

## **Issues of Society Development in the Zoroastrian Religion**

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**Abstract:** In this article, the issues of social protection of the family in the "Zoroastrianism" religion are discussed. The article focuses on the role of the family in society, women's issues, strong social policy, and issues of social protection. Conclusions on strengthening social protection of the family are also given.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

"Zoroastrianism" It is a religion that arose in Central Asia in the BC III-II- millennia. It is the religion that has directly and indirectly influenced humanity the most compared to all other religions. He condemns unnecessary bloody sacrifices, military conflicts, and wars of aggression, and encourages people to live a settled, peaceful life, to work, to engage in farming and animal husbandry. Considers trying to improve material life as a fight against evil. In the Zoroastrian religion, a person who opens a protected land and turns it into a garden is praised. On the other hand, those who destroy gardens, plantations, and irrigation facilities will commit a great sin. Zoroaster teaches people to live peacefully and work honestly. The basis of Zoroastrianism is that the universe is built on the basis of the struggle of opposites: the eternal struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, life and death. All good things are created by Ahura-Mazda and all bad things by Ahriman. Ahura-Mazda tells people good deeds and orders them to follow them, calls them to refrain from bad deeds. In Zoroastrianism, faith is based on three things: purity of thoughts, stability of words, humanity of actions. The noble ideas of the holy book of this religion "Avesta" will live forever. "It's been 3000 thousand years since the creation of our venerable, ancient manuscript "Avesta".

### **The main part.**

This rare book is the spiritual and historical legacy of our ancestors who lived on this land between two rivers 30 centuries ago. "Avesta" is a historical document that testifies to the existence of a great state, great spirituality, and great culture in this ancient country, and no one can deny it", [1] it is not for nothing. In this religion, a lot of attention is paid to issues of social support of the family. Here comes the question of what is social protection. Social protection is a set of legal, economic and social measures that ensure social and material protection of the country's population and are established in society. Social protection is not only the use of people materially, but the ideas of humanity and justice are at its core. In order to protect against the influence of various information flows into our society today, it remains urgent to mediate and publicize the issue of the thousand-year-old family and its protection in our society.

Analysis of the literature on the topic It is known that the family is the main fortress of the society. The stronger the family, the stronger the foundation of our country and future. If there is stability in families, there will be stability in society and the state. Stability in the family depends not only on socio-economic, but also on spiritual and moral factors. The family has been considered sacred in the peoples of the East since ancient times. Strengthening the position of the family as the foundation of society, strengthening its social role, ensuring its economic well-being, and raising its spiritual and

cultural level is considered a very serious matter. Today, the fate of the family in our country has risen to the level of a political and social event of state importance, and consistent practical work on family issues has begun. Since the first years of our independence, family issues have been raised to the level of state policy, and the material and moral ground is being created for this.

Strong social policy is one of the most important directions of democratic reforms implemented in the Republic. Social and economic interests of the individual can be realized, and the well-being of families and citizens can be ensured only through social policy. Of course, improving the living conditions of the population and every member of the society, expanding the opportunities for education, strengthening their health, increasing the capacity to participate in socially useful work as a workforce is one of the priorities of the social policy of our state. In this sense, the first and main task of ensuring the protection of the population is related to the development of a person, raising his position and prestige in the family and society. Therefore, the humanity of the society is evaluated not by how high the country's economic potential is, but by how this potential is directed for the comfortable living and comprehensive development of everyone.

The book "Avesta" is one of the first foundations of our spirituality. The religious and secular, socio-economic, spiritual-educational, and worldviews derived from it are of great importance. In the book "Avesta" the ideas calling for truth, justice, humanity, patriotism, and purity related to all aspects of spirituality have been vividly expressed. Also, in this book, building a strong family, raising a healthy offspring, raising children to be perfect human beings, family and family education, family issues of social protection are also given great importance. After all, studying the historical experiences of our ancestors in this regard, comprehensive social protection of all citizens in the society is an urgent issue even today. Currently, improving the social security system is one of the most urgent issues in the context of democratic reforms. Because all socio-economic reforms carried out in the country are for people. After all, in our country, the principle "For the State-Human" is becoming a priority goal. Therefore, social protection is aimed at the low-income segment of the population that cannot compete in the labor market: low-income families, the unemployed, disabled people, children, students, the elderly, the disabled, and those who have lost their breadwinners. Today, the implementation of legal, socio-economic and organizational measures guaranteed and implemented by the state in order to ensure a decent life for the population, i.e., material support in accordance with the standards of the modern stage of the development of society, and the free development of a person, is one of the highest goals of the state policy. is one.

