

Q. Islam provides better rights to women than other all religions. Explore with arguments.

Introduction

Islam has blessed woman with plethora of rights, often, at times, it has given precedence to woman over man. Women in Islam have gotten all sort of rights be it family, social, economic, political, religious, educational and marital rights. However, in other religions, women have been restricted to certain domains, undermining their personal autonomy and liberty.

How women have more rights in Islam than other religions.

- 1) Family right of women
 - a) Marital rights

Islam has conferred utmost rights to a wife in Islam. There are some of rights discussed below:

i) Right to consent

Women in Islam are strictly prohibited to be married without having their consent.

"Always take the consent of virgin girl; Moreover,

the widow must also be asked before remarrying."

(Al-Hadith)

ii) Right to Inheritance

Upon the death of husband, women has been conferred $\frac{1}{6}$ of share of husband's estate.

"Men and women have property rights from the property leftover

by parents and belongings."

(Al-Suran)

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In Judaism :

Women can only inherit if there are no sons.

iii) Right to maintenance

"And give to your women, who you marry, their mahr at the time of marriage with good heart."

(Surah Nisa 4:4)

In Hinduism :

Instead of showering women with amenities, there exist a concept of dowry - which is an extra burden of women, undermining their rights.

iv) Right to Khula (dissolution of marriage).

In certain scenarios, women have been given the right to terminate the marriage forthwith.

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However, there has to be legitimate reason.

"A woman who takes Khula without any reason will be far from aroma of Paradise"
(Al-Hadith)

- In Christianity (Catholicism)
In Catholicism, the divorce is generally prohibited, limiting the woman's autonomy.

- In Hinduism
In Hinduism, marriage is often considered a reverend bond and there are no laws allowing women to terminate marriage.

b) Rights as a mother

i) Right to be kind and gentle

Quran has strictly prohibited Muslims to avoid harsh language with your mother and parents - father.

ii) Right to Inheritance

In Islamic law (Shariah) mothers are awarded a share of property from the assets of deceased son. Mothers are generally awarded $\frac{1}{8}$ of the property of deceased son. It is an economic right and a benefit that not every religion offers to mothers.

iii) Right to respect for foster mothers.

"Any one who breast feed a baby, holds the same respect as real mother." (Al-Burhan).

c) Rights as daughter

Daughters in Islam are conferred a esteemed status. As Holy prophet says

"Don't dislike daughters as they are more caring and loving for parents." (Al-Hadith)

Therefore, daughters hold a cardinal role in Islam.

2. Educational rights of women In Islam

Women in Islam are not barred but rather fostered to gain worldly and religious knowledge.

There are no any constraints in their educational pursuit.

"It is incumbent upon both muslim women and men to acquire knowledge." (Al-Hadith)

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3) Political rights of women in Islam

Islam has catalyzed women to indulge in politics. They may engage in political discourse and many engage in political campaigns.

- Right to vote

Example: The Lady Ayesha (r.a) is a great example of women in politics.

- In Christianity:

In catholicism, women are barred from politics. Moreover, they can also not become priests in their church.

4) Economic rights of women in Islam

Islam has freed women to bear economic expenses, rather

men are maintainers of them.

"Men are maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others"

(Al-Baqara)

Women are not barred but fostered to work and keep their earnings to them.

Conclusion

In nutshell, there are plethora of right enjoyed by women in Islam. It is beyond doubt that women's autonomy and liberty flourishes in Islam than any other religion on all over the globe.

Q. Describe the Importance of Deen in human life. Differentiate between Deen and Religion.

Introduction

Deen is a concept that governs the overall matters of human life.

It is a holistic ideology that teaches human on topics of either marriage, morality, inheritance, life, divorce, property, evil and good and all mundane ventures of daily life. Contrastingly, Religion is a set of dogmas, stereotypes, conformity. It is often perceived to be a path, and Deen to be destination.

In reality, Deen and religion are often considered as a single idea; However, there exist a great bifurcation between the both.

Importance of Deen in Human life.

1) Deen confers a path to mankind

Streamlining its thoughts

Deen is a collective notion of beliefs that provides a trajectory to human endeavours. Without deen, a human can be nothing, but stray, engulfed in dogmas, stereotypes and conformity, far from the reality and peace.

"Therefore believe in Allah and his messenger and the light he revealed. Beyond doubt, he knows what you do."
(Al-Suran 64:8)

2) Deen: A source of wisdom and excellence

Deen is a spiritual notion that makes an individual far from materialism and mundane intricacies. Moreover, Surah Yasin, the words of 'Ekd in

Quran holds true wisdom and pathway to human efforts.

