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# THE LINGUOCULTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSION-RELATED PROVERBS IN UZBEK FOLK WISDOM

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**Abstract:**This article examines profession-related proverbs in Uzbek folk wisdom from a linguocultural perspective. The study analyzes the semantic, cultural, and educational foundations of proverbs connected with various professions and crafts. Profession-related proverbs reflect the historical experience, labor traditions, ethical values, and social attitudes of the Uzbek people toward work and professional activity. The article investigates the main thematic groups of such proverbs and their role in preserving national culture and transmitting practical knowledge from generation to generation. The research demonstrates that profession-related proverbs function as important linguocultural units that encourage diligence, craftsmanship, honesty, and social responsibility.

**Keywords:** proverb, profession, craft, labor, Uzbek folklore, linguoculture, national values, professional ethics, folk wisdom, education.

Uzbek folk oral literature is one of the richest sources reflecting the cultural, social, and moral values of the nation. Among the various genres of folklore, proverbs occupy a special place due to their brevity, wisdom, and educational significance. They preserve the collective experience accumulated by generations and serve as guides for social behavior.Profession-related proverbs constitute an important layer of Uzbek paremiological heritage. They express people's attitudes toward labor, craftsmanship, farming, trade, and other professional activities. Such proverbs reveal not only practical knowledge about professions but also cultural perceptions of work ethics, responsibility, and social contribution.The purpose of this article is to analyze the linguocultural foundations of profession-related proverbs in Uzbek folklore and to determine their semantic and educational functions.

**Main Part**

1. Linguocultural Nature of Profession-Related Proverbs

Profession-related proverbs represent an important component of the national worldview. They reflect traditional occupations that have historically shaped the economic and social life of Uzbek society.From a linguocultural perspective, these proverbs encode collective knowledge concerning labor, professional skills, and social responsibilities. They serve as cultural symbols that preserve traditional attitudes toward work and craftsmanship.

For example:

“Hunarli kishi xor bo‘lmas.”

(A skilled person will never be humiliated.)

“Hunar – oltindan qimmat.”

(A profession is more valuable than gold.)

These proverbs emphasize the high social value attached to professional skills and craftsmanship.

2. Semantic Groups of Profession-Related Proverbs

a) Proverbs Promoting Professional Skills

Many Uzbek proverbs stress the importance of acquiring a profession or craft.

**Examples:**

"Bir yigitga qirq hunar oz."

(Forty professions are not enough for a young man.)

"Hunarli qo'l xor bo'lmas."

(A skilled hand never suffers.)

These proverbs encourage continuous learning and self-development.

b) Proverbs Related to Labor and Diligence

Labor is regarded as the foundation of success and prosperity.

Examples:

"Mehnatning tagi rohat."

(The result of labor is comfort.)

"Ter to'kkan to'q yashar."

(Those who work hard live well.)

Such proverbs promote diligence and perseverance.

c) Proverbs Concerning Farmers and Agriculture

Agriculture has historically occupied a central place in Uzbek life.

Examples:

"Yerga mehr – elga mehr."

(Love for the land is love for the people.)

"Dehqonning boyligi yerida."

(A farmer's wealth is in his land.)

These proverbs demonstrate respect for agricultural labor.

d) Proverbs Related to Master and Apprentice Traditions

The master-apprentice system occupies a significant position in Uzbek culture.

Examples:

"Ustoz otangdek ulug'."

(A teacher is as great as a father.)

"Shogird ustozidan o'zar."

(The apprentice surpasses the master.)

They highlight the importance of knowledge transmission and professional continuity.

3. Linguistic Features of Profession-Related Proverbs

Profession-related proverbs possess several linguistic characteristics:

• brevity and expressiveness;
• metaphorical meanings;
• rhythmical structure;
• didactic function;
• cultural symbolism.

The proverb "Hunar – oltindan qimmat" employs metaphorical comparison between profession and gold to emphasize the lasting value of professional skills.

4. Educational and Social Significance

Profession-related proverbs perform important educational functions. They:

• encourage young people to acquire professions;
• promote respect for labor;
• strengthen ethical values;

• preserve national traditions;
• contribute to professional and moral education.

In modern society, these proverbs continue to inspire individuals to develop practical skills and maintain professional integrity.

Profession-related proverbs constitute an important part of Uzbek folk wisdom and linguocultural heritage. They reflect the historical experience, labor traditions, and ethical values of the Uzbek people. Through concise and expressive language, they promote professionalism, diligence, responsibility, and respect for labor.The study of profession-related proverbs contributes to a deeper understanding of national culture and demonstrates how traditional knowledge continues to influence contemporary social and professional life. These proverbs remain valuable educational tools that preserve cultural memory and transmit moral principles across generations.

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