"The issue of social protection is one of the important tasks of our country today, which is building a just civil society. At the same time, this phenomenon is not new in the life of our society. In our oldest written sources, "Avesta", calling people to work, activity, and mutual harmony, based on its three golden rules, calling people to do only good things, and refraining from evil and disunity became a series of important rules in the life of our ancestors."[2]

Zoroastrian asked Ahura Mazda, "What will you give to the household of Serfarzand?" When asked, he answers: "I will take such people under my protection." That is why wealthy families and pregnant women are socially protected by the community. Families with many children were given allowances from the state treasury, and women who gave birth to 2-3 children at once were given benefits and rewarded with a cow or a yellow camel.[3]

In the Zoroastrian religion, faith is based on the following three foundations: 1) purity of thought; 2) stability of the word; 3) humanity of actions. In Zoroastrian religion, there are issues of being kind to orphans and widows, being hospitable, being tolerant of people of other religions, envying one's good deeds, and abstaining from hard-earned income. Also, in the "Yasht" section of the "Avesta" book..."I will remove hunger and thirst from the creatures created by Mazda; turn the infirmity of old age and death away from the form of Mazda; "The warm wind and the cold body will fly away from Mazda's world for a thousand years" as living values of humanity and family play an important role in the history of society.

## Result and discussion

Zoroastrian religion issues of family and marriage and child rearing In Zoroastrianism special care for pregnant women was introduced. Men were required to take special care of women, to take care of the fetus before birth and after birth. This requirement was applied even to domestic dogs. In it, the ideas of love, family, marriage, and having many children help to solve the current demographic problems. In the Zoroastrian religion, killing a fetus out of wedlock (abortion) is punishable by death. Especially today, we can see that the death of a child or not giving birth is one of the problems in some countries. However, in this religion, a man who is married and lives with his wife is valued. Young men and women who refused to marry were severely punished. "In Avesta philosophy, man is described as the most honorable creature created by God. Friendship, goodness, mutual respect should be the law of people's life" [4], it is said.

The speed of development depends in many ways on the strength of the family. The level of development of the society is clearly reflected in the family. That is why the issues of man, family and marriage have always been one of the main problems of science and education and state policy. Zarathustra, a great sage and religious reformer of his time, humanized the attitude towards family life. "Love is a torch that lights your way," says Zarathustra. These thoughts allow people to distinguish good from evil. Faithful people are certainly on the side of goodness.

In addition, thoughts aimed at improving the social condition of the people are also stated. In this teaching, the basis of Zoroastrian ethics is good thoughts, good words and good deeds. It is necessary to follow these three beliefs together. We can see that these noble ideas of Zoroastrianism are in harmony with the principles of "Human rights and freedoms are above all else", that is, "The state is for the human being", which is being established in modern Uzbekistan.

## Summary

Today, women, who make up more than 17 million members of our society, have always worked together with men to create material and spiritual blessings. The Vendidot part of "Avesta", which consists mainly of prose narratives, describes in detail the preservation of family integrity, marriage procedures, the obligation of the spouses, the reason and conditions for annulment of marriage. Ahuramazda says: "O Spitamon Zarathustra! I respect men with families more than brave men without families. Whoever financially helps a young man who has reached the age of majority to get married, I will reward him in this world and in the next." As it can be seen, it makes one happy that such attention was paid to family protection even three thousand years ago.

At this point, I should note that fully realizing the rights and interests of every family in our country, creating decent living conditions for them, ensuring the balance of family relations, increasing family well-being, in short, with all-round support for the institution of the family, consistent and is to achieve sustainable development.

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