

TOLERANCE – MORAL PHENOMENON OF THE AGE OF OPEN SOCIETY

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The article reveals the essence of tolerance, as a social phenomenon, shows the importance of tolerance as a moral factor in the interaction of people in the workforce, in the organization of human relations in society. The basis of tolerance is the recognition of the right to difference, while tolerance does not mean indifference to any negative views. For a clearer approach to the problem of tolerance, the author provides a typology of tolerance by the socio-political spheres (gender, age, education, ethnic, inter-religious, political, physiological et al.). Tolerance is a basic value of an open society; it is based on legal principles, moral and ethical standards.

Criticality and tolerance are claimed to be features of the human spirit and behaviour, which do not exclude but complement each other. Thus, perfect tolerance and ideal criticism in modern democratic society should

coexist as two manifestations of the inherent real human freedom focused on the process of social development.

Therefore, for the effective implementation of socio-political transformations of a democratic type, it is important for political leader to comprehend tolerance in different directions and manifestations.

The research revealed the need to study tolerance as a social phenomenon, to ensure stability and inter-ethnic peace, which largely depends on the community of non-governmental organizations and international organizations, where the phenomenon of tolerance is the basic foundation of bringing people of different traditions and cultures in harmony to save cooperation for peace and protect human civilization for progress as claimed in authoritative spiritual sources (Bible, Koran, Torah and others).