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→ **Introduction:** The Difference between Deen and Religion is huge. Some of its major differences are in their literal, contextual meanings and definitions that were provided by various scholars. Deen is universal while religion is not. Deen is for entire mankind while religion is individualistic. The importance of Deen and religion is both on collective level as well as on individualistic level. For individualistic level it provides with hope, refrain from suicide. On collective level it provides different systems such as Administrative, financial and political.

→ Difference Between Deen and Religion:

There are various differences that exist between religion and Deen few are given below:

→ Religion

(i) Religion is not Universal:

Religion's are so many around the world that are practiced by human kind. Therefore, Religion is not Universal.

→ Deen

(i) Deen is Universal:

• Deen is Universal in nature. Because, Allah has revealed Deen "Islam" in Quran. Therefore, Deen is Universal in nature.

(iii) Arabic Meaning of Word "Mazhab":

- The Arabic word of Religion is "Mazhab". It means that "to follow the path". The path may be different for different religions.

(iii) Example of different Religions:

- The various examples of religions are: Hinduism, Christianity etc.

iv, Literal Meaning of Religion:

- The literal meaning of religion is to follow a path, to follow a direction.

(v) Contextual Meaning of Religion:

- The contextual meaning of religion is varied from religion to religion.

(iii) Arabic Meaning of word "Deen":

- The word "Deen" is Arabic in nature. The meaning of deen is to worship Allah, to pray Namaz, and follow the footsteps of Sharia (Divine Law).

(iii), Example of Deen:

- The Deen is only one that is "Islam".

iv, Literal Meaning of Deen:

- The literal meaning of Deen is to follow Sharia; Divine Law, Quran and Hadith.

(v) Contextual Meaning of Deen:

- The contextual meaning of deen is Universal that is to follow the teachings of Islam.

(vi) Religion is not a complete code of life:

- Religion is different all around the world. So, each religion has its own moral, legal and ethical beliefs. Therefore, religion is not a complete code of life. Because, each religion has its own guidelines not universal in nature.

(vii) Definition of Religion given by various scholars:

- To believe in Spirituality is called Religion. (Edward Taylor)
- To practice certain faiths related to God is called Religion. (Emile Durkheim)

(vii) Deen is a complete code of life:

- Deen is a complete code of life, because Allah has provided Shariah, Quran to guide human kind related to social system, political system, social justice, financial system and way of life. Therefore, Deen is a complete code of life.

(viii) Definition of Deen Given by Shariah:

- Shariah or Islamic law has provided the definition of Deen that it is the collection of Divine laws, in which everything is revealed for human kind in the form of Quran and Sunnah.

(viii) Religion is the Private ownership between Man and God:

- Religion is the private ownership of an individual between a man and his God.
- It builds a kind of private connection to man and God only.

(ix) Definition of Religion given by Dr Asrar Ahmed:

- As per Dr Asrar Ahmed: Religion is based on three things:

- 1) Ibadat
- 2) Faith and
- 3) Social functions.

(viii) Deen is the ownership between Man and Man-God:

- Deen is the ownership between a Man and God as well as between Man and Man.
- It builds a kind of connection between human kind.

(ix) Definition of Deen given by

Dr Asrar Ahmed:

- As per Dr Asrar Ahmed: Deen is based on:

- 1) Social system and Social Justice
- 2) Financial System
- 3) Administrative System
- 4) Political System
- 5) To follow Shariat

(X) Religion is based on individual life only:

- Religion guides only individual in his private affairs.
- Each religion has its different guidelines to be followed by an individual and which vary from religion to religion.

→ For example: In Hinduism Cow Slaughter is prohibited while, in other religions it is not.

(X) Deen is for individual as well as for collective life:

- The guidance of Deen Islam is for individual as well as for collective life.

• For example: For individuals Allah says in the Holy Quran that:

"With Hardships there is Ease"

• and for collective life Allah says in the Holy Quran that:

"Hold tightly the rope of Allah altogether."

