THE ANALYSIS OF THE WORD ASSOSIATIONS FOR THE THE LINGUISTIC TERM OF “SPIRITUALITY”

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Annotation: Today, the phenomenon of association is widely studied in linguistics as a lingua-cognitive issue. This article explains what the phenomenon of association is and analyzes the linguistic associations associated with the English word "spirituality".

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As long as a person is alive, a very unique phenomenal phenomenon is alive with him. It serves as a mirror for understanding history and building the future throughout human life. This great phenomenon is a phenomenon of spirituality that has been appreciated at all times for a person and society who thinks deeply and healthily in the world, who lives with noble dreams and hopes.

We usually understand spirituality as human behavior, interpersonal relationships in society, and moral education. But spirituality is a very broad phenomenon, and it is not only a sign of morality or upbringing, but also a set of habits related to the human mind, thinking and psyche, and the lifestyle of a person, society and nation. The word spirituality is defined as follows in the book “High spirituality - an invincible force”: “Spirituality is an incomparable force that encourages a person to spiritually purify himself, grow in spirit, strengthen his inner world, will, make his faith whole, awaken his conscience, and is the criterion of all his views”. [1]

In Uzbek and world linguistics, understanding spirituality is considered not only a social, but also a linguistic phenomenon that is important to study. However, in our linguistics, the vast associative field related to spirituality and the words and expressions related to it have not yet been the object of research, and therefore the field of spirituality requires research as an associative field.

In modern linguistics, associative meaning and its linguistic function are important. The term association was introduced into scientific circulation by John Locke in 1690. He studied the associative connection, similarities and differences between the ideas put forward by great scholars. "John Locke,

developing these views of the great scholars, used the term associationism in his works to refer to the connection between psychic elements. He used the term association to shed light on the issue of the emergence of superstitions and false ideas. John Locke believed that in the process of the formation of an idea in a person, a random, free connection of other ideas occurs on the basis of association ”[2].

In linguistics, the phenomenon of association is a speech and linguistic product that occurs in the triad of reality-consciousness-language. In the analysis of the problem of human perception of the world and its reflection in language, the consciousness, thinking and memory of language speakers are combined, and in the analysis of lexical units, we must take into account their mutual relationship, semantic analysis and the organization of the associative field.

If we discuss the semantic composition and associative structure of lexemes related to spirituality, in our analyzed object, associative units are formed that interact with the word spirituality according to semantic proximity, speech and linguistic connection, or semantic contradiction. D. Khudoyberganova connects the formation of associations with the meaning of the word and its specific properties.

In her opinion, a person stores in his memory, along with the meanings of words, information about their properties perceived in the objective world through his sense organs. Therefore, a certain word creates certain associations in the memory of the person who hears it.”[3] This is based on several factors. For example, each nation’s language and its linguistic landscape create associations and form systems and spiritual groups in their own way.

Secondly, the associative field of spirituality is formed in its own way in the place and environment where each person lives. The reason is that the words and units in the associative field of each person arise depending on the spiritual environment.

Thirdly, it arises in connection with the personality of the subject. It is determined based on his age, gender and life experience. Therefore, if the above signs are paid attention to when conducting each associative experiment, the result of the experiment will be reliable and valid.

In this article, we will examine what associative associations the word spirituality has in the minds of students (aged 17-20) based on the associative experiment method. We analyzed whether it can create a mutual field with units

Table 1

Associations of the word spirituality with the inner spiritual world of a person	**Associations of the word spirituality with social events**

Mental perfection	Social behavior
Humanity	Love for those around you
Sign of maturity	Culture
Science	Idea
Inner world	Values
Intellect	Education
Worldview	Behavior
Faith	Family
Spiritual maturity	Physical education
Mental state	Personal opinion
Behavior	Relationship
Self-awareness	Meaningful life
Consciousness	Moral world
Spiritual values	The criterion that distinguishes one from an animal
Thought	Respect for those around you
Beauty of the heart	Unwritten rules in society
Conscience	Manners
	Society
	Physical maturity

Summing up the results of the experiment, it is clear that the associations of the word spirituality for 17-20 year old students are mainly divided into 2 large groups: expressing the inner world and psyche of a person and seeing spirituality as a social phenomenon. Thus, the wide range of associative space of the word spirituality for young people includes not only the criteria of morality in society, but also concepts related to spirituality.

If we analyze this experiment in terms of word structure and composition: there are 16 associations in the form of words (conscience, belief, thinking, consciousness, insight, science, humanity, idea, culture, values, upbringing, family, behavior, society, behavior, manners);

There are 10 associations in the form of compound words (mental perfection, inner world, spiritual maturity, mental state, spiritual values, beauty of the soul, physical education, meaningful life, moral world, physical maturity); 1 associations in the form of paired words (self-awareness,); 5 associations in the form of thought sentences (a criterion that distinguishes them from animals, unwritten rules in society).

In conclusion, the words and phrases related to the word spirituality are mostly made up of one-way associations and they are mainly related to the personality and personal development of a person.

The rest of the word combination and the associations in the case of speech were deficient, so it can be concluded that young people between the ages of 17-20 used one-word words related to personal development when describing spirituality.

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