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The Wisdom of Navoi as a Source of Education

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Abstract: The works of the great poet and scientist Alisher Navoi are the object of research not only in literary studies and linguistics, but also in the fields of pedagogy. Because the main theme of Navoi's literary heritage is personal perfection, and this issue is also the highest goal of pedagogy. Therefore, there is a lot of knowledge that pedagogues should learn from Navoi in the education of a perfect person. This article discusses the important role of wisdom from the works of Alisher Navoi in the education of the young generation. It is explained with examples that the topics of education and morals are reflected in wisdom on various topics.

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1. Introduction

At the moment, ensuring the morals, psychological stability, and purity of the spiritual world of young students is gaining urgency. Therefore, almost all the countries of the world are trying to protect the growing young generation from the various negative consequences of the rapid globalization processes and the unlimited international information space. There is no doubt that every nation relies on its long-standing traditions and customs, as well as its rich literary heritage. Today, pedagogues and parents are entrusted with such a responsible task. In fact, Uzbekistan has long taught the young generation in every way; has paid special attention to education as a mature person both spiritually and physically.

In particular, for the formation of the young generation as a spiritually mature person, they made good use of examples of folk art and, of course, the works of the country's great scholars. The cultivation of spiritual maturity in the younger generation necessitates an all-encompassing strategy that incorporates the contributions of eminent intellectuals within a nation and folk art [1]. This method emphasizes the value of spiritual care and relational spirituality practice inside educational institutions and society, which is crucial for the holistic development of young people [2,3]. A person's identity is greatly influenced by their spiritual core, which fosters stability and maturity in a variety of spheres [4]. Additionally, studies have demonstrated the importance of spiritual exploration for youth wellbeing [5].

The importance of spiritual disciplines is stressed in relation to spiritual growth as a means of addressing moral shortcomings and raising up morally upright leaders within societies [6]. This emphasizes how important it is to include spiritual principles and values in educational systems in order to promote spiritual development [7].

This analysis endeavors to dissect the philosophical insights encapsulated within the wisdom of Alisher Navoi. It is evident that Navoi's sagacity transcends mere literary appreciation, assuming the mantle of a comprehensive compendium of societal ethos and human experience within the nation. His literary corpus serves as an encompassing

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Copyright: © 2024 by the authors. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution- 4.0 International License (CC - BY 4.0) repository, addressing a wide spectrum of existential inquiries, moral quandaries, and ethical considerations. Across diverse thematic terrains, Navoi's aphorisms resonate, encapsulating timeless truths and enduring principles that navigate the complexities of human existence. Thus, Navoi's oeuvre stands as an indispensable reservoir, offering profound insights into the multifaceted tapestry of life.

The wise words of the great thinker and poet Alisher Navoi reflect not only the wisdom of the Uzbek people, but also the wisdom of various peoples, and have become important in the education of young people. In today's progressive society, the role of the wisdom of the great poet is very important in the country's noble work of improving the spiritual maturity of the young generation and educating them on the basis of universal human values. Uzbekistan's great poet is a mature statesman with deep knowledge, a broad outlook, and great life experience. Therefore, in the poet's wisdom, the thoughts about the meaning of life, human and life, good and evil, love and hate, honest and forbidden, death and survival, elegance and grace, friendship and enmity, religiousness and betrayal are perfect. We will witness that he clearly, succinctly and impressively stated.

2. Method

The analysis of Alisher Navoi's poetry in this study takes a multifaceted approach, drawing on techniques from structural analysis, description, interpretation, and comparison. Whereas interpretation looks for deeper meanings and sociocultural settings, description lists important themes and stylistic components. By contrasting Navoi's writings with other literary works, comparison highlights his own contributions and influences. Structure-based analysis breaks into formal components such as rhyme and meter. By employing these techniques, the study seeks to provide a thorough examination of Navoi's poetry, delving into its artistic merits, cultural relevance, and subject diversity.

