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What is difference between Religion and Deen? Describe the Importance of Deen in human life.

Introduction

The main difference between deen and religion is that earlier focuses on spiritual and worldly matters while later is more focused on spiritual matters regardless of worldly stuff. Nowadays human beings are evolving around personal interest with thinking about others. Which is not right because its not the purpose of creating human creature. Deen showed the correct path of success in life and here after. Islam is a deen and that is why Allah claimed it as universal

and for all mankind

Difference between Religion and Deen.

Religion

- ① Religion is originated from greek word religio which means to subjugate or to make godlover
- ② Its contextual meaning is way of life, finding one's own roots.
- ③ Its related to spiritualism. Edward Taylor explain religion as to believe in spiritualism. Spiritualism is to believe in soul, unseen God, Hell and Heaven. According to Dr. Israr Ahmed, religion comprises of 3 things, Faith, Rituals, Social junctions.

- ④ Religion is matter of God and Human / Individual. It includes rights of Allah Almighty.
- ⑤ It can be man made. In Greek they assume sun as god and in Hinduism, they have several gods. This shows that beliefs are man-made.
- ⑥ Worships are also man made in ~~the~~ religion. Greek used to do Sajdah to sun.
- ⑦ It is subset of Deen.

Deen

- ① Arabic word which means to attain supremacy, dominant status.

② Its contextual meaning is code of life. Islam is a complete deen.

③ Its related to spiritual as well as worldly / material things. Dr Istar Ahmed's definition of Deen says that Deen is combination of 6 things, Faith, Rituals, social functions, social system, political and financial system, and justice system.

④ In Shariah Deen is composed of 4 things
a- To accept sovereignty of Allah Almighty
b- To follow His commandments that is Quran
c- To follow defined rules like hudoodullah
d- To believe in reward and punishment.

5 Religion involves Allah as well as other humans. Islam is a deen it guides us social system as well. It tells us about rights of humans, animals, even environment.

6 Beliefs in Deen are God gifted or revealed. Allah said us to believe in holy books, prophets, and day of judgement.

7 Worships are also revealed. Namaz / prayer, Fasting, Zakkat, Hajj are all made obligatory by Allah.

8 Deen is super set of Religion

Holy prophet said in last sermon - Today I have complete your deen and chosen Islam for you as a deen.

Importance of Deen in Human life.

Deen is important in individual as well as in collective life. It teaches us the path of success in this world as well as here after.

① Individual's life.

a. Satisfaction of soul.

West initiated music for satisfaction of souls but they still struggle. If one's beloved dies, music won't do anything. In surah ~~Adat~~ Adat v. 28 Allah said that Allah's recitation gives peace.

b. Prevents from suicide

In West ratio of suicide is so high. In surah Nisa v. 28-29 Allah said that

Do not kill your self.
Without any doubt Allah
is most merciful to you.

c- Gives Hope

Today people are very
short tempered. When
they face any failure or
down in life they are
highly discouraged. In
Quran Surah Nashra
v. 5-6 Allah says ~~will~~
so truly with every hard-
ship there comes ease. (2)

d- Bravery in life

Believe in day of judge-
ment generates the sense
of bravery. This life is
temporary and life here
after is permanent. All
of the deeds will be sub-
-jected to reward or punish-
-ment. This though encourage

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to follow Allah's path of
success in both worlds.

Surah Al-Asra v. 13-14.

Allah says that we have
fastened every one's deeds
around his neck. On that
day we shall create for
him his scroll in the form
of white book. (Saying)
read your scroll, today
you take account to your
self.

② Collective life

a- Concept of Equality

Islam teaches the concept
of equality which resolves
all the conflicts if followed.

In last sermon, Holy prophet
said there is no discrimination
among human beings. All
are equal regardless of
Race, Religion, Ethnic, Caste
-er etc.

b- Gives political, financial and Justice system
 when we say deen is complete code of life then it also includes running a state. Prophet SAW and his companions life showed how to run state affairs.

c- Rights and Duties
 Islam has given complete social system. In Quran Allah mentioned about Rights of parents, children, spouse and so on. Holy prophet said Your children have right of receiving equal treatment from you as you have right that they should honor you. At another place he mentioned that A person will never go to Jannah whose neighbor

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is unhappy due to him. In his last sermon he said O people, you have rights over your wives and your wives have rights over you. Remember, you must treat your wives with kindness.