(Al-Imran)

(Xii) Religions faiths are man made:

- The concept of religion is entirely man made. Therefore, each religion has its own faiths to be followed.

(Xii) Deen's faith is revealed through holy Quran:

• Deen's teachings and faiths are revealed through Holy Quran. Therefore, it is not man made.

(ixiii) Every religion has different books that are man made:

- Every religion has their different books that they are following for providing themselves with a guidance.

(xiii) Hundreds of religions exist around the world:

- There are hundreds of religions that exist around the world.
- Each religion has its individualistic identity and their nature.

(xiv) Religion practices might differ from place to place:

- The practices of each religion are variable and dynamic from place to place.

(xiii) Holy Quran for the guidance of Human Kind:

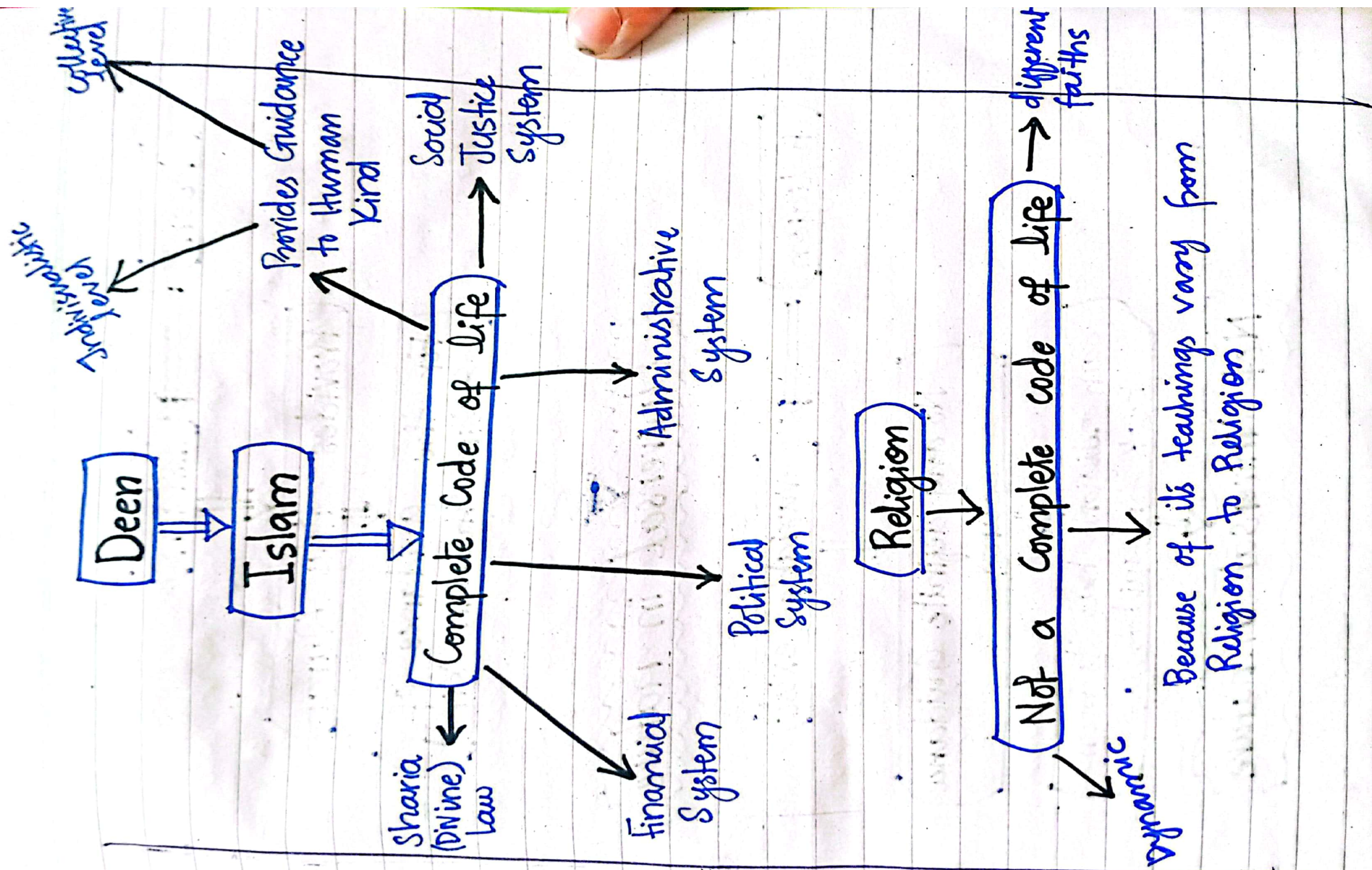
- Allah has revealed Holy Quran in the month of Ramadan for the guidance of Human Kind.

