

Islamic Studies

Question attempt:

What is the difference between Deen and Religion

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INTRODUCTION

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"The Deen before Allah (accepted by) is
Islam"

(Al-Quran)

Islam is not only a religion but also deen, which means a complete code of life. Religion deals man's relation with God whereas Deen deals both man's relation with God and his fellow beings. Religion deals with private affairs of life whereas Deen covers all aspect of life, individual as well as collective. In other words Deen is all embracing term which includes religio-socio-politico-economic system. It touches upon the material as well as spiritual dimensions of human existence and insists that all our thoughts and deeds should be performed with the will of God.

2- Elucidating the term "Religion"

Religion is derived

from Latin word "religio or religare" which means to subjugate or to make follower.

Literal Meaning:

Literal meaning of religion is subjugation of a supernatural power or deity.

Contextual Meaning:

Contextual meaning of religion is a way of life

According to Dr. Asrar Ahmad:

Religion is collection of three things

i) Faiths

ii) Rituals

iii) To practice certain Social Functions

3- Elucidating the term "Deen"

Deen is an Arabic word which covers all aspects of life.

Literal Meaning:

Literal meaning of Deen is to attain supremacy or to attain dominion status.

Contextual Meaning:

Contextual Meaning of Deen is a complete code of life.

According to Shariah,

Deen is combination of four things

- i- To admit the sovereignty of Allah
- ii- To follow his commandments
- iii- To follow the define rules
- iv- To believe on reward and punishment

According to Dr. Asrar Ahmad:

Deen is combination of six things

- i- Faiths
- ii- Rituals
- iii- Social Functions
- iv- Social System
- v- Political and Financial System
- vi- Justice

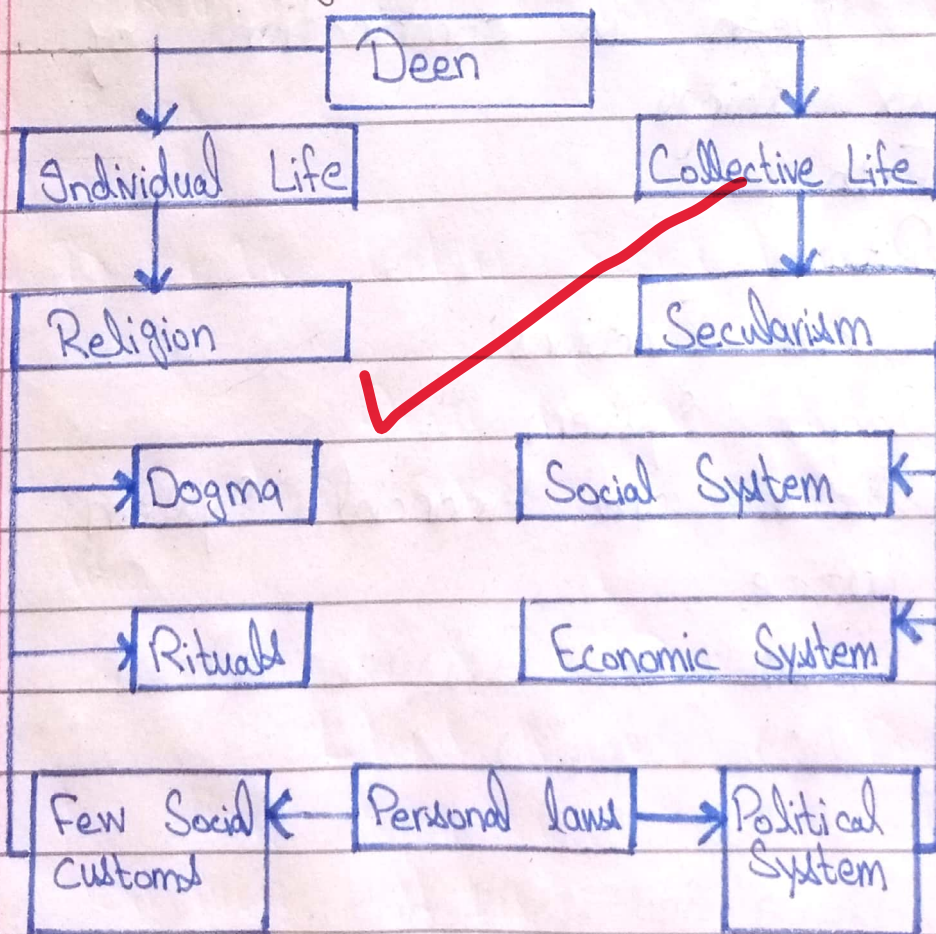
4- Difference Between Deen And Religion

i- Deen and its Scope :

Deen expresses a

complete code of conduct. Deen is far more comprehensive, all-encompassing reality. Deen is a major term which refers to destinations while religion is a pathway which leads toward a destination.

