

# QUESTION No 1

What is the concept of Islam as a religious doctrine? How is it different from religion?

## INTRODUCTION

"Whoever desires a religion other than Islam will not be accepted and he will be among the losers", Surah Al-Imran.

The concept of Islam is premised on the notion that the whole universe belongs to God. It is the monotheistic religion found in the 7th century in Arabian peninsula. It is based on the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H), which he got through revelation. Moreover, the concept of Islam is also encoded in different religions, and scriptures. Its importance is articulated by different / famous muslim and non-muslim authors. Whereas, the main difference in deen and religion is considered thoroughly.

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# MEANING AND CONCEPT OF ISLAM

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Literal meaning of Islam.

The word "Islam" comes from the Arabic root "S-L-M" which means "peace" or "to surrender".

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Contextual meaning.

Submission of desires to the will of God.

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Islam according to Shariah.

voluntarily submission  
"There is no compulsion  
in Deen" Surah Al-Baqara.

Religion has concept  
majority will  
be authority.

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Revelation of  
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## CONCEPT OF ISLAM

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The concept of Islam is premised on the notion that whole universe belongs to him.

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He created life/man on earth to test and test.

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He prescribed a divine code of life to man and granted freedom to follow his code or not. Those who follow his code will be believer other will be non-believer.

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Essence of Islam is not only to practise Aman and sunnah in personal life however it must be implemented in totality in social, economic, political and religion fields.

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Its golden refers from 8th to 13th century, ~~for~~ ~~when~~ when muslim world experiencing a scientific, economical and cultural flourishing.

④ ISLAM IN THE EYES OF...

DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AND SCULPTURES.

① In Judaism → (The Hebrew Bible) uses the term Islam to describe the submission of Abraham and other to the will of GOD.

② In christianity → Gospel of matthew emphasized the importance of submitting of GOD'S will echoing the concept of Islam.

③ In Hinduism. → In Bhagwat Greeta there is a concept of monotheism peculiar to the concept of Islam.

- ④ Ancient Mesopotamia. → The epic of "Gilgamesh" contains themes of submission to the GOD'S and the concept of "shalom" means peace similar to the Islamic concept of "peace".

⑤ ISLAM IN THE VEWS OF  
DIFFERENT AUTHORS.

⑥ DR: Allama Iqbal: Islam is not just a religion but a complete structure or deen.

⑦ Professor E.B Taylor: Belief in spiritual being is called religion.

⑧ DR Hamidullah: Islam is a combination of faith and rituals.

(a) Sachwaddim Islahi : Islam is a combination of faith and rituals.

## (a) EXPOSITION OF THE RELIGION

ISLAM: According to the words of Ahmed A. Gawayn he writes in his book "The religion of Islam" in which he encoded the laws which were followed by the prophet (P.B.U.H) himself also.

(i) These are 5 in numbers.

(a) Five articles of faith = believe in GOD, his angels, his books, his prophets and in the last day of resurrection.

(b) wooships = Praying to GOD, recital of the creed, paying due alms, performing pilgrimage and observe fasting

- ③ Transactions = Transactions between men to men with justice and equality.
- ④ moralities = moralities which are enshrined in Quran and sunnah.
- ⑤ punishments = non slaughter, theft, robbery etc.

## ⑦ DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEEN

## AND RELIGION

The system of life given by GOD it is only one that is Islam. From prophet Adam to Muhammad (P.B.U.H) all prophets came with the same principle of justice, morality and equality. However, in the Holy Quran Allah says " ~~He~~ He who follow the religion ~~of~~ other than Islam will not be accepted". Moreover, deen is a system of life whereas religion deals with only certain spiritual matters. Therefore, there is a difference between deen and religion which is elaborated as under.

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DEENRELIGION

1	Deen is a system of life	Religion deals with only spirituality.
2	Deen is the name of totality include, comprehensive guidance, balance and moderation.	Religion is the name of partiality include, sectarianism, dogmatism, intolerance.
3	Deen came up with system of life include economic political and social.	Religion has only regional culture.
4	Deen has divine concept of legislation	Religion has concept of majority will be authority.
5	Deen competes with evolutionary process in form of Ijtihad.	Religion always adhere to old teachings.
6	Deen is a subjective reality via faith and belief diverge religion pluralism.	Religion is an objective reality via religion institutions and authority.
7	Deen has concept of individual accountability.	Religion has no compulsion to follow these ethics.
8	Deen is a rational and radical entity it breaks all idols.	Religion sets up new idols in order to keep the people unaware from the realities.



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## CONCLUSION

In a nutshell, the concept of Islam is an mature on human history itself, though it enriches the moral and intellectual impulse of human-being, by acting upon the teachings of Islam one could easily enter into the fold of it. However, the most common difference between deen and religion is that religion deals with spirituality and deen deals with spirituality and body.