

Importance of Deen in Human Life

Introduction

The Islamic concept of Deen is "unique" in the broadest sense of the word. Deen plays a vital role in individual life and human society. The message of Deen is divine and comprehensive as it encompasses all human actions falling in both sacred and mundane spheres. Deen was taught by Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) only once. On the contrary, Deen had been taught by all the Prophets before Muhammad (PBUH), and the Deen has been, and will continue to be, the true universal religion of Almighty Allah.

"Never Be Distracted on the Paths of Deen"

(Surah Al-Hijr 88-99)

Meaning of Deen

Deen is an all-round movement in the light of faith in Allah and sense of responsibility for the formation of thought and belief, for the promotion of high principles of human morality for the establishment of good relations among members of the society and the elimination of every sort of undue discrimination.

Religious Consciousness among Human
Human beings, the Quran suggests, are
religious by nature. This is so because
God instilled them, His awareness through
their primordial nature (Fitrah), This
primordial nature in human beings
is so constituted as to enable them
to recognize God, truth and goodness.
All human beings have common religious
Just have as they have common sense.

"O believers! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly
and do not follow Satan's footsteps.

Surely he is your sworn enemy."

(Surah - Al-Baqarah (Ayah 28))

Religion and Deen (Islam).

Religion deals with man's Religion
relation with God, whereas Deen deals both
with man's relation with God and his
fellow beings. Religion deals with private
affairs of life whereas Deen covers
all aspects of life individual as well
as collective. In other words Deen is
an embracing term which includes
religion, social, economic and political
system. However Islam is not only the
religion but also the deen.

Meant by Religion:

The word religion is commonly used in a narrow sense, its scope being limited to a set of dogmas, some rituals for worship, and a number of social customs to celebrate important life events, Religion deals with individual life only. "According to E.B Taylor"

Religion means the belief in spiritual beings"

According to Mohammad Mazhar-uddin Siddiqui "Religion effects every steps of life it has great impact on political life economic, domain, philosophy and other spheres of life. It glorifies the concept of universe.

Need of Religion in Human life

- = ① Man is naturally a religious being, he
- = ② requires a metaphysical being to fall
- = ③ upon in quest for unresolved mysteries
- = of universe, life, death.
- = ④ Religion creates mental satisfaction by giving meaning of life.
- = ⑤ Religion also plays very significant role in moral and ethical development of society
- = ⑥ Religion teaches equality and dignity of mankind.
- = ⑦ Religion leads to purification of soul.
- = ⑧ Religion teaches us to help needy people
- = ⑨ Religion gives us the concept of brotherhood of mankind.

Concept of Deen:

Deen refers to the complete code of life. Deen deals with man's relation with God and his fellow beings. Deen is all embracing term which includes religious, social, political and economical system. It touches upon materials as well as spiritual dimensions of human existence. Deen covers both sacred and secular aspects of man.

"There is no compulsion in religion."

(Surah Al-Baqarah)
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Again Allah said

"And you see the people entering into the religion of Allah in multitudes"

(Surah Nasr 02)

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Deen provides Guidance to Mankind

The basic function of Deen is to provide guidance to Mankind to provide people towards the right path.

"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."

(Surah Al-Isra 17:9)

⇒ Deen provides a clear path:

It is divine light of God which shows the right / clear path, it can fall right from wrong, the true from the false to the mankind. Here however Allah said in Holy Quran:

"Therefore believe in Allah and His messenger and the light which we have revealed, and Allah is aware of what you do."

(Surah Al-Tajhaabun)
64:8

- Deen leads Mankind from Darkness to light. The Quran leads people out of the ignorance of darkness and evil into the light of goodness and piety.

Allah has defines in Holy Quran:

"Alif Lam Ra. (this is) a Book which we have revealed to you that you may bring forth men, by their Lord's permission from utter darkness into light to the way of the Mighty, the Praised One."

(Surah-Ibrahim 14:1)

Deen sets criterion for Right and wrong.

The Quran provides guidance on judgement and justice.

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran revealed a guidance to men

the distinction".

(Surah Al-Baqarah)
1:85

=> Deen is spiritual Cure of Modern Man:
God promise mercy to those who follow
the guidance of Quran

"And we revealed of the Quran that
which is healing and a mercy to the
believers, and it adds only to the
perdition of the unjust"

(Surah Al-Isra 17:28)

=> The teachings of Deen are Guard against
Evil:

The Quran develops fear of God and
reverence and love for Him: Thus it
guards those against those evil.

"It is Quran in Arabic without any
crookedness therein in order that they
may guard against evil.

(Surah Al-Zumar)
39:28

=> Deen provides a clear Message to Mankind.
Allah Says in Quran

"Alif Lam Ra (This is a Book, whose verses
are made deerve, then vice they made
plain, from the wise All-aware."

(Surah Hud 11:1)

=> Deen induce in man Piety and
Remembrance of God

Piety refers to the inner fear and

deference man should have for his Creator. This profound fear centralize the concept of God and His remembrance in the mind of the believers.

"And thus have we sent it down an Arabic Quran, and have distinctly set forth therein of threats that they may guard (against evil) or that it may produce a reminder for them."

(Surah Taha 20:113)

> Deen Provides Principles for Establishment of Justice:

A vital function of the Deen is to guide in the establishment of balanced system of justice and equality.

"It is God has set down the book which is truth and the balance to judge between right and wrong."

(Surah Al-Shura)
42:17

Conclusion:

Religion leads man towards a consciousness of moral responsibility in everything, he does, whether great or small. There is a constant stress on the establishment of right and the abolition of wrong in every religion. A sanction for this attitude can be well understood by the Quran. Thus the religion is required for the construction of a worldly frame for the best possible spiritual development of man.