

Q. What is difference b/w Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with argument (2016)

Ans:

"Islam is true Deen in sight of Allah." (Quran)

The world is full of many religions and dins. Some nations follows christianity, some the others follows, hinduism, Budhusim, etc, however Muslim follow a Deen which is true in sight of Allah and has great importance in human life as it gives social, political, economical system. Islam has its own social system which leads a society towards prosperity. Thus, religion and Din (Islam) has clear difference in practical.

Difference between Din and Religion

Mezhab:

"Belief in spiritual being is called Religion." — Prof. E. B. Talor

1. In literal sense, it means a path.
2. In terminology, it refers to a set beliefs, rituals beliefs and social customs
3. It is related to an individual's life of a person.
4. It has relatively a narrower scope than 'deen'.

Deen:

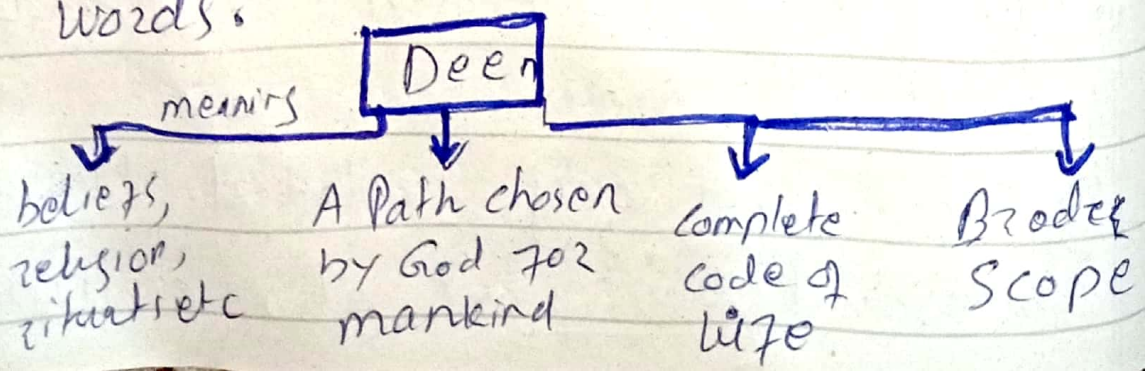
1. In literal sense, it refers to a number of meaning such religion, beliefs, anything through which God is worshiped.
2. In terminology, it refers to the way of life chosen by God for mankind.
3. It is not only related to an individual's life but also encompasses

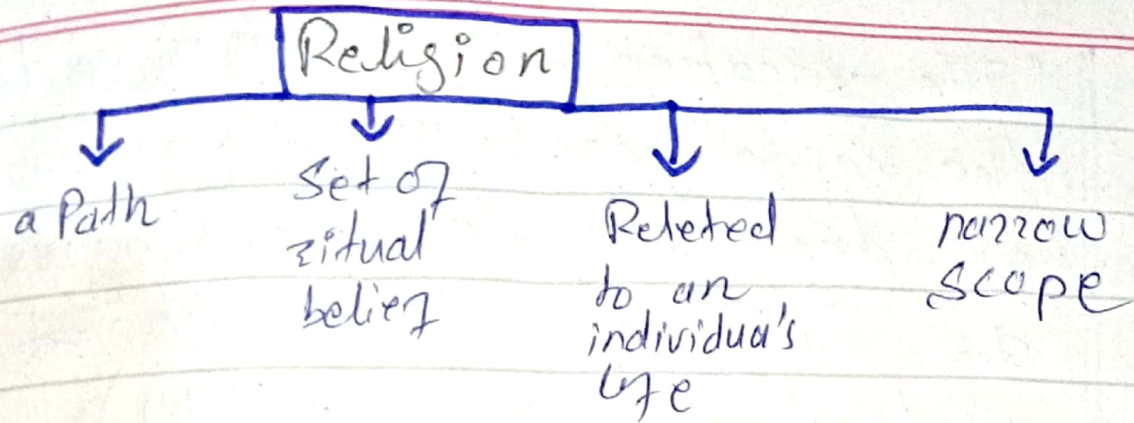
all social, political, judicial and economic system. In simple, it is a complete code of life.

4. Whenever, Allah SWT has referred to Islam in the Quran, He has used the word 'deen' instead of 'mazhab' due its wider scope.

"This day I have completed your deen for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen Islam as deen for you." ~~Quran~~
(Aal-e-Imran-19)

Islam not only provides a set of rituals; but also a complete code of life consisting of a social, political, economic, judicial and administrative system for the humanity to follow so that they may be successful in the both worlds.





Importance of Deen in Human Life

1. Gives ~~Primarily~~ Primary Purpose to Life :

“ I did not created the Jinns and human except for the purpose that they should worship me.” (Az-Zariyat - 56)

Allah SWT categorically defines the purpose of Muslim's life. Those who believe in God spend their life by worshipping God. Worship mean to spend life in accordance with Quran and Sunnah. If a person helps the poor, it is called a financial worship.

2. Leading a Society towards ~~Creation~~ Creativity :

"The creation of heavens and the earth, and the alternation of day and night, ^{there are} ~~it is~~ signs for those who have ~~and~~ wisdom." - (Al-i-Imran - 190)

The above verses of Holy Quran explicitly explain that a person who possesses constructive wisdom should think and question himself about the happenings of universe like alternation of days and nights, the revolution of earth etc. Consequently, a society will head towards creativity and prosperity.

