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Q₂: What is the difference b/w Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with Argument

Ans: **Introduction:**

Deen is a major term which refers to destination while Religion is a Pathway which leads towards a destination. Deen means absolute sovereignty of Allah and absolute submission of man to Allah. Deen indicate concept of belief in reward and accountability in life after death, and it is a complete way of life, while Mazhab is a non Islamic word and it has not been used in Holy Quran or Ahadees in the context of Islam. Mazhab (Religion) means a manner a pattern, a method or a belief.

Concept of Mazhab (Religion)

In literal sense, it mean a ~~Pathway~~ ~~road~~
In terminology, It refers to a set of beliefs, rituals, and social customs. Concerns a Person's individual and Personal life.

Has ~~relatively~~ a narrow scope than deen.

Concept of Deen:

In literal sense, It refers to number of meaning such as religion, belief anything through which God is worshipped



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Government, judgment, Day of judgment
way of life etc

- In terminology, It refers to Islam; the way of life choose for mankind by Allah.
- It consists of a set of beliefs, virtues, social customs and a complete code of life.

Difference b/w Deen & Religion

1) Deen is Authentic while Religion is Self-Created.

Deen is authentic Islamic word and it is proved by the Holy Quran and Ahadees. Unauthentic religion is a non-Islamic word and it has not been used in Holy Quran or Ahadees in this context.

2) Verification of Deen is done by Almighty Allah

The Deen in the sight of Allah is only Islam. "The Deen before Allah (accepted by Allah) is Islam" (Al-Imran 3:19)
Religion is unverified there is no such proof in mazhab.

3) Deen is favored by Allah:

Deen has been approved of and favoured by Allah.
Allah say; in Quran,

"This day I have Perfected your deen for you, completed my favor upon you and have chosen Islam for you as true deen (Al Maidah-3)

4) Deen is Pure while Religion Contains impurities Created by man.

~~Allah is the creator~~

"Deen is Pure benevolence (Abu-Dawud) while Religion are not pure. Indeed, they are adulterated and have combined of statements, advices and suggestion which are self-made and are not contradictory to Islamic concept.

5) Religion Supports Prejudices while Deen negates such behavior:

Religion follows the Prejudice of men and pampers them. Deen seek to lead men to a path of life that is in harmony with the realities of life.

"O mankind, fear your Lord, who Created you from One Soul and Created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women, And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs, Indeed, Allah is ever over you, an Observer."



The verse highlight the common origin of all human, stressing the idea of equality and brotherhood.

6) Deen is the name of only obedience of Allah and ~~Messiah~~ is Mixture:
Religion

Religion enjoy religious meditation in the name of worship and thus induce self-deceit-deception.

“And whoever seeks a Deen other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him. (Al-Quran 3:85)

Importance of Deen in human life

Introduction: Deen play a vital role in human life and society. Its message is real and practical for it. Comprehends all human action - 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 Orphan. It instructs us about economics and about our social, educational and Political end. It deal with internal and foreign affair in peace time



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and war. In short It is complete code of life which provides guidance in all human situations.

It is stated in the Quran:

"He who created death and life to test you (as to) which of you is best in deed."

- **Provide Guidance:** The Quran and Hadith offer clear direction on how to live, covering every aspect of life.

Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward (Bani Israel-9)

- **Define the Primary Motive of this life:**

Islam teaches that the purpose of life is to worship Allah and follow His commandments focusing on spiritual growth and earning His pleasure.

"I did not create the jin and humans except for the purpose that they should worship me (Az-Zariyat-56)

- **Helps us Distinguish b/w Right & Wrong:**

Set a clear moral framework, distinguish b/w good and evil, just and unjust actions. If everyone was to decide themselves they might come to right conclusion or even a wrong one as outperformed

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has limits."

- A Spiritual Cure for All times:

"And We reveal of Quran that which is healing and mercy to the believers and it add only to the predicament of the unjust." (Bani Israel - 82)

- Source of wisdom & Enlightenment

"And Allah has revealed to you ^{the} Book and wisdom, and He has taught you what did not know; Allah's grace on you is very great." (An-Nisa - 113)

Conclusion:

Deen Provides guidance to mankind in each and every sphere of human life. It Provides a clear path, leads mankind from darkness to light. It is a source of knowledge and wisdom and set the criteria for right and wrong. Even in the establishment of justice. It Provides a clear message to mankind, and guards the humanity against evil.