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Describe the importance of Deen.
(Doctrine of life) in human life. Differentiate
between Deen and Religions.

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INTRODUCTION:

There have been a number of religions which the mankind has been following and even today, there is a huge number of religions which exist today. However, Islam is the only religion which provides a complete code of life for mankind while other religions lack this ability to bring mankind

towards light. In Quran, Surah Isra,
Allah Says:

"Indeed, We have sent
down Islam which
guides to the straighter
path than any other".

WHAT IS RELIGION?

Religion has been defined by many
scholars in different ways. For example,
Edward Taylor has said,

"Spiritualism is the actual
name for religion".

Furthermore, Dr. Israr Ahmed says
that religion is comprised of rituals,
social functions and customs. #

ITS MEANING:

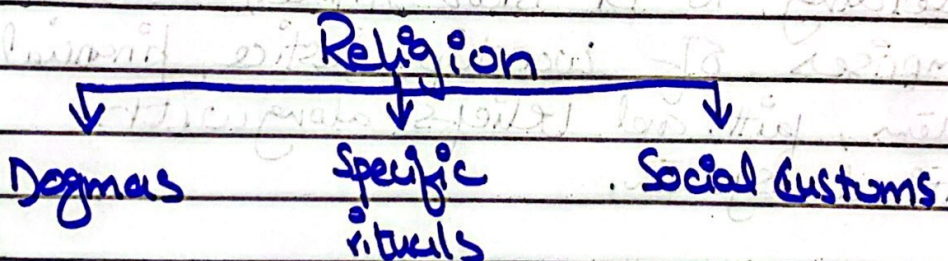
Religion has been derived from a
Latin word "Religio" which means
subjugation. Contextually, religion
means to subjugate to a deity
or a God.

How is IT DIFFERENT FROM DEEN:

Allah has never used the phrase "religion" for Islam in Quran. Instead, He has called it a Deen. Allah says in Quran in the Chapter Surah Al-Ma'idah:

"I have perfected ^{your} ~~my~~ ^{religion} ~~Deen~~ upon you and chosen Islam as your Deen"

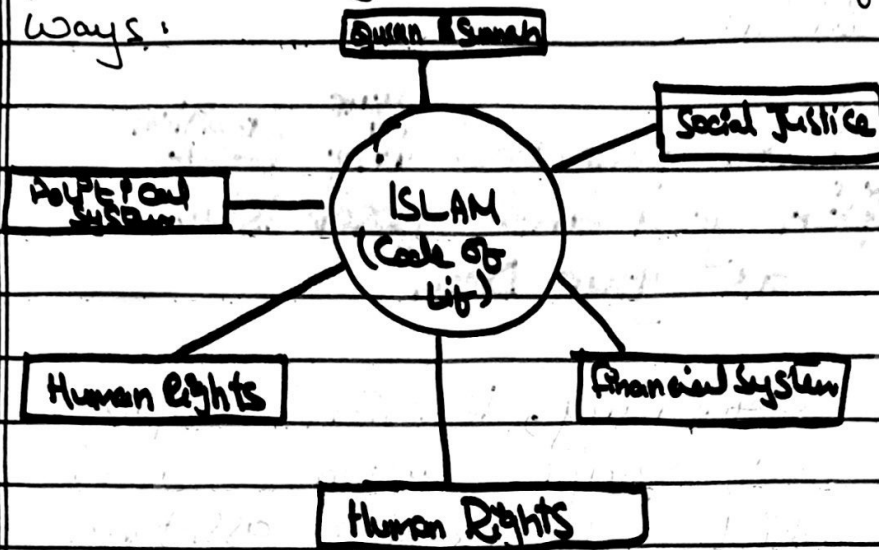
On the contrary, religion comprises of dogmas, specific customs and rituals which only provide assistance in specific occasions of life. Following is the approach of a religion.



- Further more, religion establishes a relation solely between man and God. While Islam establishes a relation between man and man; and God with man, Islam is a complete code of life while religion is not.

HOW DOES DEEN PROVIDE A COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE?

The complete code of life is provided by Islam in the following ways:



According to Dr Israr Ahmed, Deen comprises of worship, justice, financial system, faith and beliefs along with political system.

Therefore, Islam is a Deen which is the complete code of life.

IMPORTANCE OF DEEN IN HUMAN LIFE:

Deen, indeed provides a Muslim with complete code of life and how one should live a life with perfection.

1) Deen: As a Ray of Hope:

Deen as always acted as a ray of hope for the Muslims as Allah has always ordered the Muslims to show patience and be hopeful for all time. Allah has even explained in Quran, that He has set a specific scale of burden on human beings. Allah says in Quran:

"And Allah does not burden a soul more than its capacity."

This Ayat provides a ray of hope to Muslims.

2) A Universal Deen for All Mankind:

Deen is universal. Allah has sent the Holy Book of Quran as a source of guidance, for everyone and the topic of Quran is mankind and not Muslims. Allah says in Surah, Al-Maidah:

"One who kills a person, is like the murder of entire mankind"

In this Ayat, it is quite evident that Allah uses the word "mankind" and not Muslims. This means it invites everyone to recite Deen.

3) It acts as a Coping Mechanism:

Deen acts as a coping mechanism for everyone as it helps to reduce stress and anxiety. Muslim revert to their prayers to find peace and tranquility in their lives. In Surah Ar-Ra'ad, Allah says:

"Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find peace."

4) Enjoining Right and Forbidding Wrong:

Islam takes mankind out of wrong and encourages them to do right. Allah has instructed Muslims to never go near the wrong and do right to become pious and righteous in the eyes of Allah. Allah says in Holy Quran:

"We created you male and female, and you will be rewarded on the

Basis of Piety"

5) Islam: Deen of Equality:

Islam provides all humans with equal rights and they should not be violated on any condition. He does not judge anyone on the basis of their cast, colour or creed but only piety is the scale which Allah has to distinguish among humans. Holy Prophet says:

"An Arab has no superiority over a Non-Arab. A Non-Arab has no superiority over an Arab. Similarly, a white has superiority over black nor does black have superiority over white, except in actions of piety."

6) Encourages Knowledge for Muslim Men and Women:

Islam has always been an advocate of knowledge for mankind. Holy

Prophet has acted as the great educator who built 5-8-9 schools in Madinah for men and women. Holy Prophet says:

"Oh Allah! Exalt me in my knowledge!"

Allah has also stated in Surah Al-Hajj:

"Read! Read in the name of thy Lord, who created, created man out of congealed blood"

Conclusion:

Therefore, Islam is a complete code of life as it provides man with assistance in all aspects of life. It helps one in times of stress, it acts as a universal deen and sends the message of equality for the people. It increases a man's faith in oneness of Allah that there is a superior being and He helps everyone.
