mongolians. The question of whether this dark period has passed is still open today and difficult to answer. Is the period of social ethics and spiritual decline still going on today? The bold and honest character of the Mongols, who expressed the greatness of the nomadic warrior dynasty, has faded even more, and they are divided into small quarrels, who are weak, chasing entertainment, permeated with gullibility, and divided by petty quarrels. There are many alarming questions about whether the herd mentality is turning into a small people dominated by it. Is this moral degradation among our population still an

integral part of our society, and we cannot get out of this path, and it continues to enter our spiritual level and lead to the opposite trend of social development?

## 3. Mongolia's Society Dynamic

Many of these questions express that today it is time to pay special attention to the issues of ethics and spiritual security in Mongolian society at the level of government policy (U Khurelsukh, 2021) <sup>[3]</sup>. Otherwise, the unique spiritual culture and fire of Mongolians will be extinguished and our country will face the danger of extinction. Social ethics and spiritual security are two concepts related to the umbilical cord. These two concepts cannot be understood separately from each other. Under the concept of mental security, it is necessary to make proper and active arrangements for the consciousness and worldview of the main subjects participating in social life, thereby creating an operational system to reliably ensure and protect the vital interests of their lives. For this purpose, there is a need to define and develop the sequence of government policies, activities, implementation programs, and strategic directions to ensure the spiritual security of individuals, communities, and society in accordance with the current situation. First of all, it is essential to correctly identify the external and internal factors affecting the current social situation.

Today, many citizens of our country need to reconsider their social values and pay attention to how they are compatible with the current development process of society. However, as a result of neglecting the consciousness, spirit, and thinking of our citizens without any protection, in the last 3 decades, foreign ideologies have entered our country strongly, the spiritual immunity of citizens has weakened significantly, and "has become fragile."

On the one hand, it is difficult for our citizens to be realistic in the situation where the external and internal factors affecting our minds and the positive and negative conditions of social changes are diverse depending on the individual, and on the other hand, the methods and tools that affect people's consciousness are highly developed, and the individual The technology of operations to destroy and destabilize the mind and remove the unique characteristics of the individual from its consciousness is highly developed it was necessary to note that it is widely used by the powerful powers in many different ways.

While Mongolia is struggling to find a way to develop the patriotism of its citizens and strengthen the national consciousness, the "individuals who make up the social groups that are basically an integral part of the society are manifested" and the spiritual flow of the majority mass is likely to be managed internally by some political force, and the most dangerous is by external factors happened. The conclusion from this is that the spiritual security of our society has become fragile, and it can be concluded that external and internal situations that pose a threat to individuals and society have actually arisen (Durnovo SI, 2007) <sup>[5]</sup>. In our country, the policy of external soft power is actively carried out through the media and electronic media through the social world. For example, according to some of the topics of controversy among users on social media networks, there are many cases where it seems that there is a group of people who deliberately and systematically carry out actions that harm national unity and divide the nation.

Also, it is necessary for the government to organize work to limit and further ban religious heresies that are freely

operating in our country and are prohibited in foreign countries, and law enforcement agencies should carry out it in the near future. This is not an attack on the freedom of religion of its citizens, but an activity aimed at the well-being of future generations to protect the spiritual space from the harmful effects of wrong ideology.

In Article 1.2.1 of the National Security Concept of Mongolia, “The active activity of every citizen of Mongolia who is proud of their national values, who loves, protects and develops them, and who strives to contribute to the future well-being of their country, is national security. It is stated that it will be the basis of policies and activities to ensure the situation.

It can be seen from this that the issue of social ethics and spiritual security is related to policies and activities to ensure national security. So, the time has come for us to implement the work of ensuring social ethics and spiritual security at the level of public policy realistically and creatively. Why? Permit me to clarify that idea.

