

Difference between Deen & Religion
Describe importance of Deen in human life with arguments

ANSWER

DIFFERENCE

DEEN & RELIGION

INTRODUCTION:

Man's sense of religion, or worshipping the one whom he considers to be the creator and master of the universe, is embedded in his instinct. Which is why around 84 percent people on the planet today associate themselves with one or the other religion. Although, the Arabic word 'Deen' is interchangeably used for religion or Mazhab, they are altogether different.

1) Deen exclusively means
"Deen-e-Islam"

"Religion is belief in the existence of God/gods/goddesses to be the creator & master of the universe alongwith subsidiary beliefs, worship and criteria of right and wrong"

"In Deen-e-Islam, A Muslim believes that only Allah is the creator and absolute sovereign Master of the universe, whom he submits his will spending life according to His codes with the sense of reward and punishment in the hereafter"

2) "Deen", and not "Religion", is used in Quran for Islam

Allah says :

ان الدين عند الله الاسلام
"The only Deen in sight of
Allah is Islam"

(Imran-19)

No other Religion does Allah
accepts than Islam.

ومن يتبع غير الاسلام ديناً فليس لقبل منة
وهو في الآخرة من الخاسرين -

And whoever desires other
than Islam as religion, it
will not be accepted for him
and he will be among the
losers in the Hereafter.

(Imran-85)

3) Deen is whole, Religion
is part:

In some societies there is a
bifurcation between religion
and practical life due to the
subjective nature of religion
which, if allowed, to influence
collective life, will cause conflict.
While Deen-e-Islam is a complete

code of life. Muhammad Asad
in his book Islam at Crossroads
says

"... nothing escapes its
penetrating eyes a system
that fully appreciates all
genuine needs"

4) Deen is unchanged / only
survived revealed religion

Allan says to

"The same religion has
we revealed for you as that
which we enjoined on Noah...
Abraham, Moses, and Jesus..."

(Shura-13)

However, they deviated from
the path making amendments in
the script bringing duality
(in Judaism) and trinity (Christianity)
in the monotheistic scripts. The
non-revealed religion are further
removed from reality. About Deen
e-Islam, Allah guaranteed its protection

انا من نزلنا الذكر وانا له لحافظون
"Verily it is we who sent down
this Book and we ourselves
will protect it" (al-Insan-23)

IMPORTANCE OF DEEN IN HUMAN LIFE

Deen ensures ^{satisfaction of} not only
an individual's spiritual,
psychological and moral
needs but also an ideal
society.

1) Satisfies man's primordial nature :-

Majority of philosophers and
anthropologists believe that
the sense of religion is
embedded in instinct of man.

واذ اخذ ربك من بني آدم من ظهورهم ذرياتهم
وا منهم على النقصم الست برآبكم قالوا لبي شقونا.

And remember when your God took from the children of Adam their descendents and made them testify "Am I not your Lord?" they testified, lest you should say on the Day "we were forgetful"

2) Internal accountability - creates balance in society

The faith that he is under continuous watch of an all-knower makes him, in front of whom he will be accountable on the Day, makes him respect the rights of others.

كَلِمَ رَاعِي سَلَمٌ مِّنْ رَّسُولِي

"Everyone of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock" Hadith

3) Cure for spiritual maladies of modern man:-

In the age of science

(Everchanging) man feels a perpetual restlessness. So much Belief in hereafter creates a sense of security. Muhammad Qutab in Islam the Misunderstood Religion says:

"Science itself is part of God's law which continues beyond eternity"

4) Man recognizes the highest purpose of life:-

By recognizing his Creator and his relationship with Him, a man feels no longer a slave to others and his own mean motives.

ہر انسان سے اللہ کے لئے ایک مقصد ہے اور اس مقصد کو جاننا اور اس کو حاصل کرنا اس کی فطرت ہے۔

5) Ensures man's self purification:-

Man tries to live life according to the dictates of Deen and avoid those as disliked by Allah and

thus learn self restraint.

ان الصلوة تنهى عن الفحشاء والمنكر

'Verily the salah prevents
from immoral acts and evil deeds

(Ankaboot-45)

CONCLUSION

Islam is the
only Deen which covers
all aspects of human
needs which makes it
the ultimate choice as
an international religion
in today's chaotic world.