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

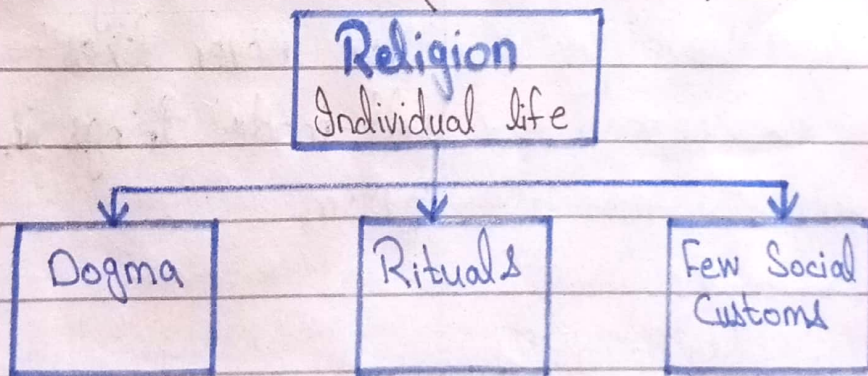


ii- Religion and its Scope

'Mazhab' is a non-Islamic word and it has been used in the Holy Quran or Ahadees in the context of Islam. Mazhab has self-invented methods of prayers, apart from an intrusion and impulse of one's base.

"Mazhab is derived from word 'Zahab' which means go, pass by or walk. Thus Mazhab means a manner, a pattern, a method, or a belief."

(Tasheel-ul-Adab, ~~Islam~~)



iii- Comparison

| Deen | Religion |
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| > Deen is an Islamic word and it is passed by the | Mazhab is a non-Islamic word used in the non- |

Holy Quran and Hadees

> The Deen in the sight of Allah is only Islam

"The Deen before Allah is Islam"

(Al-Amran: 19)

> Deen has been appeared by Allah "Today, I have completed your deen and have completed my bliss upon you and accepted for you Islam as a deen."

(Al-Maida: 3)

> Deen is complete "Today, I have completed your Deen"

(Al-Maida: 3)

Islamic books not in Quran

> There is no such proof in Mazhab rather Mazhab is sectarianism

> There is no scope of sectarianism or Mazhab in Islam Hence religion is self-made thing and Allah never likes self-made things in Islam.

> Religion is incomplete There is self-made proclamation in Mazhab and this would continue till the time of

good arguments. but try to attempt this by giving headings and subheadings.

> Deen is pure

إِنَّ اللَّهَ الرَّحِيمَ الْقَلِيمَ

"Indeed, for Allah (Islam) is the pure religion."

(Al-Zummar)

> Deen has been chosen by Allah

"Indeed, Allah has chosen for you this Deen."

(Al-baqra :132)

> The purpose of Jihad is to establish the Deen of Allah

"And fight them until there is no jibrah left"

(Al-Anfal :39)

Qayamah if they don't repent & get back to Islam.

> Religions are not pure; indeed they

are combination of proclamation, advices and suggestion which are self-made and are contradictory to Islamic concepts.

> Religion is made-up of man -

interventions.

> The purpose of Jihad (which can not be called as Jihad, anyways) in

religion is to continue the sect based on some personality, community or region.

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Conclusion

The Quranic term for religion is 'Deen'. Deen however, is not merely a synonym for religion. Deen is a broader and deeper concept than religion as it is commonly understood. Religion usually means a set of dogmas, an elaborate ritual and a host of trivial practices. Deen offers broad principles which give guidance to man in the adventure of life and which enable him to attain the goal of self realization and social welfare.

improve the structure of the answer a bit.

paper presentation, references, arguments quality and the length if the answer is good.

work on the mentioned areas and keep practicing for improvement.