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What is the difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments?

## Introduction

"Surely, the true deen in the sight of Allah is Islam"

(AL-Imran)

Islam is the natural religion of man, the religion which is not associated with any person, period or place. In every age, in every country, among every people all God knowing and truth loving men have believed and follow this religion.

Deen provide guidance to each and every sphere of life. It provide a clear path, leads mankind in each and every sphere of life and also show the path from darkness to light. It provide a clear message to mankind and guard against evil.

## Describing the term "Deen"

The word "Deen" has multiple meaning in Arabic lexicon. First of all it means "Dominance and elevation. The

other sense, its meaning is "return and award." In third sense means that the word is synonymous with "way of the manner" This word has been different number of meaning. So in religious context means a way of life or set of ways of living and action which must be followed. So Quran does not say that Islam is a way of life rather it accentuates its meaning and says that it is "the only way of life" that is real and right.

### Importance of Deen as a Source of Guidance

A complete way of life, Islam is not a religion in the common and distorted sense, for it does not confine its scope to one's personal life. It is a complete way of life and is present in every field of life. Islam provide complete guidance for all aspect of life - Individual, social, material, moral, economic, cultural, national and international. The Quran enjoin man to embrace Islam without any reservation and to follow Allah's guidance.

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great

reward"

(Bani- Israel)

## Defines the motive of life

Allah sent every living creature to this world for some purpose. No uncertainty that we have to return to Him. Islam is complete religion having proficient knowledge about every matter of life. Quran clearly state that the Muslims whole life purpose is nothing but to obey Allah and keep His love above everything.

"I did not create the jinns and the human except for the purpose" that they should worship me."

(Az-Zariyat)

## Help us distinguished between Right and Wrong

With the help of Quran and Sunnah, Muslim can distinguished between right and wrong. A Muslim's duty is to act in the defence of what is right as much part of faith as is his duty to oppose wrong.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) once said, If someone among you sees wrong

he must right it by hand (action, conduct, deed). If he cannot, then by his tongue (Speakup, verbally oppose) If he cannot then by his gaze (Silent expression of disapproval). The last is the minimum expression of his conviction (faith, courage)

(Muslim)

### Provides all kind of system

Deen provide guidance in all kind of system; Social, Political, Judicial, administrative etc. Islam is based on just principles, which are designed to secure happiness and prosperity in the Society.

"O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealing and not the hatred of other to you, make you swere to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: and fear Allah. For Allah is well acquainted with all that you do"

(Al-Quran)

### Source of wisdom and Enlightenment

The Holy Quran is a book which by sound reasoning bestows insight upon you/man. It shows the right path to man by giving the account of prophet and the nation.

"A book we have sent down to you so that you may bring forth mankind from darkness into the light."

(AL-Quran)

## Difference between Deen and Religion

### Deen and its Importance

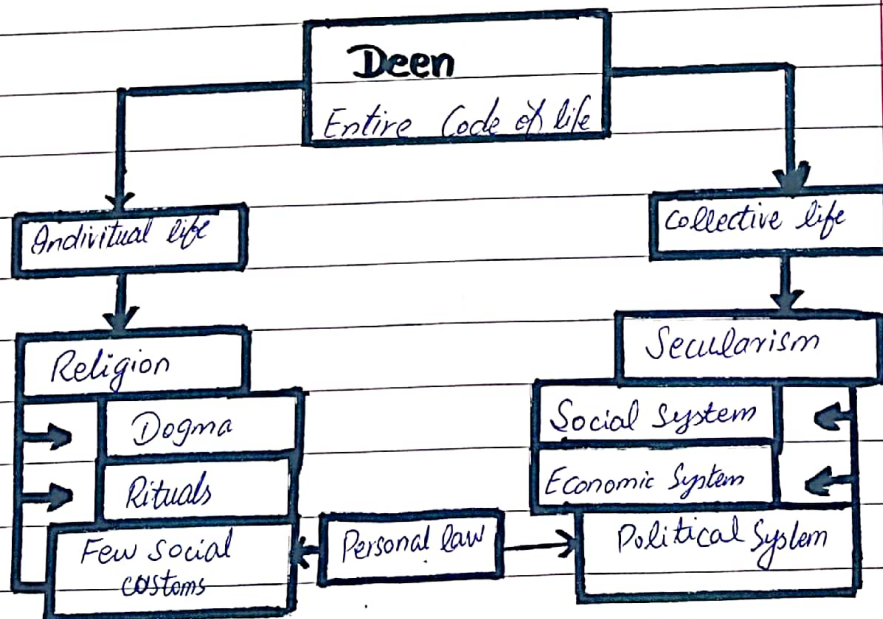
Deen is a major term which refers to destination while Religion is a pathway which leads towards destination (Deen).

