

## - Diff between Din and Religion.

DIN → an Arabic word

↳ literally means attaining dominance or supremacy.

↳ Din is a complete code of life (contextually)

Religion (sacred + spiritual dimensions)

↓  
Individual life

- |                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| ↳ Dogmas         | ↳ Man-made                  |
| ↳ Rituals        | ↳ only the rights of God    |
| ↳ social customs | ↳ no aspect of social life. |

Din (sacred + spiritual + mundane + secular)

↙  
Individual life

- ↓
- Relation to God
  - Rights of God
  - Dogmas
  - Rituals

↘  
Collective life

- ↓
- Relation to man
  - Social system
  - Political system
  - Judicial system
  - Economic system

RELIGION → According to St. Augustine  
↳ He implies religion as something that 'binds' and 'connects' humanity to God.

↳ from Latin word

↳ to follow

↳ to subjugate.



## REFERENCES : "RELIGION"

- Edward Taylor:

His famous "minimum def"  
in his work "Primitive Culture"

"The belief in spiritual beings"

The origin Animism

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## George Bernard Shaw :

" I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess the assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age "



and then entering the advanced stage.

### • **Emile Durkheim:**

• Definition from "The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life"

"Religion is a set of / unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things" /

"To practice certain faiths related to God is called religion"



• Dr. Israr Ahmed

According to famous Islamic scholar,  
Islam is a combination of 3 distinct aspects.

1. Faith / belief
2. The worships based on that faith
3. The social functions and traditions

DIN

According to

• Shariat Law: → To accept the sovereignty of Allah Almighty.

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To follow the commandments given by Allah

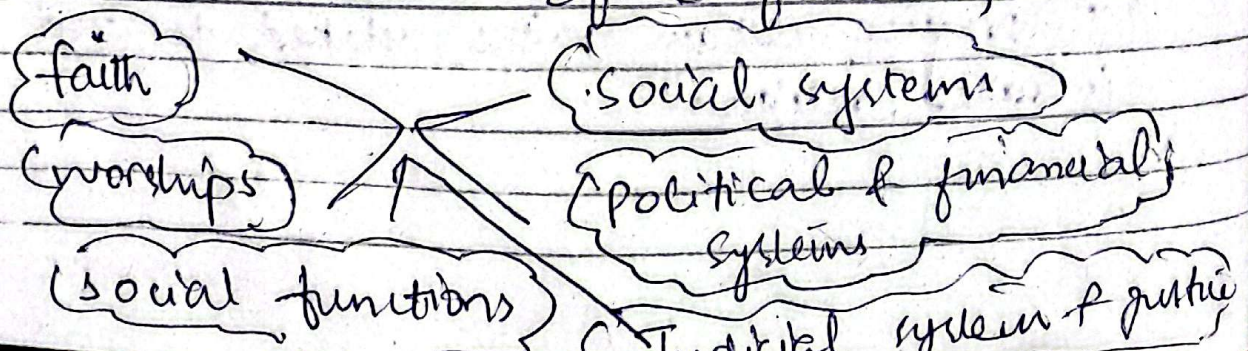
To follow the rules and limitations set by Allah.

To believe in the rewards and punishments by Allah.

