

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

INTRODUCTION

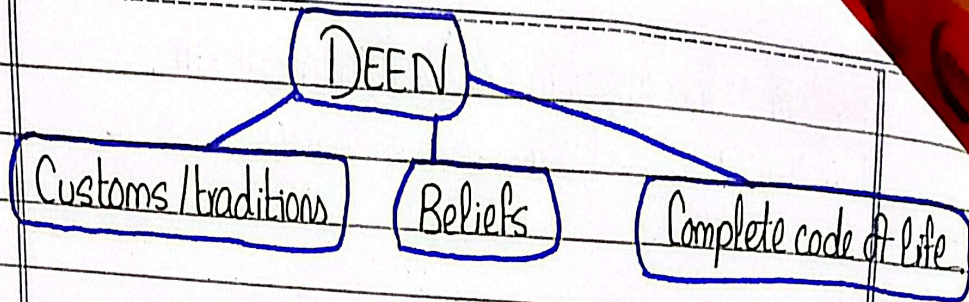
Deen holds tremendous importance in the life of individual by because of providing guidance about all spheres of life. Its significance can be characterized by its role in transforming an individual in various ways that mainly encompass: differentiate between right and wrong, provides purpose to life, provides guidance about whole social system and wisdom and knowledge, provides guidance about personal lives, and guidance to eternal success and complete collective system. Consequently, deen has been differentiated from the religion. Hence, the importance of deen remains important pillar in the establishment of complete code of life.

The best deen in the sight of Allah is Islam.
~Hadees

CONCEPT OF DEEN.

Deen encompasses the complete code of life. Consequently, people are guided to lead their lives in accordance with the prescribed way and divine orders.

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SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL LIFE.

- 1) Deen assists in differentiating between right and wrong.

If people had to decide things based on their own judgements, there would have been no conformity in the codes of conduct for certain actions and behaviors. Hence, deen helps in identifying good for oneself while setting aside wrong. Allah says in Quran;

This Quran guides to what is utmost right and provides good news to believers who do good:
~ Quran.

- 2) Deen provides purpose to life.

Deen provides purpose to life by apprising people about their obligations in this world. Consequently, people behave in accordance with

prescribed obligations

We didn't create Jinns and Humans
except for the purpose that they
worship me.
(Quran).

3) Deen provides wisdom and
knowledge.

Through deen, Allah provides wisdom and knowledge
about the world and life hereafter. Otherwise,
he would have gone astray completely.
Allah says in Quran;

We sent down this Quran and
provide wisdom and taught an
individual what he knew not.
(Quran).

4) Deen provides guidance about personal
lives.

In an era of ignorance, people used to rely on rules
set by other people for living their lives. They
were not apprised of each other's rights and
obligations. Islam as a deen taught about
obligations of relatives and other community
members.

This Quran guides believer to

the right path and increases
loss for disbeliever.

(Quran).

5) Guides to eternal success.

Deen also guides people towards eternal success by providing tutelage about rewards and punishment. Consequently, people remain within the bounds of moral acts.

We will set up scales of justice and no one will be treated unfairly. If there is a deed as small as seed of wheat, it will be taken up we are real reckoners.

(Quran).

6) . Provides guidance about political, economic and social systems.

Deen also tends to protect the society from chaos and disorder by establishing complete systems for the wellfare of individuals. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) laid the foundation for the establishment of state in Madina. The political and economic system evolved with time and became enforced in the era of Caliphs.

Today, I have perfected your deen, complete your religion and have choosen Islam as a deen for you. (Quran).

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEEN AND RELIGION.

1) Individual Level.

Individually, religion has been confined to beliefs, traditions and customs. While people are taught to behave in accordance with certain rules, they have not been obligated through reward and punishment. Conversely, deen provides complete code of life by apprising people of their duties and rights. **For instance,** Islam has obligated people to follow teachings of Islam in their personal lives through rewards and punishment. It laid down the foundation for family structure by obliging people to fulfil their duties towards their spouses, children and parents. Later on, it emphasized on relations between relatives and community members.

2). Collective Level.

Religion doesnot advocate for incorporating religion into political affairs. Conversely, deen advocates for following teachings of deen in all spheres of life whether political, economic or social systems. **For instance,** Islam, as a deen, has

set duties and rights of rulers and ruled; provided guidance about doing business and earning livelihood and socially has guided about working for the welfare of whole society through moral behaviors. Hence, deen guides people to what is utmost right in the world and life-hereafter.

CONCLUSION:-

Deen remains paramount owing to its impacts on individual and collective lives of people. Consequently, it has been differentiated from the religion. While religion itself comes into the sphere of deen, it does not provide complete code of life. Hence, deen provides more holistic approach to life than religion.