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Question: Describe the importance of Deen in human life. Differentiate between Deen and religion.

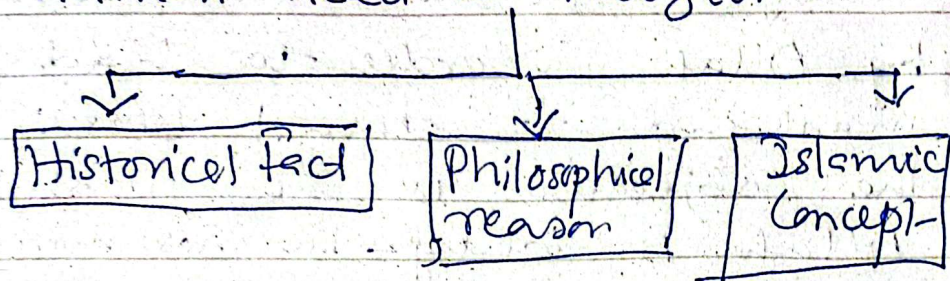
Introduction:

Deen is introduced by Allah in order to lead mankind to eternal blessings. The objective is to worship Allah Almighty - the most merciful and beneficent - as well as management of the worldly affairs. Deen encounters with ideological vacuum, satisfies the Nafs and soul of one's. Islam, of course, teaches the legitimate ways and means of physical and emotional satisfactions. Besides, Islam assists in every aspect of life - economically, politically, morally and socially. Religions do not ensure gender's rights while Islam has done so 1400 years ago. Religion is, somehow,

on individualism while Islam — a complete religion — based on brotherhood and Ummah.

The need of Deen in human life:

Three reasons: why human need a religion.



a. Historical fact: Archaeologists refer to apparent intentional burials of Homo Sapiens 300,000 years ago as evidence of religion ideas such as Totemism (worship of animals).

b. Philosophical reason: Scientist-

Justin Barrett: Belief in God and belief more generally are formed and obtained in two ways (a) non reflexive, intuitive beliefs that result from experience (b) reflective

conscious life - that - result from thoughts.

- c. Islamic Concept: Allah Almighty deputed Prophets since the beginning of life on the earth - provides guidance first - and life ~~af~~ start later.

Importance of Deen in human life:

Individual Importances of Deen

1. Deen Encounters with ideological vacuum:

Individuals always follow a certain ideology. It is aimed to guide the humans in the worldly affairs. As the Holy Quran says;

"This book is for guidance, for surely those who fear Allah."

Deen (Islam) guides individuals to lead their life.

2. Teaches about the rights of and duties towards parents, wife and neighbors.

Deen enlightens individuals for their rights towards wife, parents and neighbors. Had there been chaos if there would have been clear enlightenment of rights against each other.

"The best amongst you are those who are best to their wife."⁽¹⁰⁾
(Prophet Muhammad.)

3. Gives comfort and prevents from suicide.

When individuals are hopeless and stuck to their worldly affairs, Islam asks them to not be hopeless. The Quran says, "do not kill yourselves" and Islam considers it as sin.

"It is only a religion that prevents the social evils, not law."

(Napoleon)

Collective importance of Deen in Human Life :

1. Deen exists in economic, political and social aspect of life.

Deen is needed to guide the society and the state in managing the affairs of economics, politics and social. Ban on usury, justice in dealings and sympathy are few examples.

"Islam guides the society in every aspect of life - Islam is a complete code of life."
(Dr. Hamidullah)

2. Teaches the concept of tolerance, pluralism and co-existence.

Deen also asks for harmony in the society, acceptance of every class irrespective of class, gender and class.

"There is no compulsion in religion." (Al Quran)

Deen vs. Religion

Definition of religion:

It is a set of belief or faith and it is a connection between creator and its created with the help of intermediaries. In the words of Edward Taylor that religion is the belief in spiritual beings.

Definition of Deen

Deen - Islam - is a complete code of life. The word Deen means honour or obedience, covers all aspect of life. "Islam is a way of life" (Al-Quran)

In the sight of Allah - Islam is the only Deen.

"Indeed Allah has chosen for you this Deen (Islam) (2:132)

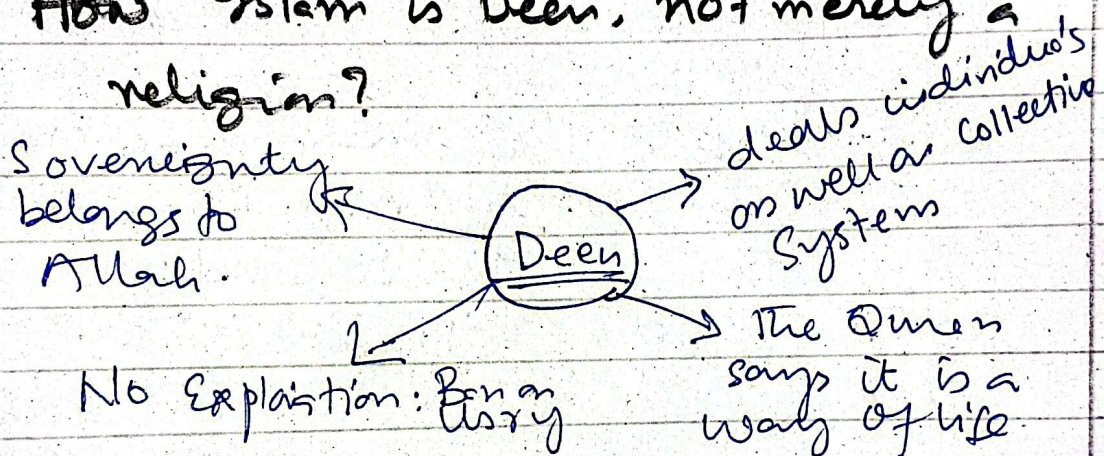
Differences between Religion and Deen:

1. Religion is a set of private in spiritual whereas Deen is a Supreme law as well as Dominant.
2. Religion is man-made whereas Deen is a divine in all aspect
"The true religion with God is Islam"
(AL Quran)
3. Religion deny ~~the~~ exploitation practice where Deen opposes it.
Such as ban on Usury, gambling.
4. Religion believes in polytheism whereas Deen is monotheistic:
"Your God is only God and He never forgets you."
Al Quran
5. Religion based on individualism while Deen is based on Ummah concept.

6. Religion did not ensure women's rights while Islam have done so 1400 years ago.

7. Religion do not have our Banking System while Deen have it: Mudebrah, Ejars.

How Islam is Deen, not merely a religion?



Conclusion :

Humans always seek a path of righteous to satisfaction their soul and religion provides so. Religion amidst the society in all domain of life. Also, Religion is a mini-driven in terms of scope while Deen is a complete code of life. Allah says in the Quran that the Deen (~~Islam~~) in the sight of Him is only Islam.