

Q:- Difference b/w Deen and Religion

Ans:- Introduction

The concept of deen and Religion are often used interchangeably, yet they carry distinct meanings in Islamic and general contexts. Deen refers to a comprehensive way of life, encompassing spiritual, moral, social and legal aspects, guiding individuals in every facet of their existence. It is a holistic system of living in submission to the creator. Religion, on the other hand, tends to be more confined, often focusing on rituals, beliefs and practices that connect people to the divine.

Understanding the difference between Deen and Religion is essential to grasp how Islam presents itself as more than just a set of religious practices but as a complete way of life.

Differences

Attempt by giving subheadings

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In the Quran and Hadith, the term Deen is consistently used to describe Islam, emphasizing it as a comprehensive way of life that governs every aspect of human existence, from personal conduct to societal laws. The word Madhab, however, typically refers to schools of thought or sects within Islam, which emerged over time as interpretations and jurisprudential differences developed among scholars. The Quran and Hadith do not recognize Islam as a mere religion confined to rituals or dogma, but as a complete deen, encompassing spiritual, moral, social and legal dimensions.

The use of Islam in the Quran is described as "the true religion with Allah", indicating that it is not about divisions or sectarian affiliations but about submitting to Allah's guidance in its purest form.

Therefore, while Madhab denotes

Keep the description of a single

heading brief and increase the
number of arguments instead of

arguments, derived interpretations or
practices with Islam. Deen represents
the original and comprehensive
submission to Allah's will, which remains
the essence of Islam according to
divine texts.

Ref: ان الدين عند الله الاسلام

(Surah Al-e-Imran, Verse: 19)

"Indeed, the true religion (Deen)
with Allah is Islam."

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Lexically deen means, reward and
punishment. Religion denotes belief
of individual. Technically, deen
means a consummate code of life.

الا لله الدين الخالص

(Surah Az-Zumar, Verse no: 03)

"Yes, the sincere exclusive devotion
is to Allah only."

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Several religion can co-exist but there
can be only one Deen (system).

تاريخ: _____
افضل دين الله يجهون ولائهم عن
فرض السموات والارضين طوعا وكرها واليه
يرجعون -

(Surah Al-E-Imran Verse, 83)

Seek they other than the religion
of Allah, when unto him submit etc
whosoever is in the heavens and the
Earth willingly or Unwillingly,
and Unto Him they will be
returned.

11) The concept of accountability is
an eminent part of deen, whereas
it does not exist in religion-

قل الذين كفروا استقبلون
الى جهنم اذ هم فيها
المحاديث.

(Surah Al-e-Imran Verse, 12)

Say (O Muhammad) Unto those
disbelieve: ye shall be overcome and
gathered unto Hell, an evil resting
place

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Deen provides complete guideline for all spheres of life with definite laws.

Religion?

اولئك الذين خبطت اعمالهم في الدنيا
والاخرة و هلك من نصيرين

(Surah Al-e. Imran, Verse 22).

Those are they whose work have failed in the world and the Hereafter; and they have no helpers.

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Islam as a deen as a complete religion with a definite code of life and divine Laws for guidance

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم وانتمت
عليكم نعمتي ورضيت لكم الاسلام ديناً
فمن سر طرفي وصهبة من عتجانف
لاثم فان الله عنور رحيم

(Surah Al-Maeda, Verse no: 03)

This day are those who disbelieve in despair of (ever honoring) your religion; So fear them not, Fear me! This day I have perfected your religion for you and

Completed my favour unto you, and have chosen for you as religion Al-Islam. Whoso is forced by hunger not by will, to sin: (for him) lo! Allah is for giving mercy.

Short answer. Add more arguments

Conclusion

In essence, while religion primarily centres on beliefs and rituals, deen extends beyond that to encompass an entire life style in accordance with divine guidance. Islam as a deen goes beyond religious ceremonies and traditions aiming to shape every aspect of life - from governance and justice to personal ethics and community welfare. Recognizing this distinction highlights why Islam is seen as comprehensive system of living rather than merely a religion. This holistic approach of deen ensures that spiritual, moral and societal duties are all aligned with a unified

purpose containing attaining harmony
and fulfilling one's responsibility towards
both the creator and humanity.

A 20 marks answer should have
around 15 subheadings/ arguments