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Q: Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments. (CSS-2016)

Introduction to Deen: A complete Code of Life

The concept of Deen is very broad. It deals with the relationship of man with God and his fellow beings. Its message is divine and comprehensive. It enlightens about oneness of Allah Almighty, the prophetic mission of Prophet Muhammad ^ﷺ and earlier prophets and dual accountability. It encompasses a holistic framework that integrates spiritual, social, political and economic system into a unified whole.

Understanding Deen: concept, context and Terminology

Deen is a multifaceted Arabic term that has range of meanings and connotations depending on the context in which it is used. It is often translated as "religion" or "faith." The contextual meaning of Deen is: "A complete code of life." In Islamic terminology, Deen refers to Islam: the way of life chosen by Allah (SWT) for mankind.

Deen in the light of Qur'an

Whenever Allah (SWT) has referred to Islam in the Qur'an. He has used the word 'Deen' due to its wide scope-

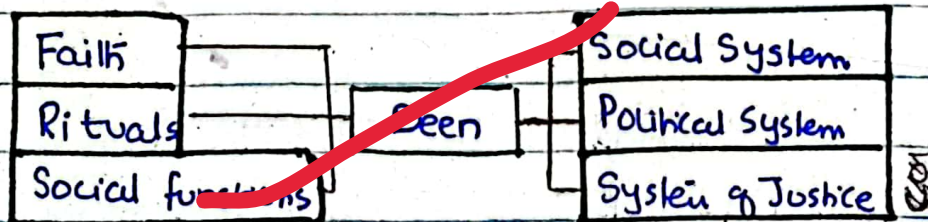
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"This day I have perfected your deen for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your deen."

[A1-Maidah : 03]

Deen in the light of Scholars

According to Dr. Israr Ahmed, Deen is combination of following six things.



