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Importance of Din in Human Life.

Concept of Din

Din is an all-round movement in the light of faith in Allah, and a sense of responsibility for the formation of thought and belief, for the promotion of high principles of human morality for the establishment of good relations among members of the society and the elimination of every sort of undue discrimination.

The Islamic Concept of Din is unique in the broadest sense of the world. It is true that genuine Din must come from Allah for the right guidance of man. Din plays a very important role in human life and society. It provides advice in matters concerning Islamic Jurisprudence.

It is a complete code of life which provides guidance in all human situation. It should be borne in mind that Din was taught by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Din deals both with man's relation with Allah and his fellow beings. Religion deals with the private affairs of life whereas Din covers all aspects of life, individual as well as collective. Din is an all embracing term which includes "religion politico-economic system". It touches upon the material as well as spiritual dimensions of human existence.

Islam is not only a religion but also a Din as it is a complete code of life.

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(1) Islam means peace as well as submission ----
 The purpose of life is to live it well, in other words, wellbeing. The purpose of life is life edified, harmonized, enriched, strengthened and elevated"

(2) "The craving for peace is inherent in human nature; hence being naturally craves for Islam or Peace"
 "Dr. Khalifa Abdul Hakim"

How Islam is a Universal Din:

Islam is a Universal Din because, the following importance it guides as follows;

1. It guides in every aspect of life.
2. It is not limited to a specific time period.
3. It is not limited to a specific geography.
4. It is not limited to a specific ethnicity.

According to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH);

- a. To wear witness of Allah and his message.
- b. To establish the pillar of Islam.

"For you (your Din) and for us (our Din)"
 (Sunah Al-Jayla)

Role of Din in Human Life and Society:

Din play a vital role in human life and society. Its message is real and practical because it comprehensively covers all human actions. It explain the Tawhid doctrine effectively. It tell us (how to live a virtuous life, how to conduct ourselves in public or at home, how to treat parents, relatives, friends, strangers, the poor and orphans).

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- It instructs us about the (economic, social, educational and political ends)
- It provides advice in matters concerning (marriages, divorce, birth and death, property, inheritance and selling, trade and commerce, civil and criminal law) and many other practical matters.

“We have surely set forth in the Quran every kind of lesson for people, but humankind is the most argumentative of all beings”

“Surah Al-Kahf”

Importance of Din in Human Life

1. Din Provides Guidance to Mankind:

Din is a system of life in which human beings consciously surrender themselves to the sovereignty of higher authority and live a life of total obedience under the system of that higher authority. In order to gain rewards from it and to save themselves from its punishment.

Din provides guidance on the following factors:

- (i) How to establish a connection with the Divine.
- (ii) How to live in harmony with oneself and others.
- (iii) The natural world.

It helps individuals to develop a sense of purpose, meaning and direction in their lives, and to navigate the challenges and trials of the human experience.

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2. Din Provides a Clear Path;

The importance of Din, which is the doctrine of life in Islam, is that;

It provides a comprehensive framework for individuals to live a meaningful and fulfilling life.

Din encompasses all aspects of human existence, including individual spirituality, social interaction (moral conduct).

Din :- The word Din is derived from Arabic word which gives three (3) general sense.

- a. Judgement
- b. Custom
- c. Religion.

It used by both Muslims and A&B Christians.

"Whoever defects evil and believes in Allah both grasped the most trustworthy bond-hold, that never breaks and Allah heareth and knoweth all things" **Hazrat ALI (R.A)**

3. Din Leads Mankind from Darkness to Light

Leading the people from the darkness to the light which means directing themselves towards enlightenment from the state of utter darkness or directing the people from the state of darkness of paganism towards the state of illumination of faith; from the state of darkness of oppression and tyranny towards the state of the enlightenment of justice. from the state of corruption and injustice into the state of righteousness and justice.

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From the sin to Piety and victory, and finally from the state of disunity and dispersion into the state of unity.

As the source of all good is Pure Essence of Allah, and the main pre-condition of understanding of monotheism is focusing on this very reality, the Quran adds immediately that all these are achieved in accordance with the Permission of People's Lord:

Lord:

"by their Lord's permission"

To clarify the issues further for the direction towards enlightenment, the Quran implies that this enlightenment of faith is the path of the Lord, the Dear and the Praised One.