3) Deen : An criterion of morality

Deen is an ideology that defines what is wrong and right. It is clear pathway to truth and peace. Moreover, it also forestalls individuals from being stray and consult human-made sources in case of guidance. As Allah mentions in Quran ;

"And in month of Ramadan, Quran was revealed, a guidance and the proof of guidance and its distinction".
(Al-Quran)

4) Deen : An antidote to melancholy and sorrows of world

Deen is collective ideology that covers the every area of human life. In the divine book of Quran, there exist, the true guidance and spiritual teachings for mankind. It can help individuals forget all sorrows of world. Allah mentions in Quran that ;

And we reveal of Quran that-
which is healing and a mercy to believers.
(Al-Quran)

5) Deen : A guard against evil

As man requires something to complied with or it will become stray finding true meaning of life. Thus, Deen, in this journey of lives, keeps an individual away from all sorts of evils and wrongs. Allah mentions in the Quran as;

" It is the Quran in Arabic without any crookedness therein, in order that may guard against evil (Al Quran 39:28)

b) Deen: Introducing the notion of justice and equality.

Deen is holistic set of rules and regulation that confer human its rights and ensure equality.

" It is god who sent down the book, that is truth and balance to judge between right and wrong. " (Al-Quran)

It is clear that Quran addresses the issue of human rights very effectively.

Understanding the difference between Deen and Religion

1) Deen has a spiritual backing or divine-orchestrated, but religion is purely man-made.

2) Deen is a static ideology, but religion is of evolving nature.

Deen and religion are different ideologies.

3) Deen is Islam, and the religion is sects and partisans made therein.

example, the way of offering salat differ between sects due to their ideological differences.

4) "Religion is belief in spiritual beings."
(E.B Taylor)

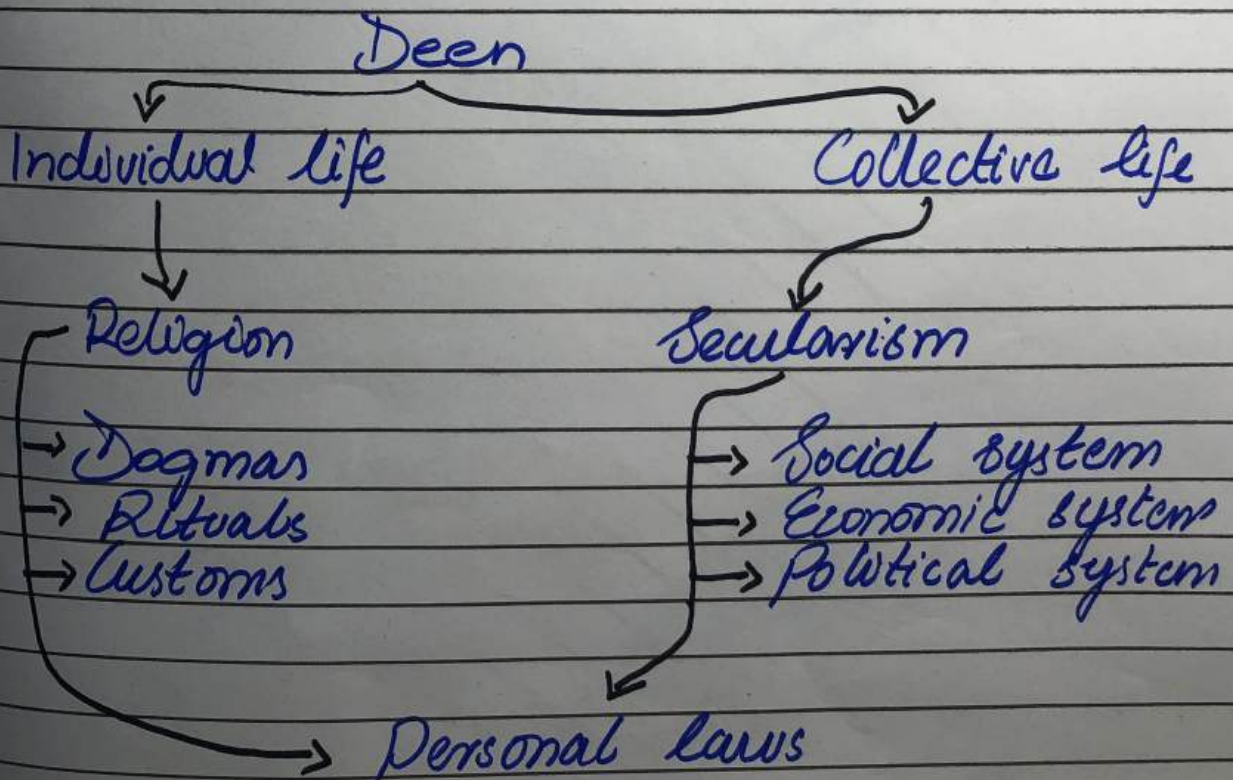
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And we have completed
your deen that "Is Islam"
(Al - Suran)

5) Deen indicates wisdom in
Individuals; However, Religion
embed conformity.

6) Deen is an objective reality
but religion is merely
some sort of subjective
experience.

7) Deen is a divine - construct,
religion is cultural - construct.



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Conclusions

Deen and religion collectively creates the principles of Islam. However, due to evolving nature of religion, Deen is true source of spiritual teachings and moral guidance. The bifurcation between both notions is the key to truth and reality.