

What is difference between Din and Religion? Describe importance of Din in Human Life.

The term Deen and Religion are often used interchangeably, but have slightly different connotations and implications.

Concept of Religion

Religion is derived from Latin word "Religio/religare" means "to make follower", 'binding together' or "to subjugate."

Literal meaning of religion are faith, belief and mannerisms.

→ It is a bond between a religious devotee and his God.

Edward Tylor: Define religion

"To believe in spiritualism is called religion".

Emile Durkheim: To practice certain faiths relate to God is called religion.

Dr. Ismael Ahmed:

Religion is combination of faiths, worships and social functions/rituals.

Concept of Din

Din is an Arabic word commonly translated as "way of life."

Din is a complete code of life.

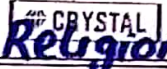
Islam is a Din, not merely a religion.

ان الدين عند الله الاسلام

Truly, the ^{Deen} religion with Allah is Islam.

(Surah Al-Imran : 19)

Difference between Deen and Religion



1) Scope and Comprehensive Approach

Deen: Encompasses all aspect of life including personal, social, moral and spiritual dimensions.

Surah Al An'am (6:38)

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"We have left nothing out of the record."

Religion: Focuses primarily on the religious doctrines, rituals and practices associated with faith.

2) Relationship with God

Deen: It is a relationship between man and God and also a relationship between man and other peoples.

Religion: It is a relationship between man and God.

3) Formation of these Concept

Deen: Deen is revealed. It is not made by man - revealed by God.

"In Surah Al-Maidah (5:13)

Today I have perfected for you, your Deen."

Religion- It is man-made.

4) Number of Sovereign

Deen: It consists of a single sovereign.

Suran AL-IKhlās (112: 1)

قل هو الله احد

Say, He is Allah, the one.

Religion: Consists of more than one sovereign. Example:

→ Hinduism pantheon of gods.

5) Changeable or Not-Changeable

Deen: Din is unammendable. As

Allah says in Quran: 15: 9

"Indeed, it is who sent down the Quran and we will be its guardian"

Religion:

Religion can be change and develop over time. For instance, in Hindustan the custome of Sati, was first encountered by the British.

6) Ethical and Moral Framework

Deen: Emphasizes the importance of ethical behavior, sincerity, and counsel as integral components of a comprehensive way of life.

Religion: Emphasize religious rituals and observances as the primary expressions of faiths.

7) Universal Application

Deen: Offers principles and values that can ^{be} applied by individuals of various faiths or no faith, promoting universal ethics and human values.

Religion: Typically associated with specific faith traditions and belief systems, tailored to specific teachings and practices of that religion.

8) Concept of Accountability

Deen: Gives concept of accountability in this world and Hereafter.

Religion: It has often concept of spiritual or symbolic accountability.

Importance of Din in Life

Individual Life

- Satisfaction of the soul

↳ through prayers and ethical living

In Surah Ar-Ra'd Allah said

“Those who believe and find rest

in the remembrance of Allah

have hearts that are at peace.”

- Give Hope

Provides hope to peoples or an individual person. As Allah almighty gives hope in Quran

ان مع العسر يسرا

"Indeed, with hardship (will be) ease."

(Surah Ash Sharah: 6)

- Purpose of Life

Din gives a clear purpose to human existence by defining the relationship between Creator and creation. Allah declares

"And I did not create the jin and mankind except that they should worship Me". (Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51: 56)

- Ethics and Morality development

Din builds a morally conscious individual who distinguishes right from wrong.

The Prophet (PBUH) said

"I was sent to perfect noble character."

Ethical codes and divine guidance prevent moral decay.

- Balanced Living

Collective Life

- Din Provides Principles for Establishment of Justice

Din is to guide in the establishment of balanced system of justice and equality. Surah An-Nahl 16:90

"Indeed, Allah commands justice, excellence and giving to relatives."

→ Islam rejects discrimination based on race, color or wealth and ensures equality before Law.

- Din Leads Mankind from Darkness to Light

Surah Al-Hadid verse 9

"He is the one who sends to His servants manifest signs that he may lead you from depths of darkness into light."

- Din as perfect Guidance for Life

Islam is not just a ritual, it is manual for living. It covers everything from business to family life.

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"We have not neglected in the Register a thing." (Surah AL-An'am 6:38)

Preventing Evil and Promoting Good
→ Goal of Din is to create society that is morally upright.

أمر بالمعروف ونهى عن المنكر

"Enjoying rights and forbidding wrong."

Dual Concept of Accountability

Conclusion

Deen is a complete way of life that encompasses faith, worship, personal and societal matters.

Religion is a partial concept, while Din is a complete and comprehensive system of life. Not every religion can be din but Islam is the only religion that can be din.