3. Results and Discussion

There are more than a thousand wise words of Hazrat Navoi, and they cover all aspects of life. Poetry of Hazrat Alisher Navoi, like "Farhod and Shirin," addresses a range of 15th-century topics and subjects [8]. His writings, which place a strong emphasis on moral behavior and sage counsel, have aided in the Uzbek peoples' spiritual growth [9]. The spiritual riches that Navoi has created are derived from a rich historical development [10]. His statements, such as "Paradise is at the feet of mothers," also convey a regard for mothers that is ageless [11]. Navoi's works exhibit themes of principality and patriotism, demonstrating a strong bond with one's country and sense of pride in it [12]. Moreover, Navoi's reflections on perfection are consistent with the goals that Middle Eastern intellectuals pursue in regards to the ideal of the flawless person [13].

When viewed in its whole, Alisher Navoi's body of work is comparable to an encyclopedia of life. Navoi carefully examines a broad range of existential subjects in his writings, including basic human ideals, emotions, virtues, and vices. Navoi's knowledge is global since it cuts over all boundaries—temporal, geographical, sectarian, religious, social, and political [14]. In fact, his observations hold true in a variety of situations, highlighting their inherent worth and continued relevance. Navoi's body of work therefore bears witness to the ageless and ubiquitous character of the human experience.

The wise poet writes about the role of parents in a child's life and the duties and obligations of a child towards parents:

Ista ato yoʻlida fido jon qilmoq, Qulluq anogʻa ham ulcha imkon qilmoq, Zuhri adab istasang farovon qilmoq, Bil oni ato – anogʻa ehson qilmoq. [15] That is: "Always be ready to sacrifice your life for your father, respect your mother as much as you can. Consider doing good to your parents as a condition for your prosperity in the hereafter."

In this wisdom, the poet expresses the immeasurable love of a parent who gives a sweet life to their child. Every child should be ready to give his life for his father; He emphasizes that he should show infinite respect for a kind and virtuous mother. He says that honoring parents from a young age and always being at their service is the way for a child to achieve happiness in both worlds.

The wisdom of Hazrat Navoi given below talks about how a person can get his place in society:

Xo'b el bila suhbat tutubon xo'b o'lg'il, Yaxshini talab qilg'ilu matlub o'lg'il, Shirin so'z ila xalqqa marg'ub o'lg'il, Yumshoq de hadisingni-yu, mahbub o'lg'il. [15]

That is: "Be with good people and be good yourself. Always seek the conversation of good people, and be nice to others yourself. Win people's hearts with your sweet words, speak politely, be loved" - these are clear and reasonable thoughts.

In fact, the wise poet pointed out that it is the greatest of human virtues, a simple truth, to be able to find the right way to the heart of every human being by virtue of being with good people: goodness, sweetness, pleasantness, gentleness. will pass.

In contemporary society, there is a growing recognition of the significance of integrating the profound insights of revered poets, such as Hazrat, into the pedagogical framework aimed at nurturing individuals towards the attainment of moral and intellectual excellence. This educational endeavor is portrayed as a meticulous and enduring process, characterized by a steadfast commitment to instilling universal human values within the younger generation. Exposure to the wisdom articulated by Hazrat imparts a sense of enlightenment and emotional resonance, evoking a profound sense of warmth and illumination within the individual. Such encounters with Hazrat's teachings are often perceived as transformative moments, akin to the discovery of a long-sought solution to an intricate puzzle.

We pay attention to the following wise words of the great poet:

Uch qismila iymongʻa bino fahm ayla, Avvalgʻisini aning hayo fahm ayla, Ikkinchisini dagʻi vafo fahm ayla, Uchunchini bilmasang, saxo fahm ayla. [16]

That is: "Consider the building of faith as consisting of three parts: the first is modesty, the second is loyalty, and the third is generosity." - says the great poet.

