

Importance of Deen in Human Life

Introduction:

Deen has a very significant impact on human lives. It not only makes a person closer to Allah, but also plays a significant role in daily affairs of human's life.

Moreover, Islam is a complete code of life and has distinctive features which no other religion gives. As Allah says in Quran:

"Surely the true deen with Allah is ~~the~~ Islam." (Al-Quran)

Importance of deen in human life:

Islam is a deen which addresses spiritual as well as other matters of life i.e. economic, social, political. Following are some

aspects which clearly show the importance of deen & Islam in human's life

a) Guidance to mankind:

Deen provides guidance to mankind. It leads humans in every field of their life. As Allah says in Quran

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright" (Al-Quran)

b) Provides a clear path:

Deen provides a clear path to success. It teaches human how to spend their life. Moreover, it tells how to deal with fellow beings. As Allah says in Quran,

"Therefore believe in Allah and His messenger and the light which we have revealed." (Al-Quran)

c) Deen is a spiritual cure for modern man:

Deen helps to a modern man to solve their modern issues. Deen helps a person when everything turns against him. Modern people are spiritually empty and that is the reason they resort to suicidal attempts or hopelessness.

d) Deen is a source of wisdom and knowledge.

Deen is a source of wisdom and knowledge for mankind. Deen is universal and never provides complete guideline for humans. As Allah says in Quran,

يس والقرآن الحكيم

"Yasin, by the Quran, full of wisdom" (Surah Yasin)

e) Provides satisfaction To mankind:

Deen provides satisfaction To mankind by inducing and remembrance of God. As Allah says in Quran,

الا بذكر الله تطمئن القلوب

"There is a satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah."

f) Deen leads mankind from darkness To light:

Man was in utter darkness and Deen leads mankind to light. Deen provides humanity the principles of justice which reduces the pain in this world. It also

Islam as a distinctive Religion in the World

Meaning and concept of Islam:

Literal meaning of Islam is "to submit", or "to surrender". So, Islam means submission and peace. Submission oneself completely in front of Allah is known as Islam.

Distinctive features of Islam:

a) A complete code of life:

Islam is a complete code of life for this world and the world hereafter. Quran says,

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

"There has certainly been for you in the messenger of Allah, an excellent path."

b) Balance between life and society:

Islam is deen which keeps balance

between individualism and collectivism. It does not teach asceticism to a man; like many other religions do. Allah says

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا أَلًّا وَلَا مَسْرَعًا

"Allah does not impose upon any soul a duty but to the extent of its ability." (Al-Quran)

c) Universality and humanism:

Message of Islam is for all human race. It is not for only some people who belong to some certain era, but it is for all humanity. Quran says,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

"We have sent you as a mercy for everything in the universe."

d) Complete record of Teaching preserved:

The Teaching of Islam has been preserved in their original form. It is preserved even after centuries. Allah says in Quran.

انا نحن نزلنا الذكر وانا له لحافظون
 "Certainly we have revealed this book and we will protect it."

e) It is easy to understand:

Quran is easy to understand for everyone. Anyone can approach it and easily practice it in their daily life. Allah says,

"We have indeed made the Quran easy to understand and remember." (Al-Quran)

f) Revealed ideology:

It is not a message from some ordinary man, but it is

revealed upon Prophet (S.A.W)
from Allah Almighty. Prophet
(S.A.W) said,

"I have been sent as
a teacher."

Critical Analysis:

Islam is a complete code of life but modern man has completely forgotten it. They are seeking satisfaction in worldly pleasure, and this is the reason that they are not living their life peacefully. However, if a person submits himself before Allah, he will be successful in this life and the life hereafter.

Conclusion:

Deen offers man a complete guideline. It

addresses every aspect of life
However, Islam is a distinctive
religion than any other ones
because of some distinctive
characteristics which it possesses
Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said,

"This day I have perfected
for you your religion and
completed my favor upon
you and have approved
for you Islam as religion."

Hajj

Introduction:

Hajj is an annual pilgrimage
to Makkah and a mandatory religious
duty upon every adult once in
a lifetime. It have several
rituals to perform during aham.
Hajj is important for every Muslim
as Quran and Hadith depicts

its importance Hajj has several positive impacts on humans.

Meaning and concept of Hajj in Islam:

Hajj means to "go around", "to circle". Hajj is the name of those acts which performed after entering in the state of Ihram. It is performed during 8th and 12th of Dhu al-Hijjah.