The Lord whose glory is sign of his power and his Praised state is a sign of his unlimited favours and blessings.

"Allah is the Guardian of those who have faith; He brings them out of the darkness into the light." (Al-Quran)

Light is the meaning/means for seeing, awakening, movement, guidance and development, as they are all included in the Celestial Book and the way of Allah.

The Quran is not adequate in itself; the Divine leader is also necessary for guiding the people as well.

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4. Divine Religion is a source of wisdom and knowledge.
 Divinity refers to the quality or nature of God's being. In Christianity, divinity belongs to Allah/God alone. Orthodox Christians believe that Jesus is divine as well as human. Jesus is God and man, and the second person of the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Allah is omniscient; He eternally knows whatever can be known, be it universal or particular in character.
 (Al-Qur'an)

Muslim theologians considered that "omniscient" is a necessary and "ignorance" is an impossible property for God. Nothing can escape His knowledge.

Knowledge is understanding basic facts, truths and information. We gain knowledge from learning and education, while, wisdom is the ability to use knowledge in a practical, intelligent way.

Most people believe wisdom comes from everyday experiences.

5. Din is Spiritual Cure of Modern Man

Embracing the practice of din, serves as a profound spiritual cure for the modern man, offering a path towards inner peace and tranquility.

The rituals and teachings, within various religious traditions, provide a moral compass, helping individuals navigate the complexities of modern life with a sense of purpose and ethical guidance.

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Engaging in spiritual practices fosters a connection to something greater than oneself, offering solace and comfort in times of uncertainty and stress.

"Allah Promotes mercy to those who follow the guidance of the Quran; And this is the book here revealed as a blessing; so follow it and be righteous, that you may receive mercy."

"Such Al An'am"

Din encourages mindfulness, self reflection and gratitude, fostering a holistic approach to well-being that addresses the spiritual dimensions often overlooked in the fast-paced modern world. By incorporating din into their lives, individuals can find a sanctuary for the soul, promoting mental resilience and emotional balance amidst the challenges of contemporary existence.

Teaching of Din are Guard against Evil's

The teaching of din emphasizes the importance of guarding against evil by instilling

moral values

Ethical conduct

Spiritual awareness -
Followers are encouraged to cultivate a strong sense of righteousness, resist temptations and engage in act of kindness and compassion.

"A true believer is sheltered by the powerful cover of the Quran against evil and wicked ways. Thus does Allah make His sign clear to men that they need soft-restraint"

(Al-Baqara)

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Through adherence to these principles, individuals build a protective shield around themselves, fostering a virtuous life that guards against the influence of negativity and wrongdoing.

7. Din Provides Principles for Establishment of Justice

A vital function of the Deen is to guide in the establishment of balanced system of justice and equality. Din, in its teaching, provides fundamental principles for the establishment of justice.

- Emphasizing fairness
- Equality
- Accountability

It guides adherents to create a social and legal framework that ensures impartiality. The principles of Din to promote the idea that justice is a concern/ cornerstone of a harmonious society, urging individuals to uphold the right to others, resolve dispute equitably, work towards greater goods.

"It is Allah who has sent down the book which is truth and the balance to judge between us right or wrong"

(Al-Quran)

"Through these principles, din aim to create a just and inclusive environment where individuals are treated with dignity and where the rule of law prevails."

Thus, the Quran, Being the last of the revealed Books and Islam provide the most comprehensive Code of Justice.

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Conclusion :-

The importance of din in human life is profound and multifaceted. Beyond a set of religious belief, **Din** provides a comprehensive guide for individuals to navigate the complexities of existence. It serves as a moral compass, instilling virtues and principles that fortify personal growth, resilience and ethical conduct. Din offers a spiritual cure for the modern man, addressing not only the tangible challenges of life but also the intangible aspect of inner peace and purpose. Through techniques that guard against evil and establish principles of justice, **Din** lays the foundation for a society characterized by compassion, fairness, and collective well-being. In embracing din, individuals find a source of solace, wisdom and guidance that enriches their lives and contributes to the creation of a more just and harmonious world.

