

PHILOSOPHICAL ESSENCE OF THE IDEA OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

This article analyzes the philosophical essence of the idea of sustainable development, the process of its formation and its significance in the development of modern society. The concept of sustainable development is one of the important directions of human development, which is aimed at ensuring the harmony of economic development, social justice and ecological balance. The article scientifically covers the historical formation of the concept of sustainable development, its philosophical foundations and impact on the development of society. It also analyzes the significance of the idea of sustainable development for the future of humanity based on the opinions and scientific views of various scientists.

Keywords

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Global problems that have arisen in the process of human development in the 21st century - the ecological crisis, depletion of natural resources, climate change, social inequality and economic imbalance - have necessitated the development of a new model of social development. Therefore, the idea of sustainable development has become one of the most important concepts of the modern era. The idea of sustainable development is aimed at ensuring the long-term development of humanity, in which the harmony between economic growth, social stability and ecological balance is of great importance. This concept is a complex theory formed at the intersection of modern philosophy, politics, economics and environmental sciences. The famous economist and ecologist G.H. Brundtland defines sustainable development as follows:

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” This definition expresses the main content of the idea of sustainable development. Therefore, the philosophical study of this concept is of great scientific importance. The idea of sustainable development was formed as a result of the intensification of environmental and social problems in human history. By the middle of the 20th century, industrial development accelerated sharply, and this process led to the excessive consumption of natural resources. The Club of Rome, founded in 1968, began to study the global problems facing humanity. The famous report “The Limits to Growth” prepared by the Club emphasized that the current model of human development cannot be sustainable in the long term. American scientist Dennis Meadows writes about this study: “Unlimited economic growth cannot be sustained on a planet with finite resources.” This idea was an important impetus for the formation of the concept of sustainable development. In 1987, the concept of sustainable development was developed on a scientific basis in the report “Our Common Future” prepared by the UN Commission on Environment and Development. Later, in 1992, at an international conference held in Rio de Janeiro, the concept of sustainable development was adopted as an important direction of the global development strategy. The idea of sustainable development is philosophically based on the understanding of the

interdependence between man, society and nature. This idea is inextricably linked with important areas of ecological philosophy, social philosophy and political philosophy. The famous German philosopher Hans Jonas expressed the following opinion about the responsibility of mankind to nature:

“In the era of technological progress, humanity assumes a great moral responsibility towards future generations.” This idea represents one of the important philosophical principles of sustainable development. That is, humanity must take into account the interests of future generations when using nature. The philosophical essence of the idea of sustainable development is reflected in three main principles:

Ecological principle: Maintaining a balance between nature and man is a fundamental condition for sustainable development. The rational use of natural resources and environmental protection are considered a responsibility towards future generations.

Economic principle: Economic development is an important factor in the development of society. However, economic growth must be carried out in harmony with environmental safety.

Social principle: Ensuring justice, equality and human rights in society is one of the important conditions for sustainable development. Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen says:

“Development is the process of expanding human capabilities.” This idea expresses the humanistic essence of the concept of sustainable development. Sustainable development and the development of modern society. Today, the idea of sustainable development occupies an important place in the development strategies of many countries. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN are aimed at harmonizing economic, social and environmental development on a global scale.

Uzbekistan has also identified the principles of sustainable development as an important direction in its development strategy. The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasizes in this regard:

“Sustainable development is not only economic growth, but also ensuring human well-being and ecological balance.” In addition, sustainable development is inextricably linked with the development of spiritual values in society. Because ecological culture, responsibility, and a careful attitude towards nature are important factors in the stability of society. The idea of sustainable development is important in solving many global problems facing humanity. In particular:

- reduce environmental problems
- use natural resources wisely
- reduce social inequality
- ensure economic stability

French philosopher Edgar Morin writes about global problems:

“The modern world is a complex system, and its problems can only be solved through an integrated approach.”

In conclusion, the idea of sustainable development is one of the important concepts of modern philosophy. This idea represents a development model aimed at ensuring harmony between man, society and nature. The concept of sustainable development serves to ensure the long-term development of humanity by combining economic growth, social justice and ecological balance. Therefore, the idea of sustainable development is one of the most important strategic tasks facing modern society. In order to ensure a sustainable path for human development in the future,

it is important to develop an ecological culture, harmonize economic policy with environmental requirements and strengthen social justice.

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