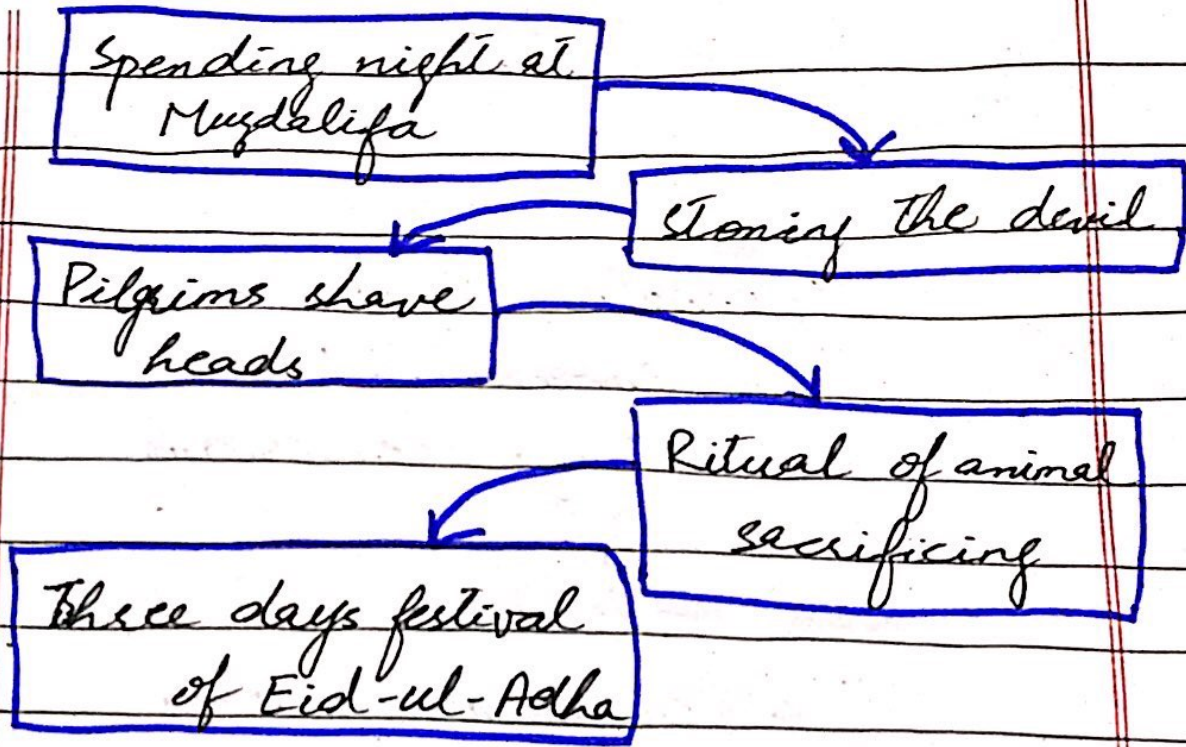
Series of rituals performed during Hajj:

Walk anticlockwise
seven times around Kaaba

Runs back and
forth between the
hills of Saafa and
Marwa

Drink water from
Zamzam well

goes to the plains
of Arafat



Importance of Hajj in Quran

Hajj is emphasized in Quran
As Allah says,

"Allah has made the Kaaba, the sacred place, the center for permanent stability of mankind."

Importance of Hajj in Hadith:

Prophet (S.A.W) discussed the

importance of Hajj: several times in his life Prophet (S.A.W) said,

"O people! Hajj has been incumbent on you, therefore perform Hajj."

On other occasion he said,

"When a man dies and he has not performed the pilgrimage, let him die; God willing as a Jew or God willing as a Christian."

Kinds of Hajj

There are three kinds of Hajj in Islam:

Hajj al Iffrad

Hajj al-Qiran

Hajj al Tamattu

Impacts of Hajj

Spiritual impacts

Man gets closer to Allah:

A man gets closer to Allah. He performs rituals and Allah purifies his soul from all the sins.

As Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said on one occasion that he who performs Hajj for the sake of Allah Almighty, will come back as he is a new born baby.

Strengthen one's belief:

By performing Hajj, a man strictly follows the rules and regulations which strengthen his belief that Allah ^{has} the sole power of this world and everything is obeying his orders.

Moral impacts:

Man reaches to a level of moral superiority:

During Hajj man avoids every bad habit for other fellow beings. He cares much for others. He avoids abuses, angry conversation and lewdness. He strictly follows the following Hadith,

“The Muslim is the
who one from whose
Tongue and hand the
people are safe.”

Man learns self-sacrifice for the sake of others:

During Hajj, people do many sacrifices. They acknowledge that everybody is equal and has equal rights. Ultimately, they leave self-centric approach

and learn to sacrifice for others.

Social Impacts

a) Awareness of history:

When a person performs Hajj, he comes to know historical events, places and people. For example, he comes to know the complete history of Hazrat Ibrahim and Hazrat Ismail, Cave of Hira and many other places which have significant importance in Islamic history.

b) Sense of equality:

Sense of equality rises when a person performs Hajj. He sees that every rich and poor, black and white, male and female are doing the same acts. There is no distinction on the ground of creed,

class and gender. As Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said,

"The Arabs are not superior to the Ajamis and the Ajamis are not superior to the Arabs."

2) Awakening of Islam in entire world:

When Muslims perform Hajj, positive image of Islam spread to the entire world. Muslims avoid from sins and there Islam awakens in all over the world. Every Muslim has certain following words on his tongue,

لا شريك لك اللهم لا شريك لك
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 لا شريك لك اللهم لا شريك لك
 لا شريك لك

Critical Analysis:

Today a modern man has totally forget about the world hereafter. He is busy in caring for his worldly pleasures. He do not want to spend some money to perform Hajj. Islam forbids to collect money and avoid from performing Hajj. Infact, Allah has promised the worldly successes for those who come closer to Allah Almighty. So, people should perform Hajj in order to purify their souls.

Conclusion:

Hajj is a mandatory pilgrimage for those who fulfill certain conditions. It has significant importance in the light of Quran and Hadith.

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Hajj has several acts to perform in specific days. Moreover, it has many social, moral and spiritual impacts on human beings.