Individual Life

Collective Life

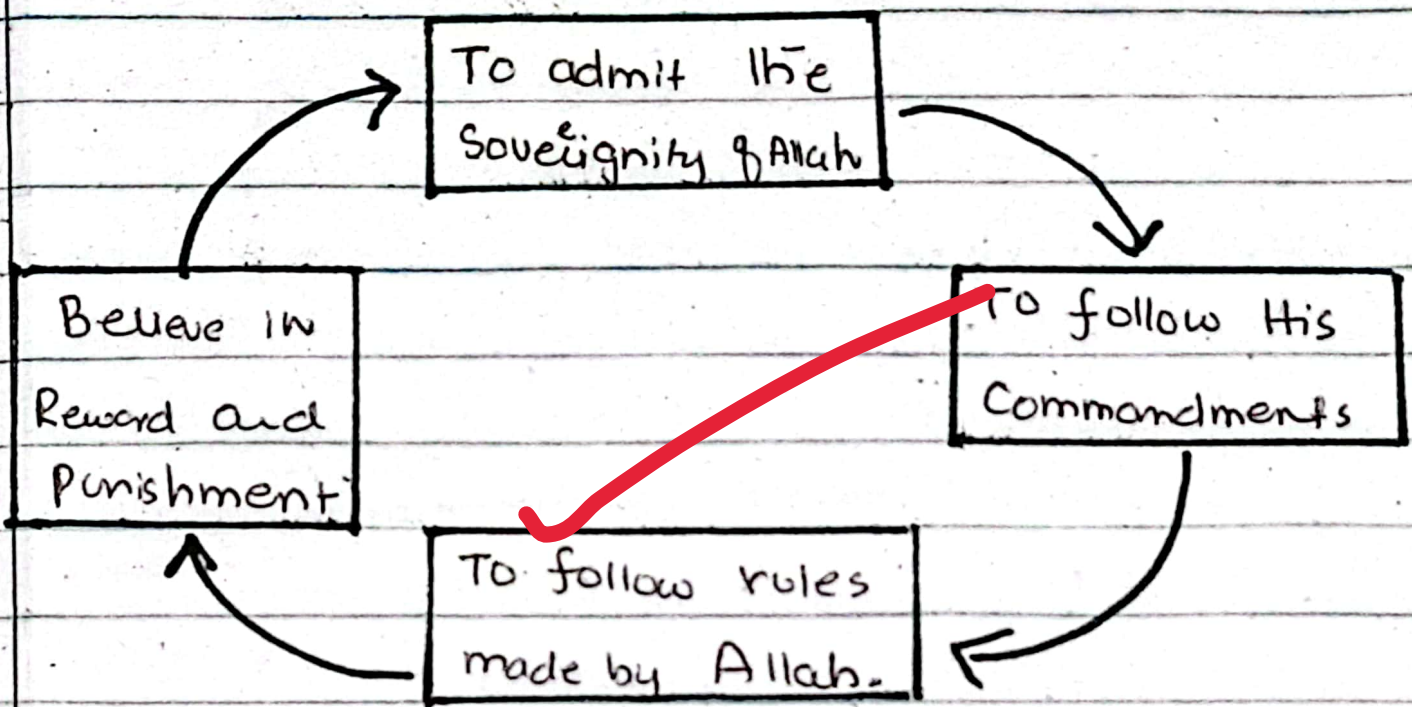
Objectives of Deen

Ibn-Khaldun describes the chief objectives of Deen as follows:

"Deens are introduced by Allah in order to lead mankind to eternal

blessings. Their objective is to worship Allah as well as management of worldly affairs. Deens provide guidance to establish a composite state and government on the fundamentals enjoined by Allah."

Core Principles of Deen



Necessity of Deen

It provides meaning and guidance for life's philosophical, cosmic and practical challenges.

It defines mankind's purpose of life and relationship with Allah Almighty.

Necessity of Deen

Deen answers existential questions beyond science and philosophy, including God, the Universe and afterlife.

It caters to spiritual needs.

Importance of Deen in Human Life

Deen is a comprehensive concept that defines the true purpose of man in the Universe. It integrates every dimension of human existence. It solves all the perplexing problems of human beings.

A) INDIVIDUAL LIFE

1) Deen provides satisfaction of soul

Deen keeps the hearts of people

satisfied by the remembrance of Allah Almighty. It is said

إلا بذكر الله تطمئن القلوب

Verily, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured. [Ar-Ra'ad: 28]

2) Deen: A guard against self-harm
Deen prevent suicide and declare it as forbidden (Haram) act. Because only Allah (SWT) is the master of our lives, He has fixed the time of death for everyone. Nobody is allowed to end his life on its own.

"And do not kill yourselves. Indeed Allah is to you ever Merciful."

[An-Nisa: 29]

3) Deen is a beacon of hope
Deen act as guiding light and source of hope especially in time of difficulty. In the Quran, Allah (SWT) says:-

فإن مع العسر يسرا ﴿٥﴾ إن مع العسر يسرا ﴿٦﴾

"So verily, with the hardship, there is relief. Verily, with the hardship, there is relief."

[As-Sharah: 5-6]

4) Deen sets criterion for Right and wrong

The Quran sets a clear standard to distinguish truth from falsehood. It has been stated in the Quran that;

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was revealed, a guidance to men and clear path proofs of the guidance and the distinction."

[Al-Baqrah:185]

5) Deen is a path to Enlightenment

The Quran leads people out of the ignorance of darkness and evil into the light of goodness and piety. Allah (SWT) in Surah Ibrahim say;

"Alif La 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."

[Ibrahim: 1]

"And do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is heaven to righteousness."
[Al-Ma'eda: 8]

3) Deen instills a sense of dual accountability
One of the important teachings of Deen is the concept of dual accountability. This is rooted in the belief that one's actions are under ^{divine} supervision and that they will be held accountable by God in the afterlife. It encourages a balanced and responsible life which benefits the society as a whole.

Allah (SWT) in the Quran says;

"Give full measure when you measure, and weigh with accurate scales. That is fair, and better in the end. Do not follow what you do not know; for the ear and the eye and the heart shall all be called to account."

[Bani-Isra'el: 35-36]

4) Deen provides various kinds of systems
Deen provides various systems which are necessary to run the affairs of state according to Islamic teachings. The system

include judicial, economical, Administrative, political and social system.

5) Deen Promote the Spirit of humanity

Humanity is the natural instinct within humans. To protect human rights is a humanity. Islam also emphasizes humanity on various occasions. Humanity is not limited to human beings. According to Islam, to be kind with animals and birds is also a humanity. For example, Holy prophet (PBUH) reprimanded a person because his camel was thirsty. From this we can comprehend the importance of humanity in Deen.

Good attempt!!!

Conclusion

From the above discussion, it becomes clearly evident that Deen is of utmost importance in the lives of human beings. To follow Deen is the key to success in this world as well as in hereafter. In a nut shell, life is like a barren land without Deen, it is a Deen which fertilize it by guiding in all aspects of life.