

Write down the Qur'anic concept of dīn. Also, critically evaluate with historical evidence how it governed the political, economic, and cultural aspects of Muslim civilization.

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Q1: Introduction:

Ans. Deen is a complete code of life. It deals with all aspects of life. Whether these are health issues, economic system, social problems or political affairs. Religion is linked with personal affair, but deen is covers everything. Allah says in Quran "اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ إِنِّي أَنَا لَكَ مُسْكِنٌ" "Surely true Deen with Allah is Islam".

Qur'anic concept of Deen is Monotheistic. It encourage reasoning and intellect. Highlights the responsibilities of individuals. Previous religions were for people of that time and for certain period of time. But Islam is a universal. Quran addresses Allah as "إِنَّمَا إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ" "Aalameen means all worlds. It also addresses Holy Prophets (PBUH) as "إِنَّمَا إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ إِنِّي أَنَا لَكَ مُسْكِنٌ". Which means Holy Prophet (PBUH) is blessing for all worlds. It also means that

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message of Prophet (PBUH) for every time period and era.

Quranic concept of Din:

According to Quran Din is Islam, and Islam deals with all spheres of life. It does not only addresses only personal issues but also societal issues.

(i) Health related issues:

Allah says in Quran "Eat and drink without going to excesses" (Surah Anfal)

Quran prohibits excessive eating as it leads to health related problems

Allah says in Surah Al-Baqarah "And do not let your hands contribute to your destruction" (Al-Baqarah)

Islam promotes healthy eating and physical activities.

(ii) Daily life issue:

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Quran promotes high moral values.
Allah says in Quran "Be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbours (Al-Nisa:36)
Islam promotes social order. Allah says in Quran, "And do not let your hatred lead you to injustice" (Nisa:135)

It highlights civic responsibilities along with the worship. These are known as *Hujayr-ul-Khal*.

(iii) Proper Economic system: Islam introduced a riba (usury) free economic system for welfare of society. Usury based economic system depends upon exploitation of ~~exploit~~ -ials. Islam introduced anti-capitalistic ideas. Allah says in Quran "O' you who believe eat not usury doubled or multiplied" (Al-e-Imran). Instead of usury Islam introduced Zakat system so that wealth do

not get accumulated. And its circulation continues. Allah says in Quran "Establish prayers and pay zakat" (Surah Al-Baqarah)

(iv) Promotion of reasoning and Intellect:

Allah says in Quran "There are signs for those who think" (Al-Qur'an)

During golden age of Islam, enormous explorers made discoveries and scientific contributions. Abi Birr Bin Hayyan is known as father of chemistry. Musa Al-Khawarizmi gave concept of al-gorithm.

(v) Promotes good governance:

Islam promotes good governance, justice and equality. Allah says in Surah Hajj "They are those who, if established in lands by us, perform prayer, pay alms-tax, encourage what is good and forbid what is evil" (Surah Hajj)

Islamic political system discourages

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Corruption and ill practices Allah says in Quran "Do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order (Aayat: 56) Islam promotes human rights.

In Khutba-e-Hajat-ul-Wida Prophet (PBUH) said "No white is superior than black or black is superior than white. or Arabic is superior than Ajmi or Ajmi is superior than Arabic except for the piety.

Islamic political system discourages inequality. Allah says in Quran "We created you from male and female and divided into tribes so that you may know each other" (Hijrat: 13)

Conclusion:

Quramic concept of din deals with all aspects of life. It encourages equality, human intellect and rational thinking. It promotes social order, values

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of high morality, healthy lifestyle and physical activities. It balances the worldly affairs with religious affairs. It introduced an economic system where exploitation of individuals and accumulation of wealth is prohibited. And circulation of wealth is promoted. Quran introduced a political system promoting human rights, equality and justice.

Analyze the categories of Tawhid and its impact on Muslim life. Despite the Qur'anic emphasis on accountability in the Akhirah, corrupt practices persist in many Muslim societies. Critically examine the reasons for this contradiction and suggest measures for reform.

Q4: Introduction:

Ans:

Tawheed is first and basic pillar among 4 pillars of Islam. It is a pillar that develops self-respect and dignity in a person. Makes ~~the~~ a person upright and virtuous. Tawheed defines oneness of Allah in His worship, attributes and His actions. John Clever says

"The evidence of presence of God is expanding of universe"

Allah says in Quran "That is knower of seen and unseen - the Almighty, Most merciful". (Sajdah:6)

Tawheed inculcate in person the sense of hope. It creates quality among people. Allah says in Quran "Be mindful of your Lord, who created you from single soul" (Al-Nisa:1). Tawheed provides purpose to a person about His creation.

Impacts of Tawheed on Individual's life:

(i) **sense of accountability**: Encourages person to transform according to will of Allah. It creates sense of responsibility towards others. It makes person careful about his act in this world.

Allah says in Quran "The day when wrong-doers will not benefit from their excuse" (5:2)

(ii) **Give purpose of creation of Universe**: Tawheed teaches person that sole creator and sustainer is Allah. And sole purpose of his creation is to worship of Allah. Allah says in Quran "I did not create jinn and human except to worship me" (51:56).

(iii) **Infuses self-respect and self-dignity**: Tawheed produces in a person high

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degree of self-respect and self-esteem
Person believes that Allah is
the provider and sustainer of all of
his needs. It makes him independent
and fearless.

(iv) Infuses sense of modesty and
humility: Allah says in Quran "_____
"Surely Allah does not like whoever
is arrogant" (Al-Isra: 18). Person
learns to become humble due to
the will of Allah.

(v) Produces sense of hope :

Allah says in Quran "For indeed
with hardship comes ease, Indeed
with hardship comes ease" (Al-Sharh)
Believer does not go into despair
when circumstances are not good.
He knows Allah has power over
everything.

Impacts of Tawheed on Society:

(i) Human equality and social equity

Tawheed implies all human are creature of one true God that is Allah! So they are all equal. Allah says in Quran "we created you from male and female and made you into tribes so that you may know each other" (Al-Hijr: 13)

(ii) Unity, Brotherhood and mutual cooperation:

Tawheed infuses unity among believers. Allah says in Quran "certainly all muslims are brother" (Al-Hijr: 10)

Prophet (PBUH) said "Believers are like a body. If one part is ill all body feel pain"

(iii) Collective peace and social justice:

It should inculcate socio-political and economic justice in society.

Allah says in Quran "Do not let your hatred lead you to justice". ~~on other~~

On other place Allah says "Deal justly, that is nearer to your duty" (5:8.)

Persistence of corruption practices in Pakistani society:

Allegiance from real teaching of Islam is one of reason of corrupt practices prevail in Pakistani society. Clergy are not playing positive role in leading people toward the will of Allah. Some extremists clergies are dividing people into sects and ideological differences.

Remedies:

Clerics must set aside their ideological differences and unite the muslim. They must inculcate in people the fear of Allah and day of judgement. Clergy should lead people towards the true teachings of Islam and prophet (PBUH).

Conclusion:

Tawheed is the basic belief of Islam. It is uncompromisable. It inculcates in person the sense of responsibility, accountability, equality and justice. It unites muslims into one ummah. It makes person humble and submissive to the will of Allah. However aloofness from its true teaching corrupt the society. Stickling forward ~~not~~ real teaching of Tawheed results to prosperity.

