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THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES IN MODERN UKRAINIAN SOCIETY

Religion is a part of culture throughout its development, the basis and the principle of civilizational division of humanity and many of its elements are attributed to all the spheres of society, influencing its development. That is why there is a problem in determining the location, role, function and nature of the influence of religion on transformation processes in Ukraine.

Religion is essential in the process of changes of socio-political and cultural way of life of people, their values and regulations of their activity, while instability in the confessional sphere can catalyze both processes of social integration and disruption which is dangerous in terms of Ukraine searching for its cultural, ethnic and religious identity, which determines social stability.

Within the theory of modernization, religion is considered to be an element of society transformation. Conservativeness of

religion hinders modernization processes, as evidenced by secularization increasing in almost all regions of the world.

Thus, the transformation principle of analysis requires identification of interpenetration, dialogization of cultural phenomena in Ukraine in relation to the impact of religion and the church on society that is manifested in:

- enrichment of the content and context of moral culture of the society;
- development of artistic genres of religious nature and extensive use of religious heritage and themes in art, especially visual and musical;
- enrichment of rituals and their impact on daily life;
- restoration of architectural religious and partly secular heritage;
- promotion and support of national culture.