3. Inculcates Self-Respect

“We have honored the children of Adam, and carried them into sea and land, and provide them with good things, and greatly favored them over many of those we have created.” (Al-Israa-70)

So, the above verse explains that humans have been given honored and made superior over many creatures. Consequently, these characteristics of a man ~~facult~~ inculcates self-respect in them.

4. Inculcates Modesty and Humility:

By recognizing sovereignty of Allah that means Allah SWT is the only creator and ruler of this universe, a man thought that I'm nothing in front of such creator. He thought that he is sitting in a small part of this universe and knows nothing about it. Consequently, such feeling leads a believer towards modesty and humility.

5. Creates sense of Accountability:

"How can you deny Allah, whereas you were lifeless and He gave you life, then He will cause

you to die and will again bring you back to life, and then to Him you will be returned?" (Al-Baqarah, 2:28)

A Muslim knows that one day he will be returned and set a level of justice. The day of Resurrection keep him away from injustice. "Whoever has done an atom's ~~piece~~^{weight} of good will see it and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil will see it." (Az-Zilzool-47)

6. Inculcates Trust and Hope;

Those who trust in Allah SWT has hope and trust that their Lord will give him reward on the day Resurrection.

"Say, 'Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our protector.' And upon All let the believers rely."

(Al-Tawbah, 9:51)

So, the vers explained that a Muslim has a great hope that Allah is his protector.

7. Equality Among all Humans:

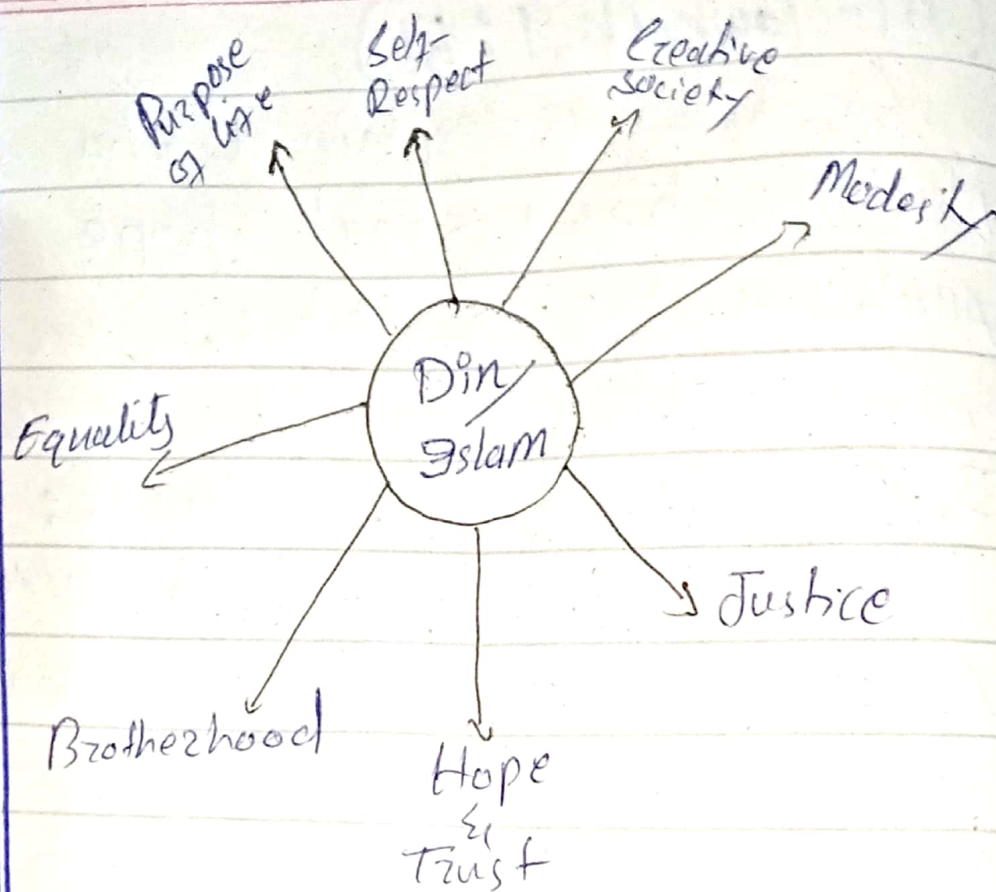
Everyone is equal in eyes of Allah. No one is superior on the basis of color, race, and creed.

"He is dearest to Allah who is more pious." — (Al-Hujuraat-13)

8. Instills Brotherhood:

"Certainly all Muslims are brothers."
(Al-Hujuraat-10)

So, this verse defines that every muslim is a brother of the Muslim. Consequently, a Muslim like what he like for himself to the other Muslims as well. The brotherhood creates in a society which follows Islam in its true sense.



In conclusion, there is big difference between Deen and religion. Religion means set of ritual beliefs while Deen is broader term and it includes set ritual beliefs and a path to spend life, govern state etc. In short, Islam is a complete code of life. So Islam has a significant importance in human life, giving purpose of life, inculcating self respect, creating a creative society. Thus Islam (Deen) leads a society towards prosperity.