

Question

What is the difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments?

Answer

INTRODUCTION

The world today is plagued by moral decline, spiritual emptiness, social injustice and ethical confusion. In this context, Deen is very important to guide an individual in daily life. Deen is not just associated with spiritual but covers all aspects of life including personal, collective, spiritual and social sphere. It ensures justice, moral integrity, social harmony and peace in both the individual and collective human experience.

Difference between Deen and Religion

Deen

Deen is an Arabic word means law, Judgment, obedience, a complete

code of life. Deen not only covers rituals and belief but also other aspects of life.

Deen in islam is a teaching provided by Allah through Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h). It gives a complete code of life that guides individual in every aspect of life.

Religion

Religion is a latin word means "to bind" and to connect. It include the rituals and belief that connect human with Divine.

Religion (Islam) Islam is a only religion that teach human about the proper way of worshiping and performing rituals. It provides peace and psychological stability to human soul.

Difference

Deen

Religion

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| Deen is a complete code of life | It is limited to spiritual matters |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deen include all aspects: spiritual, social, economic, political• It guides individual in daily life sphere | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It deals with spiritual beliefs and rituals.• It guides about divine teachings and life hereafter |
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Importance of Deen in human life

→ Purpose of life

Deen provides human a complete purpose of life. It tells individuals the purpose of your birth and how to live a life. Islam teaches muslim about real purpose of life and the order given by Allah to live a life. Islam teaches us that the purpose of muslim life is to worship Allah and live a whole life according to Allah's book Quran and Prophet sayings (sunnah)

ee And I did not send Jinn and mankind except to worship me" (Al-Quran)

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→ Ensures balance between Spiritual and Material Needs

Deen not only guide humans in spiritual matter but also guide them in material needs. Islam leads human in their daily life needs, like physical, social, collective, economical needs. Islam educates human how to live a life on islamic principles and create a balance between spiritual and Material needs. Islam never teaches to just involve in worship but also encourages them to participate in worldly life

“There is no monasticism in Islam”
(Al-Hadith)

→ Provide a legal and moral framework

Islam guides individuals in legal and moral framework. It teaches how to fulfill spiritual emptiness and uplift the moral decline. The Divine law (Sharia) help in legal and political matters, moral discipline include the

respect of elders, what is wrong and what is right and ethically correct

“Indeed, Allah commands, doing good and giving to relatives”
(Al-Quran)

→ Accountability

Islam instructed on accountability. Every one is accountable for their actions in front of Allah. Islam guides individuals to commit such actions that do not harm other and unjust. For instance Ruler and workers are accountable for their actions to public to ensure Justice and equality in society

“So whoever does an atom's of weight good will see it, whoever does an atom's of weight evil will see it”

(Surah al-Zalzalah)

→ Social Justice and Equality

Islam leads us to treat everyone equally and honestly. To maintain peace and justice in society, it is important to ensure equality, accountability and social integration. Our Prophet (p.b.u.h) instructed Muslims to treat everyone equally regardless of class, race and status.

“No Arab is superior to a non-Arab, no white man to a black man except by piety”
(Al-Hadith)

→ Provides Peace and Psychological Stability

Islam (Deen) provides Muslims inner peace and psychological stability. Connection with Allah through Prayers, Fasting, Zakat and Sadqa (Charity) provide inner peace and mental stability.

→ Build Ethical and moral character

Islam (Deen) helps individuals to build character. The Good character is essentially to allow people to communicate with you and spread harmony in society.

Our holy Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h) is a best and perfect example of a good character

“I have been sent to perfect good character” (Al-Hadith)

Impact of Deen on society

- Research has proven that reading Quran, connecting with Allah, following all islamic principles provide peace and mental stability to human. In the world full of depression and stress connecting with Deen is the only solution.
- Another Example of apply Deen in politics and governance. Hazrat Umar

(R.A), 2nd Caliph, incorporate islamic principles in governance, making rules, criminal law, forming official institution and that demonstrate that using Deen in politics flourish the state.

- Making countries are enforcing islamic banking system and using islamic financial ethic to mitigate unfairness and reduce Riba (interest).

Conclusion

Deen is not only a spiritual matter, but it also incorporate daily life affairs: social, economical, political and personal. It ensure social Justice, equality and harmony in society. Therefore, Adding Deen in life will not only improve spiritual life but also help in building a balance worldly and spiritual life.