

Describe the Importance of Deen (Doctrine of Life) in human life. Differentiate between Deen and Religions

Answer

Introduction:

In our daily life, the word "Deen" and "Religion" are often used in the same context. However, there exist a great difference between the two. The word religion refers to a particular set of dogmas, rituals, and worship. On the other hand, the word "Deen" is associated with a complete code of life. Deen is comprehensive and covers every aspect of life, such as social, economical and political. Furthermore, Deen holds significant importance in the individual and collective life of human beings.

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Defining the word Deen:

The word "Deen" is derived from the Arabic word which means to attain supremacy or dominion status.

In the contextual meaning it refers to complete code of life. It encompasses every detail that a human needs to achieve success in this world and hereafter.

Deen (complete code of Life)

- Political System
- Social System
- Economic System
- Cultural system

The Concept of Deen in Islam:

In Islam, Deen means to accept the oneness and superiority of Allah alone. It guides human to follow the commands of Allah, do good and abandon evil. Additionally, it helps man to live a successful life in this

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world and hereafter.

Allah says in the Quran,
 "This day I have perfected
 your deen for you, and have
 completed by responsibility
 to you, and choosed Islam
 as your Deen"

Importance of Deen in Life:

Importance of Deen

At Individual Level

- i • Satisfaction of Soul:
- ii • Prevention of Suicide:
- iii • Inculcate Hopefulness:
- iv • Purpose of Life
- v • Ethics and Morality

At collective Level

- Equality
- Dignity of mankind
- Knowledge of System
- Rights & Duties
- Dual concept of Accountability

At Individual Level:

Satisfaction of the Soul:

The remembrance of Allah purify the soul and the body. It helps man to think

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positive, worships Allah and do good.

"those who believe, and those whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah, surely, in the remembrance of Allah hearts find comfort"

Al-Quran

→ Prevention of Suicide:

Deen prevents a human to take one's life by suicide or to kill any other individual.

"And do not kill yourself [or another]. Indeed, Allah is very merciful to you"

Al-Quran

→ Inculcate Hopefulness:

It always keep human in the hope for better results.

Allah says in the Quran,
"Verily, with hardship comes ease"

→ Purpose of Life:

The primary purpose of human life is to worship Allah and always remember Him.

"I have created Jinn and the mankind to worship me"

Al-Quran

→ Ethics and Morality:

Islam promotes good ethics and morality. It prevents man from indulging in evil deeds. It asks humans to always uphold the values of Islamic morality and teachings.

Individual

At Collective Level:

Islam as a deen acts as a guide for the collective welfare of mankind.

→ Equality of All Mankind:

In Islam, all individuals

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are equal before Allah. It clearly negates the concept of the superiority of certain race, cost, or creed.

According to Islam, all individuals are the children of Hazrat Adam.

"And we honoured the children of Adam"

Al-Quran

→ Dignity of mankind:

In Islam, all believers are equal. It asks his believers to worship only Allah.

Islam says no one is worthy of worship and to fear except Allah. Therefore, it preserves the dignity of man.

→ Knowledge of systems (Political, Social, Economical)

Islam is a complete code of life. It teaches mankind everything that is required to live a decent and peaceful life.

"It is God that has sent down the book which is truth and the balance to judge between right and wrong"

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→ Right and Duties:

Islam shows the clear path to mankind. It greatly emphasize on the rights and duties of man, and order to meet the required rights and responsibilities ~~for~~ punctually.

"Allah is aware of what you do"

Al-Quran

→ Dual Concept of Accountability:

Man is basically accountable to both Allah and society. Islam asks man to uphold justice, peace, and harmony. This practice play a significant role in the spiritual and moral development of man.

Difference between Deen & Religion

Religion

- It is based on certain rituals, dogmas, and worship
- It is a subjective matter concerning relationship of man with Allah.
- Inculcates fears in humans
- No system to measure the results
- Believe in fate
- Does not indulge in self-help, believes everything is done at will of Allah
- Discourage materialism

Deen

- It is a complete code of life, guiding man in every aspects
- It is an objective matter, in which a believer develops relationship with Allah and the society
- It encourages man to face the troubles with courage
- Results of following deen appears practically physically
- Reject the myth of bad faith, and struggle for better
- Challenges the tyrants and cruels, and work to maintain rule of God
- Encourage to earn, spend in the way of Allah, and live a decent life.