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GENESIS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERM-NOTION OF «LAW»

Activization of integration processes in the world and particularly in Europe requires the elaboration of common legal standards, which must comply with contemporary demands of social development. An important component of this process is juridical terminology of different legal systems. Our research and analysis of juridical terminology we suggest starting with the most important for juridical science notion-term of «law».

Juridical terminology, particular aspects of general theory of the law's conception and hermeneutical questions were considered by various Ukrainian and Western scholars. The object of our investigation is the comprehensive study and analysis through the hermeneutical, logical methods, and also through the methods of linguistics and semeiotics the origins and the further development of the fundamental notion-term of «law».

The formation of juridical terminology and its evolution is a long and translational process, which originates as far back as in the Old Russian period of the state's existence and still lasts.

The origins of the notion of «law» go back to the pre-Christian epoch of archaic time. In the group of Indo-European languages (in Slavonic, Romanic and Germanic languages) the word «law» meant a normative system and the right side. The similar its meaning we find out in French, German, Spanish, Polish, Czech etc. The notion of «law» inherently had religion-ethical considerations.

In accordance with etymology, the notion of «law» dates back to the word «right» – «opposite to the left; just; upright (perpendicular) », which is the primary (original) meaning und the primary word form of «law». The word «law» in different languages has such primary meanings, as «upright» (hereof – «rule (reign) », «refer (route) ») and «the truth (righteousness) » (justice (true, right), truth/true, verity).

Through the linguistic analysis in the law-nomination occurs the objectification of natural, positivistic and integrative types of law understands (the conception of law). Thus, one of the first historical instances of integrative understanding of law is the legal phenomenon, which is represented in Slavonic linguistic modification by the term-notion of «law». That sort of legal phenomenon is the regulation, that guides the human behavior to (in the direction of) justice/right/truth.