

Q) What is the difference between Deen and Religion and importance of deen in human life.

Introduction

Always there is a debate going on whether Islam is a deen or a religion. This answer will highlight whether Islam is a deen or a religion, difference between them and importance of deen in human life.

1) Concept of Religion

Religion is a latin word which means to follow or subjugate.

Contextual meaning:-

The contextual meaning of religion is ~~to follow~~ way of life or find someone one's root.

According to Edward Tylor:-

"To believe in spiritism is called religion."

According to Emile Durkheim:-

"Practices of certain faiths related to God."

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"According to Dr. Israr Ahmed"

"Religion is a combination social, spiritual & faiths".

2) "Concept of Deen"

Deen is an arabic word which means attain supremacy or dominant position

"Contextual meaning"

"Deen is a complete code of life."

"Deen in Sharrah Point of view"

Deen in Sharrah point of view is to accept God's supremacy, follow his commands and rules.

"Prophet (P. B. U. H) said that if my daughter Fatima steal, I would cut her hands".

"According to Dr. Israr Ahmed"

"Deen is the combination of social, political, economic, justice and system of justice."

"According to the Dr. Israr Ahmed"

"He never heard word religion in Quran for Islam".

3) "Difference between Deen and Religion".

Religion	Deen
1) Deals with personal life only	Deals with Individual and collective Life.
2) Tauheed is man made	Tauheed is God gifted.
3) Worships are also man made	worships are also God gifted.
4) Deals only socio-economic issues	It a complete code of life.
5) Five school of thoughts are called Mazhab.	Every ordered by God him self.

4) "Importance of Deen in Human life"

1) "Deals with Individual life"

Deen deals with Individual life. Deen prevented Suicide as well. Allah stated in Surah-Bakrah and the explanation of those verses are;

"Do not kill yourself".

Furthermore, Deen also deals with hope as well. Allah stated in Surah Alam Shad and the explanation of those verses are;

"There is an ease, after every hard ship."

2) "Complete code of Life"

Deen is a complete code of life because it deals with every aspects of life. Moreover, there is a concept of equality as well ("LAST SERMON of Holy Prophet (P.H.U.H)"). It teaches human right and duties of neighbors and dual concept of accountability.

3) "Source of Guidance"

Deen is a source of guidance because it explained everything in Quran and through Sunnah. Allah stated in Quran and the explanation of those verses are;

"We Created humans with a purpose"

4) "Promotes Morality"

"Deen promotes morality by prohibiting, injustice, oppression, and disloyalty. Further, deen promotes it with the concept of "Taqwa and piety" (Excellence in worships and character). Humans solely may act oppressive because of their desires for that matter Allah stated in Quran and the explanation of those verses are;

"Without such guidance, humans may act in flawed manners".

5) "Answer the Fundamental Questions"

Deen also answers the fundamental questions like why we are here? and what will happen after death? for that matter Allah stated in Quran

and the explanation of those verses are;

"We Created death and life to test you"

6) "Concept of Unity"

Deen promotes the concept of unity under the banner of one ummah without race, caste, sex, and religion. Allah stated in Quran that;

"The best amongst you, who are righteous".

5) "Conclusion"

In view of the above arguments, religion deals with only, social, political, and economic affairs. Whereas Deen is a complete code of life. Deen deals with individual and collective life, Source of guidance. It promotes morality, answers the fundamental questions and concept of unity. Lastly, Islam is a deen not a religion.