

THE ARTISTIC, SOCIAL, AND PHILOSOPHICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE THEME OF DILIGENCE IN G‘AFUR G‘ULOM’S POETRY

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Abstract: *This article provides a comprehensive analysis of the artistic, social, and philosophical aspects of the theme of diligence in the poetic heritage of G‘afur G‘ulom, a prominent representative of 20th-century Uzbek literature. The study examines the intrinsic connection between the concept of labor and human dignity, spiritual maturity, and social development as reflected in the poet’s works, based on scientific and theoretical approaches. In the course of the research, the moral and educational significance of the idea of diligence expressed in G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry is revealed.*

Keywords: *G‘afur G‘ulom, diligence, poetry, artistic thinking, social responsibility, spirituality.*

INTRODUCTION

G‘afur G‘ulom occupies a distinctive place in 20th-century Uzbek literature as a creator who successfully combined realistic thinking, deep social views, and a spirit of humanism. In his poetic works, such important concepts as human beings, society, labor, time, and responsibility are presented as central themes. In particular, the theme of diligence stands out as one of the leading ideas in the poet’s oeuvre and is interpreted as a fundamental factor that determines the meaning of human life. For G‘afur G‘ulom, labor is not merely a means of satisfying material needs but a force that leads a person toward spiritual maturity. The poet emphasizes that through labor, an individual attains self-awareness, secures a *достойное* place in society, and looks toward the future with confidence. Therefore, diligence is glorified in his poems as a moral and social value. The main purpose of this article is to scientifically analyze the artistic expression, social content, and educational significance of the theme of diligence in G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetic works.

METHODS

In G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry, labor is depicted as the driving force of life. The poet regards labor as an inseparable part of human existence and presents it as a defining characteristic of positive characters. Images of working individuals in his works are portrayed as resilient, determined, and goal-oriented personalities. By depicting labor through artistic imagery, the poet harmonizes it with real-life truth. What matters is not the labor process itself but one’s attitude toward it. According to G‘afur G‘ulom, only a person who performs labor with love

can achieve true happiness and satisfaction. For instance, in the poem “*Autumn Has Come*”, the poet can be seen encouraging his compatriots to engage in labor:

*Trellises are treasures of rubies and agates,
Forty-five kinds of grapes hang in clusters.
Do not perish, O sweet-handed, toiling gardener,
Live on, O homeland entwined with gardens.*

RESULTS

In G‘afur G‘ulom’s works, diligence is closely connected with moral virtues. The poet depicts a diligent individual as honest, patient, and responsible, while laziness, indifference, and negligence are criticized as negative traits that hinder social progress. Labor is perceived as a means of enriching a person’s inner world. Through the process of labor, an individual shapes their character, gains life experience, and reaches spiritual maturity. In this respect, G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry possesses significant educational value, fostering the spirit of diligence among the younger generation.

ANALYSIS

In G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry, labor transcends the scope of individual activity and acquires a social dimension. The poet presents labor as the fundamental pillar of societal development. Through labor, individuals ensure not only their own well-being but also the prosperity of society as a whole. The idea of diligence in the poet’s works is also closely linked with the concept of patriotism. Serving the homeland and working selflessly for the benefit of the people are interpreted as lofty values in G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry, clearly reflecting the social orientation of his creative work. Furthermore, the theme of labor in G‘afur G‘ulom’s oeuvre is presented in close connection with the concept of time. The poet considers time the most precious wealth and emphasizes that it can only be made meaningful through labor. Wasting time leads to an unproductive life, whereas diligence makes life fruitful. These views emerge as a life philosophy throughout his poetic heritage. This aspiration for labor is vividly reflected in the following lines:

*Once again its path spreads wide, never tiring in the races,
Lion-chested, iron-hoofed, the dark bay stallion.
Once more its value rises, sacred like our mother,
This dear land where our ancestors’ soil lies.*

The harmony between labor and time constitutes one of the key conceptual aspects of G‘afur G‘ulom’s creative legacy. In today’s era of globalization and rapid information flow, the idea of diligence promoted by G‘afur G‘ulom has gained even greater relevance. In a time when the pursuit of quick and effortless results is intensifying, the poet’s works call individuals to patience, perseverance, and responsibility. Therefore, G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetic heritage serves as an important source in the moral education of the younger generation.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the theme of diligence in G‘afur G‘ulom’s poetry possesses broad artistic and social significance. The poet interprets labor as the primary factor that defines human dignity, ensures social development, and leads to spiritual perfection. His poems have not lost

their relevance today and remain an important scientific and educational source for promoting the ideals of diligence, responsibility, and honesty.

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