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**MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD POLITICS**


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**Abstract**

Ensuring peace and stability on a global scale has always been a matter of great importance. The role of religion in this process is interpreted in different ways. In some cases, religion is seen as a source of conflict, while in others, it serves as a tool for strengthening peace. This article analyzes the role of religion in maintaining peace and stability, explores international experiences, and examines the place of religious values in dialogue and diplomacy.

**Keywords:** Religion, peace, stability, international relations, religious tolerance, religious diplomacy, extremism, interfaith dialogue, truce, geopolitics.

**Introduction**

One of the main tasks of religion is to form moral values in society and to ensure mutual respect among people. A number of religious teachings reject violence and promote the principles of peace, tolerance, and humanitarianism. The idea of interreligious tolerance implies that people of different religious beliefs live together and in harmony on the same ground, in the same homeland, in the path of noble ideas and intentions. The religions of the world are all based on ideas of goodness, which rely on several noble qualities such as honesty, peace, goodness, and friendship. It encourages people to honesty and purity, kindness, humanity and tolerance. For a long time, our country has been inhabited by nationalities and peoples of different faiths. The fact that the children of more than 130 nations live in a free and free land, in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility is a vivid example of the country of tolerance. The fact that they live in mutual harmony, harmony and respect for each other's beliefs is a great blessing of the Creator to our people. The concept of religious tolerance plays an important role in ensuring peace and cooperation between different religions. Religious dialogue between different peoples and faiths serves security and stability.

**For example:**

- Religious dialogue initiatives within the framework of the United Nations (UN).
- EU and Religious Freedom Policy.
- Experiences in interreligious dialogue and sustainability in Central Asia.

Religion manifests itself in various forms in international relations. It influences interstate relations, cultural diplomacy, and global political processes. The main areas of influence of religion are:



- **Impact on Peace and Stability:** Religion often promotes peace and tolerance. For example, countries of different religions develop programs of cooperation based on religious principles.
- **Conflicts and Conflicts:** Sometimes religion serves as one of the main factors in national and ethnic conflicts. Clash of religious views can lead to conflicts between states.
- **Humanitarian Assistance and Diplomacy:** International organizations and countries organize humanitarian assistance with religious values in mind.

It should be noted that peoples of different nationalities and religions live peacefully in Uzbekistan. It is often noted in historical sources that our adherents always treated representatives of other religions with respect and worked shoulder to shoulder for the development of the Motherland. Undoubtedly, peace and tranquility prevail in our society on the basis of all our great achievements in various fields. It is no secret that a number of countries in the Middle East and other regions are experiencing deep political tensions, social and economic instability, and armed conflicts. In recent years, militant movements have been carrying out their activities among young people in ways such as recruiting labor migrants, organizing "hujras", distributing religious extremist materials in electronic form, and conducting propaganda via the Internet. At the same time, we are witnessing widespread propaganda on the Internet that terrorist organizations calling themselves the Islamic State (IS) and Jabhat al-Nusra are supposedly a group of "mujahideen brothers" fighting for the development of Islam, as a result of which Muslim youth from many countries of the world go to Syria and Iraq to "emigrate" and participate in "jihad" and join this group. Unfortunately, a certain section of the youth considers IS to be an organization that aims to spread Islam throughout the world and to establish justice in the world by creating an Islamic state. It is no secret that there are such thinkers in Central Asia, in particular in Uzbekistan. Such young people are deeply mistaken, thinking that crimes against people are committed in the above-mentioned territories, as if it is permissible to build a caliphate. And the saddest thing is that some of the young people who go abroad to earn money are caught in the clutches of fake "religious inviters" abroad and fly to false "emigration" and "jihad" calls, and for three or four sums they get their hands bloodied in the hotbeds of conflict and war, such as Syria and Afghanistan, and become a mankurt at the level of weapons training in their homeland. Recently, it has been observed that even teenage children are using their phones to promote the activities of militants in countries such as Syria and Iraq.

It is worth noting that peace is a great blessing. In this regard, our citizens should faithfully support and help the actions of the relevant agencies of our state in order to preserve peace and tranquility in our country. In conclusion, preserving a peaceful and tranquil life in our country, making a worthy contribution to its independence and stability should be one of the main tasks of each of us, all citizens living in this dear homeland, regardless of whether they work in a state or public organization, entrepreneur or other profession.

In addition to the positive effects of religion, misinterpreted religious ideologies can cause extremism and conflict. Religious education, enlightenment programs and international cooperation play an important role in preventing religious extremism.

### **Conclusion**

The impact of religion on peace and stability is a complex and multifaceted issue that has a direct impact on spiritual values and social relations in society. International experience shows that conflict prevention and stability can be achieved through interreligious dialogue, religious



tolerance and proper religious education. Cooperation among religious leaders, government agencies, and international organizations is essential for peace. In the future, it is important to conduct more research at the international level and develop a religious education system in order to further strengthen the contribution of religion to peace and stability.

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