— Surah Fatihah

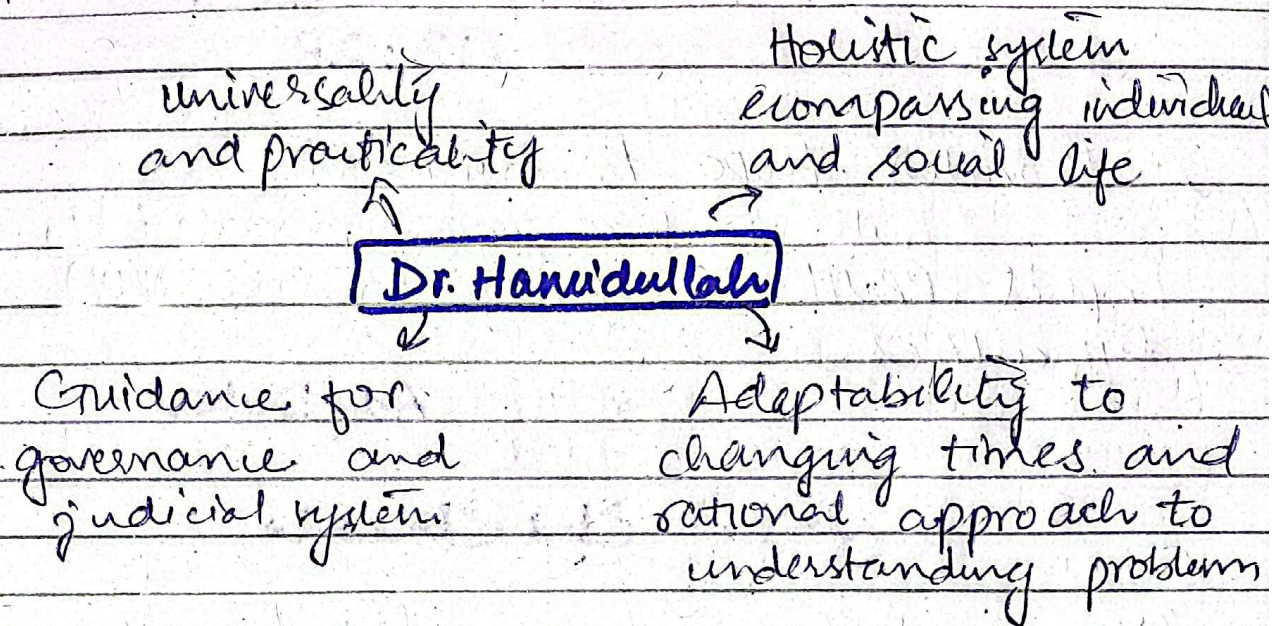
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According to Dr Israr Ahmed, din is a combination of 6 features,





This distinction between both definitions highlights the fact that religion is a smaller aspect as compared to din.



## Impact of Din on Individual Life

① Giving satisfaction to the soul:

Provides answers to all the issues faced in life. In west, the ratio of suicide is exponentially high due to this absence of guidance in their religion.

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ  
إِلَّا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

"Those who believe and find



comfort in the remembrance of Allah.  
Surely in the remembrance of Allah  
do hearts find comfort'

Ar-Ra'd  
13:28

- (2) Provides hope to mankind  
Surah Duha was revealed to  
Prophet (PBUH) in times of his (PBUH)  
difficulties.

Ad-Duha

ما ددعك ربك وما قلى ه

"Your Lord has not abandoned you,  
nor has He become hateful of you."

93: 03

- (3) Gives human beings the purpose of life

وما خلقت الجن والانس الا ليعبدون

"And I did not create the jin and  
the mankind except to worship Me"

Surah Adh-Dhariyat  
51: 56



وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْنِي كَمَا رَحِمْتَ رِبِّيَانِي صَغِيرًا ۝

and pray, "My Lord! Be merciful to them as they raised me when I was young."

#### ④ Shaping moral compass and ethical conduct of mankind.

Surah Isra and Surah Nisa explicitly explain the principles and actions to conduct according to Islam. The ethical & moral guidance.

Do not kill your

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ  
خَشْيَةَ إِمْلَاقٍ

- Honoring parents children for fear of poverty 17:31
- Avoiding extravagance and misellness
- Not killing children for the fear of poverty
- Not killing unjustly.
- Avoiding unlawful sexual intercourse

#### ⑤ Encouraging good conduct and positive character.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّنْ قَوْمٍ

"O Believers! Let not people ridicule [another] people."

Surah Al-Hujrat  
49: 11

#### Impact of din on collective life

- ① Equality (Last sermon →)
- ② Brotherhood
- ③ Rights of a person to their parents, children, spouse etc.