#### 4. Conflict

A few years have passed since the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the English professor Colin Gray, an international strategic theorist and famous researcher, predicted that the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be an era of war no less than the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The “political connections that determine the nature of war” have not changed at all even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and “believed that the possibility of war between powerful powers still exists today, and that such a situation is already emerging.

A clear example of the correctness of Colin Gray's prediction is the geopolitical Atlantic theory and Eurasian theoretical conflict between Russia and the United States and NATO, which has been expressed in the Russian-Ukrainian war in Europe since February 2022, and the Middle East, which began in October 2023. It can be seen from the conflict between citizenships expressed by the Israeli-Hamas armed conflict. The range of these wars is expanding and new players are increasing. Therefore, it is clear that the war will continue in various forms in the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The fact that the “war problems taking place around the world are related to social ethics and spiritual security is a deep change in the nature of modern war. The traditional understanding of war has changed, and the war has shifted to many types, such as “mixed” or hybrid, economic, information-technological, and spiritual. Gone are the days when military attacks and weapons were used to occupy a country. The desire to occupy the country has entered a completely new way. For example, it has been some time since spiritual warfare was implemented in the form of soft power policy in the world

One of the main factors that weaken and degrade the country is to degrade the country's social ethics, destroy spiritual values, and divide unity. Any country in this situation is destined to become a “soft food for a foreign country.

We can clearly see from the current reality that most of the great powers have started to implement the doctrine of Lord Chinggis Khan's “Occupying His Soul and Occupying Everything” at the level of state policy.

The clear conclusion that emerges from this is that in the current situation, what is as important to security as external, internal and military factors is social ethics and

spiritual security.

“Article 3.1 of the National Security Law of Mongolia” National Security “means the guaranteed provision of favorable external and internal conditions to ensure the national interests of Mongolia.

Article 3.2 of the law “National interests” includes the independence and territorial integrity of Mongolia, the existence of the Mongolian people and civilization, national unity, guaranteed provision of human rights and freedoms, stable economy, and ecological balance. Including development. Article 1.1.5 of the concept of national security of Mongolia “Mongolia's national security will be guaranteed by ensuring the interconnected security of the state, society and citizens of Mongolia. In 1.1.6, “National history, language, culture, heritage, and customs are preserved and developed as the basis of the existence of the Mongolian nation and vital immunity. (Parliament, Law on National Security of Mongolia, 2001)

Based on the ideas of the above legal documents, spiritual security is formulated as follows. In:

“Mental security is the protection of the vital spiritual interests of the state, society and the individual, and it is a system of social subject relations that provides the right spiritual development and favorable spiritual conditions of the society”.

As a country, individuals, society, and state governance structures should be involved in the further development of national culture, citizenship, and heritage that have been handed down for hundreds of years, and conditions for further development should be ensured (Zolzaya, 2016) [6]. In this way, the dynamics and continuity of social development will reach the positive views, leadership image/ideal/, values, heritage and norms that will affect the society. Since the national security of a country begins with the safety of its people in that society, government activities should be in line with the interests of its members or people.

#### Conclusion

According to the results of scientists' research, 207 countries existed from the beginning of the new generation one-nation state system in 1826 to 2000. During this period, 66 countries existed and became extinct. This means that 32 percent or a third of all countries in the world today are gone. 75 percent of those 66 countries, or 50 countries, which are three-quarters of them, have been destroyed by being defeated or occupied by neighboring countries.

These non-existent countries were destroyed not only by military attacks, but also by other influences and violence.

Social ethics and spiritual security play a special role in the security and independence of countries. The painful history of extinct countries shows that one of the important factors to protect and preserve the country is undoubtedly the above two factors.

All countries choose and implement security strategies tailored to their respective situations because survival is considered the most important value.

Therefore, we also have no choice but to immediately formulate and define a strategic policy to ensure and implement social ethics and spiritual security, which is one of the foundations and pillars of the country's existence, and to actively work in this field at the level of individuals, organizations, and the state.

It is believed that delaying further is a danger for the country.

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