According to Hazrat Navoi, the cultivation of virtues such as modesty, loyalty, and generosity is indispensable in the quest for spiritual perfection. Navoi emphasizes that individuals aspiring towards perfection must embody traits characterized by politeness, gentleness, imagination, intelligence, and thoughtfulness. These virtues, when combined with a veil of modesty [17], faithfulness, loyalty [16], kindness, and honor, are regarded as essential attributes on the path to achieving excellence. Navoi employs the metaphor of a cloud to illustrate the boundless generosity [16] expected from individuals striving for perfection, underscoring the significance of selflessness and magnanimity in this pursuit.

In Navoi's wisdom, the call to acquire knowledge and profession is leading:

Donish tilayu, har sori gar ketgaysan, Hifz aylamasang, varaq yigʻib netgaysen, Saʻy aylaki, hifzi ganjigʻa yetgaysen, Yoʻq ulki, kutub sa'y ila jam etgaysen. [18]

That is: "No matter where you go, be on the verge of learning, but it's better to store the treasure of knowledge in your memory than to drop a book, so try not to collect books, but to keep them in your memory," advises the poet. He also expresses his thoughts about the need to diligently acquire knowledge:

- 1) no matter where you are, be on the verge of learning;
- 2) keep the book for learning, not for collecting;
- 3) store the treasure (secrets) of knowledge in your memory;
- 4) try to keep knowledge in your mind.

The acquisition and mastery of knowledge, particularly from an early age, necessitates diligent and sustained effort. Diligence in study and rigorous application of learned concepts are essential for the retention and integration of knowledge into one's cognitive framework. This iterative process not only enhances cognitive development but also minimizes the need for excessive accumulation of educational resources. Extensive reading is imperative, but the retention, review, and augmentation of acquired knowledge are equally crucial. Such endeavors contribute significantly to personal growth and intellectual refinement. The adage 'knowledge is power' underscores the intrinsic value of continuous learning and its transformative potential. Moreover, the poet underscores the importance of cultivating holistic human qualities alongside intellectual pursuits as a pathway to achieving personal perfection. Through his literary works, the poet elucidates the symbiotic relationship between self-cultivation, scholarly endeavors, and professional mastery, serving as a paragon of these principles throughout his lifetime. Thus, it can be inferred that the pursuit of intellectual maturity constituted the poet's ultimate aspiration.

The following wisdom confirms our opinion:

Kamol et kasbkim, olam uyidin Sanga farz o'lmag'ay g'amnok chiqmoq. Jahondin notamom o'tmak biaynih, Erur hammomdin nopok chiqmoq.

That is: Try to reach maturity so that you cannot pass from this world sad (ignorant and morally impure). To pass without improvement (without becoming intelligent and virtuous, wise) is like entering a bath and leaving without washing - he expressed his thoughts with a wonderful metaphor.

The esteemed poet underscores the attainment of intellectual and vocational excellence as the epitome of human perfection. Central to this pursuit is diligent labor, which serves as the foundational pillar for scaling the summit of achievement. Throughout one's lifespan, the aspiration for perfection and the cultivation of spiritual maturity are emphasized as essential endeavors. The sagacious poet delineates pathways towards achieving the status of a perfected individual within their distinctive literary oeuvre. These pathways necessitate engagement in the triadic activities of reading, listening, and action, thereby facilitating the realization of personal growth and fulfillment.

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, it should be noted that in the process of education, it is an urgent issue to develop and implement innovative methods for effective use of not only Navoi's works and wise words, but also the works of other representatives of classical literature. In this regard, we would suggest such methods as developing sample lessons on Navoi's works, preparing handouts, slides and videos, as well as live dialogues with Navoi scholars and poets and organizing traveling classes. In addition, the creation of mobile applications for studying Navoi's works, various didactic and developmental games, and animation materials in cooperation with literary scientists, pedagogues and IT specialists can also bring positive results.

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