(xiii) Deen is only one that is Islam only:

- In the whole universe Deen is only one that is Islam. And around the globe there are same teachings that are to be followed in Islam that is Quran and Sunnah.

(xiv) Deen practices does not differ from place to place:

- The practices of Deen Islam are constant from place to place.



Deen $\rightleftharpoons$ Islam

Provides Holy Quran

For the guidance of
Entire Human Kind

Universal in nature

Religion $\rightleftharpoons$ variables exist

No any definite Guidance
Source

Each religion has its own
Book for guidance

Not Universal in nature

⇒ Importance of Deen in Human Life:

The Importance of Deen in Human life is vast. Some of its importance in daily life is given below:

(i) Deen has provided Human kind with Holy Quran for their guidance on individual level as well as for collective level of life:

⇒ Allah has revealed holy Quran on the last of prophets that is Hazrat Muhammad Peace be upon him. It was revealed to provide a guide book for the entire Humanity. To Guide human kind about the teachings of Islam and about How to live life Happily on individualistic level as well as on collective level.

• Importance of Deen on Individual level:

⇒ The Importance of Deen on Individual level is:

• Deen provides a Kind of Hope to Human Kind:

⇒ Allah says to Human kind in the Holy Quran that "With every Hardship there is ease." ~ Quran

Our eyes are not for seeing
of hope to the holy Quran gives a kind
relationships come in the way Allah will
provide you in the ease. This gave a
hope to visible humanity.

• Do not Kill yourself ~ Surah Nisa
restrains Human kind from suicides:

• Allah has revealed in the holy Quran to
guide human kind related to suicide.
• Allah says that do not kill yourself. It
means Allah is guiding human kind to
restrain away from suicide and hurting
themselves.

• Follow prayer to establish a peace
in Soul:

• Deen provides a guidance to Human kind
to pray Namaz five times daily. Allah
says in the holy Quran that Praying
Namaz five times a day will give you
inner soul peace and a kind of satisfaction
that nothing in the world will give you.

→ Importance of Deen on collective life:

→ The importance of Deen on collective life is:

(i) It is not limited to specific Geography:

• Deen provides guidance to entire human kind therefore Deen is not limited to specific Geography.

(ii) Deen is not for specific Ethnicity:

• Deen is not for specific Ethnicity. It is for entire human kind.

(iii) Deen Islam is the ideal way of living for entire human kind.

I " Ideal
S " System
L " of living
A " for an
M " Entire mankind

⇒ [Universal
in
Nature]

(iv) Deen provides different systems in order to bring transparency and Accountability for the lives of humans:

• Allah has revealed certain systems in the Holy Quran to provide guidance to human kind on collective level. Such as political system

of Islam, Administrative System of Islam,
Financial and economic System of Islam,
These all systems provide transparency and
Accountability to live a life Happily.

Importance of Deen

Individual
level

- Provides hope
- Refrain from Suicide

Collective
level

- Administrative System
- Financial System
- Political System

To Guide
Human Kind

→ **Conclusion:** Deen and Religion has their own differences. such as both are differ in literal and contextual meanings. Both have different beliefs and faith. Deen is Universal in nature while Religion is not. Deen is for Entire Human kind while Religion is not. However, Deen has much importance on individual as well as on collective life.