

### Question no:1

What is the difference between Deen and Religion?

Explain the importance of religion in human life with arguments.

Answer:

#### Introduction:

Deen deals with complete code of life while religion deals only with metaphysical beliefs.

In simple words, Deen refers to destination while Religion is a Pathway towards destination. Although Deen has a big scope, but religion

also play role in human life as it shapes beliefs, behaviors, values influencing both individual character and social order.

## Difference between Deen and Religion:

### 1- Meaning of Deen and Religion:

The meaning of Deen is 'reward' or day of 'Judgement'. while the meaning of religion is path. Religions are categorized into two types:

- i- Revealed, Islam, Judaism, Christianity
- ii. Non-Revealed, Hinduism, Jainism etc.

Islam is only Deen which is acceptable by the Almighty Allah.

As in Quran Allah says:

ان الدين عند الله الاسلام

"Indeed, the Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam." (Al-Imran 3:19)

Islam is Deen as well as religion because the basic ethics which follow other religions are

also comes in Deen. As Deen is a complete system and code of life, it provides full guidance of life including beliefs, worship, morality and social dealing.

## ii Definitions of Deen and Mazhab:

### Deen:

Deen is a comprehensive system governing beliefs, worship, ethics, law, economy, politics and social conduct according to the rules given by Allah Almighty.

### Religion (Mazhab):

Religion is generally refers to a system of faith, and worship often limited to beliefs and moral codes. It does not necessarily cover governance, law or a socio-political framework.

## iii- Deen is Authentic while Religion is self-created:

Deen is authentic Islamic word and is proved by

the Holy Quran and Ahadees.

The word Religion is not authentic and not been used

in the Holy Quran or

Ahadees. Religion is a

self-created system of beliefs.

Deen is complete while

Religion continuously evolve:

Deen is a complete code for

humans. As in Quran Allah

says:

"Today, I have  
completed your  
Deen." - (Al-Maida 5-3)

Religions are incomplete. The way  
of life in religion is self-made  
law which is against Islam.

**Scope of Deen and Religion:**

The scope of  
Deen is comprehensive as it  
covers personal, social, political,  
economic, legal and spiritual  
aspects.

while the scope of religion

is limited as it focused on individual belief, morality, and worship excluding governance and law.

vi- Deen is the name of only obedience of Allah and Religion is mixture:

Religion is self-created and includes the worship of Gods, while worship in Deen means obedience to the Laws of Allah.

vii- Purpose of Deen and Religion:

Deen establishes justice, moral order and comprehensive welfare in both worlds, while religion concerned with salvation of the soul and guidance with limited socio-political objectives.

## 3- Importance of Religion in human life:

"Without religion, man is like a rudderless ship drifting on the ocean of life" - Leo Tolstoy

Religion provides man with a starting point for one's life.

Religion tells man the secret of creation.

Religion makes man a good citizen. It gives man a moral code that helps him to lead his life in society as a truth-loving human being.

Religion plays an important role in human life in following ways:

### 1. Moral and Ethical Guidance:

Religion teaches concepts like honesty, compassion, justice and respect for others.

The concept of good character in Islam provide ethical boundaries that help prevent moral decay in society.

### 2. Sense of Purpose and Meaning:

Religion answers fundamental questions about existence — why are we here?, what is our

Purpose :

This gives individual a deeper sense of meaning in life.

↳ In Islam is seen as a test leading to eternal accountability.

↳ In Hinduism, the concept of Dharma defines one's duty in life.

### 3. Control over social Evils:

The fear of divine accountability acts as a deterrent against crimes and immoral acts.

↳ The belief in Judgement Day encourages people to act justly and avoiding wrongdoing.

### 4. Emotional and Psychological support:

In times of hardship, religion provides comfort and hope. Belief in a higher power helps individuals face challenges with

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resilience.

↳ Prayer and meditation reduce anxiety, as they offer a sense of divine presence and assurance.

#### 5- Encouragement of charity and service:

Most religions emphasize helping the needy and uplifting the less fortunate. It improves social welfare.

↳ Zakat in Islam reduces poverty.

#### 6- Social cohesion and unity:

Religion unites people through shared beliefs, festivals and rituals.

↳ collective worship in mosques, churches.

#### 4- Conclusion:

Deen and religion holds distinct meanings: Deen is a way of life according to the will of Allah Almighty, while religion is confined with different worships.

and beliefs. Furthermore, the importance of religion in human life is undeniable - it provide purpose, morality, unity and preserve cultural values.

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**Question no:**

**Explain the importance of monotheism and its effects on human life in a scholarly commentary.**

**Answer:**

**Introduction:**

Monotheism is referred to as Tawheed - the belief in the absolute oneness of Allah. All is the only creator, sustainer and Ruler of the universe. The belief in the existence of only one supreme God, is a central doctrine in Abrahamic faiths.

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The Quran states:

"Your God is one God;  
there is no God but  
He, the Most Gracious,  
the Most Merciful."

(Al-Baqarah 2:163)

He alone deserves worship, without  
associating any partners with  
Him.

Allah says in Quran:

"Say: He is Allah, the  
one. Allah, the Eternal  
Refuge. He neither  
begets nor is born, nor  
is there to Him any  
equivalent."

(Al-Ikhlās 112:1-4)

This belief is not merely  
theological; it has moral, social,  
Psychological, and civilizational  
effects on human life.

## 2- Importance of monotheism

and its effects on human

life: The concept of monotheism

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in islam is important and has effects on human life in following ways:

## 2.1- Moral and Ethical

### Foundation:

Monotheism provides a single, absolute source of morality. it eliminates the conflicting moral standards.

### Effect:

People guided by the commands of one God develop; honesty, justice, humanity, and compassion.

↳ In islam, Tawheed ensures the moral codes.

Also ensure that these moral codes are universal and not subject to human whims.

## 2.2. unity of Humanity:

Monotheism teaches that all humans are created by the same God, thus

equal in worth

Effect:

Monothelism eliminates the concepts class discrimination, ethnic and social harmony by imposing the rule of equality.

The Quran declares:

"O mankind, we have created you from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another."

(Al-Hujurat- 49:13)

### 2.3. Psychological peace and stability.

Trusting in God (Allah) gives believers emotional resilience in times of hardship.

Effect:

it reduce anxiety. it hope

the gratitude in prosperity.

↳ The Islamic concept of Tawakkal (Trust in one God) strengthens mental well-being.

## 2.4 Accountability and Justice:

Monotbeism establishes the belief in divine divine accountability and the Day of Judgement.

Effect:

↳ People act with responsibility, knowing they must answer for their deeds.

↳ The fear of God's Justice deters crime, it encourages social responsibility.

## 2.5 Social and political stability:

The concept of Tawheed promotes the sovereignty of divine law over human laws.

Effect:

it prevents tyranny and corruption by placing

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rulers under God's authority.

↳ The caliphate system was based on the principle that leaders are accountable in front of God and the people on final day of judgement.

### 2.6. Spiritual Liberation:

Belief in one God frees people from the servitude of multiple superstitions or man-made idols.

Effect:

↳ Individuals develop dignity, self respect and spiritual independence

↳ The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

liberated the Arabs from tribal idol<sup>worship</sup> towards the worship of one creator.

### 3. Conclusion:

Montheism is not just a religious doctrine but also a worldview that molds individual character, strengthens societies, and

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guides civilizations towards  
justice, peace, and equality.

The Quran emphasizes:

"Indeed, this community  
of yours is one  
community, and I  
am your Lord, so  
worship Me."

(Al-Anbiya 21:92)