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Q What is the difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments. (2016)

Concept of Religion:-

In Arabic religion is defined as mazhab. Mazhab refer to road / path in literal meaning. Terminologically it refers to a set of beliefs, rituals and social customs. Mazhab deals with a person's individual and personal life and has relatively a narrower scope.

Concept of Deen:-

In literal meaning, deen refers to a number of things such as religion, beliefs, anything refer to god worship, government, day of Judgement, way of life etc. In contextual meaning, Deen refers to Islam; a complete code chosen for mankind by Al-mighty. It consists of beliefs, rituals, social customs and complete code of life.

Distinguish b/w the both:-

The only thing which distinguish between Religion and deen is **complete code of life**. Deen covers all the aspects of

person's life. It provide guidance in social, economic, political and administrative aspects. A man's whole dealings of day to day activities can be performed through the teachings given by deen. Contrarily, Religion refers to a person's religious life that how to perform and what not to do. It has a narrower scope.

Islam, Deen or Religion:-

Everytime when Allah SWT refers about Islam in the Quran, the word of Deen is used instead of Mazhab. This is the biggest evidence that Islam is a deen. According to a verse of Quran:-

"And in the sight of Allah,
the best Deen is Islam."

(Al-Quran)

Importance of Deen:-

The sources of laws of Deen is **Quran and Sunnah**; so it's importance can only be described by giving arguments from these two (the authentic). The importance of Deen is given as follows:

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- 1) Provide Guidance
 - 2) Tell Motive of life
 - 3) Distinguish b/w Right and Wrong
 - 4) Provide a complete code
 - 5) Provide all kinds of System
 - 6) Spiritual Cure
 - 7) Provide Wisdom and Enlightenment.

• Provide Guidance:-

In the Holy Book of Quran it is stated:-

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers, who go good deeds, that they shall have a great reward."

(Al-Quran)

Deen provides us complete and authentic guidance through the medium of Quran and Sunnah. It covers the solution of every problem whether it refers to religious or worldly affairs.

• Define Motive of life:-

If a person does not follow Deen, he will not be able to understand his purpose of life. We all know that everything

is being made for a purpose then how come a person's life will be purposeless. In Quran it is stated:-

"I did not create Jinns and human but for the purpose that they should worship me."
(Al-Quran)

• Distinguish between Right and Wrong:-

Deen is surely a complete code. It tells his followers what are the do's and don'ts of a particular matter. If a man is set free to decide what is right and wrong for him, the result will be destructive. For this purpose, we move towards the Al-Mighty who is the creator to draw a path of guidance through Deen.

• Provide a complete code:-

The importance of deen can be explained through its coverage on all the aspects of person's life. The Messenger of Allah SWT teaches us everything such as how to eat, sleep, marry or even talk to others. His (SAW) whole

life is a role model and example of Deen's application and indeed he was a perfect human being.

• Provide System of All kinds:-

Deen provides us with the knowledge of not only religious activities but also worldly affairs. It taught us how to deal in economic, social, political and administrative sectors of our life. We can find the way of living and interacting with others in the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

• Spiritual Cure:-

According to a verse of Quran:-

(^xAnd Allah has revealed to you the Book and wisdom)^x

"We send down the Quran as a healing and mercy for his believers, and it only increasesⁱⁿ loss to wrongdoers."

(Al-Quran)

Deen is no doubt a spiritual cure.

As Islam is a deen of peace and salvation. It gives us a sense of connected to the creator of Universe; Allah SWT.

Deen provides us hope that whatever problem we have, Allah is there for us and He gives us the great reward.

• Provide Wisdom and Enlightenment:-

Deen provides us knowledge and its scope is so wide that even today the new commentary of Quran sheds a new concept of life. Even though Quran is being interpreted from the time of Last Prophet; but with every new commentary it released a new concept. This knowledge is deeper than ocean, higher than mountains and sweeter than honey.

"And Allah has revealed to you the Book and wisdom and taught you what you did not know and Allah's grace is very great"

(Al-Quran)

Conclusion:-

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Through the above arguments given under the light of Quran and Sunnah it is clear that Deen is a complete code of one follow Deen in every circumstance of his life, he will surely succeed in this world and the hereafter.

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