

Difference between Deen and

Religion.

Deen and Religion are related to each other we can say that Deen is a broader sense and religion is a part of it. Deen guide us in our relation with humans as well as God where as in religion, our relation with God is taken into consideration. Difference Between religion and Deen is discussed further below.

Deen:

Deen word is derived from Arabic root wad dana which means subjugation and obedience. its contextual meaning is to admit the sovereignty of Allah Almighty and to follow his commandments. it is complete code of life.

According to great scholar Dr Ismail Ahmed Deen is based on 6 things i.e. faith, worship, social functions, social system, political and financial system.

Another great scholar Zamir Akhtar Khan emphasizes deen as a complete system of life, encompassing religious - socio - politico economic aspects.

Religion:-

Religion is taken from latin word religare / religio which means to follow / to subjugate. Its contextual meaning is the way of life or to find one's own roots.

Edward Taylor as defined the religion "to believe in spiritualism."

According to Dr. Ismael Ahmed Religion is a combination of three things Faith, worship and social functions.

Differences:

Deen is the complete code of life where as religion talks about some or one aspect of life.

Deen talks about spirit and body where as religion is just spiritual matter.

Deen guide us in personal and collective matter where as religion is just personal matter.

Deen is universal and religion is regional. In Religion, faiths are man made where as in Deen faiths are revealed. For example Islam is deen as there is proof of everything in Quran where as Christianity, Judaism in all these religions, many different views are added.

Religion just guide man in his relation with God where as Deen guide man with his relation with God where as man's relation with humans.

Importance of Deen in human life

Deen is a comprehensive framework encompassing spiritual, moral, social, and legal aspects of life. It provide a holistic guide for individual and societies and is very important for individuals and societies.

Deen is divine guidance.

Deen is very important for human life. It is the source of divine guidance and guidance is very important for human being because at every stage of life human needs someone who guides what is right and what is wrong.

قل ان هدى الله هو الهدى وامننا لنسلم
الرب العالمين

say: surely Allah's guidance is the only true guidance. And we are commanded to submit to the lords of the worlds.

surah AL An'am 6:71.

Deen is complete code of life

Deen is the complete code of life. It guide human being in every aspect of life. It guides human how to live a peace life and prosper in every manner.

ولقد صرنا للناس هدى هذا القرآن
من كل مثل لعلهم يذكرون

We have certainly set forth every kind of lesson for people in this Quran, so perhaps they will be mindful.
Surah Az Zumar 39:27.

Deen is important for individual life.

Deen is very important for satisfaction of soul as it prevents man to become anxious about small things. The people who are far away from deen are in depression. In Europe anxiety and depression is increasing day by day because people are far away from the religion. Where people who follow the religion and deen are more satisfied in their life because Deen gives us hope

فان مع العسر يسرا

So, surely with hardship comes ease.

94:5.

Gives meaning to all unanswered questions.

It gives answers to questions that are unknown and solves so many mysteries like who is creator, what is after death etc.

Teaches us morality and ethics.

Deen teaches us morality and ethics. It guide us how to behave with relatives, siblings, neighbours, and what are the principles to follow in this society.

"God loves those who do good"

2:183

Islam as Deen

Islam is not merely a religion, it's a comprehensive code of life, a deen.

The Arabic word deen governs every aspect muslim's life, from personal beliefs and worship to social interactions, economics, and governance. It is a complete system that provides guidance for both individual and societal matters.

Key characteristics of Islam as Deen

- **Submission to Allah.**

The core of Islam is submission to the will of Allah, as expressed through the Quran and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

يا ايها الذين آمنوا ادخلوا في السلم
كافة ولا تتبعوا خطوات الشيطان
انه لكم عدو نبين .

O. believers, Enter into Islam, whole-heartedly and do not follow Satan's footsteps, surely he is your sworn enemy.

- **Comprehensive Guidance.**

Islam offers detailed instructions on worship, morality, family relations, social justice, economic transactions, and governance as Dr. Issa Ahmed said: "Deen is based in 6 things. Faith, worship, social functions, social system, political and financial system."

Balance:

It promotes a balanced approach to life, emphasizing both spiritual and worldly responsibilities.

Influential scholar Ibn Taymiyyah highlighted the concept of wasatiyyah as fundamental principle of Islam. He emphasized the importance of moderation in both belief and practice.

Community:

Islam fosters a strong sense of community among Muslims, emphasizing mutual support, cooperation and solidarity.

And hold fast, all together,
by the rope which Allah (stretches
out for you); and by not divided
among yourselves'

Quran 2, 103.