"Deen means absolute sovereignty (of Allah) and absolute submission of man to absolute sovereign."

Deen expresses a complete code of conduct, Deen is far more comprehensive all encompassing reality.

"The Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam"

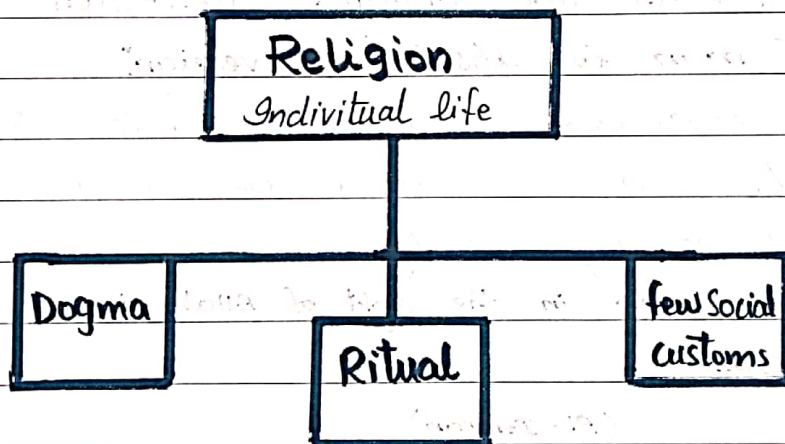
(AL-Imran)



## Religion and its Scope

In literal sense it means a path or road. "Mazhab" is non Islamic word and it has<sup>not</sup> been used in the Holy Quran. It is self created means of establishing relation with Allah.

"Madhab is derived from word "Zahab" which mean, go, pass by or to walk. Thus madhab mean manner, pattern or a belief. Only accepted religion by Allah is Islam and no other religion is accepted by Him. Islam is purely the word of Allah.



# Comparison

## Deen

Deen is an Islamic word and it is proved by the Holy Quran.

Deen refer to the destination.

"The Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam"  
(Al-Imran)

Deen has been Approved by Allah.

"Today, I have completed your deen and completed my blessing upon you and have chosen Islam as a Deen for you"  
(Al-Maida)

Deen is complete

Today, I have completed your Deen  
(Al-Maida)

Deen is pure.

Indeed, for Allah (Islam) is the pure religion  
(Al-Zummar)

## Religion

Religion is a non-Islamic word and has not been used in Holy Quran.

Religion is a pathway towards destination.

There is no such proof in Mazhab rather Mazhab is Sectarianism.

Religion is only the pathway to reach the destination (Deen).

Religion is incomplete

Religion is not pure.

Indeed, it is the combination of suggestion.

## Conclusion

Islam not only provides a set of beliefs and rituals, but also complete code of life consisting of social, political, judicial and administrative system for the humanity to follow so that may be successful in both the worlds. The motives of our lives as described by the Quran is to worship Allah;

"I did not create the Jinns and the human except for the purpose that they should worship me" (Az-Zariyat)

That's is why Allah has gifted us with Islam, a complete code of life. It <sup>guides us with</sup> complete manual and provide us with all kind of systems needed to lead our lives.