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Difference between Religion and Deen and The Importance of Deen in Human Life

Introduction:

Religion and Deen are inter-related concepts. However, there is difference between these concepts. Religion includes beliefs, worships and ethics. While, Deen is all-encompassing. Deen not only comprises of beliefs, worships and ethics but it also comprises of social, political and economic aspects of Human life. Therefore, it has been called a complete code of life. As it is mentioned in Holy Quran;

No religion will be accepted other than Islam (Deen).

(Al-Quran: Al-Imran)

When it comes to the importance of Deen in Human life, it

has great importance in today's materialistic world. It has the solutions for problems faced by modern world.

Religion

Literal Meaning:

The word Religion is derived from Religio which means the path or system.

Technical Meaning:

The system of beliefs, worships and ethics.

Definition:

According to E.B Taylor, Belief on spiritual Being is called Religion.

Explanation:

People believe and worship spiritual Being. This spiritual being can be rain-god or the sun-god. They believe and worship him because he brings for them rain or sunshine and this rain or sunshine fulfills their material needs.

Deen

Literal Meaning:

Islam (Deen) is a arabic word salam which means to submit, surrender.

Technical meaning:

Islam (Deen) means submission to the will of Allah.

Concept:

Allah has created everything for the benefit of Man. In return, it is obligatory for Man to submit to the will of God. The relationship between the Man and the God is that of servant and the Master. The servant has some obligations to his Master. The fulfillment of these obligations are compulsory on Man. These obligations for Man are enjoined in Deen that is Islam. It is a perfect religion. As Allah mentions in Quran: "Today, I have perfected your religion for you." (Al-Maida: 3)

Difference between Religion and Deen

Religion

① Body

Religion only deals with body.

② Static

It fails to deal with new challenges.

③ Only beliefs and worship

No political, social and economic aspects of life.

④ Kinds

Religions are of two kinds
Semitic and
Non-Semitic

For Example:

Semitic: Christianity

Non-Semitic: Hinduism

Deen

① Body and Soul

Deen takes into account both body and soul.

② Dynamic

It has Ijtihad to deal with forthcoming problems.

③ Complete code of life

It also guides in social, political and economic aspects of life.

④ Kinds

It has no further kinds. It is only and that is Islam.

Importance of Deen in Human life

Modern world has become materialistic. Its main goal is to increase wealth. The lust for money has ignored many other aspects of life. Those who have accumulated enough wealth are still in search of peace of mind. The solution to peace of mind is only found in Deen. Similarly, democracy is considered to be the best form of government. Still, human rights violations are common. Thus, Deen is the only option that provides solution for many problems that are faced by man. Some important aspects of Deen in human life are discussed below;

① Solution to fundamental problems

There are certain questions

that beset human mind as the creation of universe and the purpose of life. Solution to these questions are only found in Deen.

② Capable of facing challenges

When the world is faced by any challenge, Deen has the capability to face that challenge. The other systems like communism that failed to face the modern challenge.

③ Deen gives Hope

Deen gives hope to those who have complexities in their lives. It encourages them to face them with boldness.

Conclusion:

To conclude, Religion is different from Deen when one goes in deep analysis. Deen is a complete code of life. Similarly, Deen has great importance in human life because it has solutions to many problems faced by Man.

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Doctrine of Prophethood and its importance in individual and collective life

Introduction:

Prophethood is the basic belief in Islam. A Muslim has to have faith on prophets after God. The prophets are the messengers who brought the message of God to man. These prophets were the intermediary between God and man. They said to man what was said to them by God. As Allah says in Quran;

"Whatever they say is right."

(Al-Quran)

These prophets were pious, sinless and truthful. There is true example for individual and collective life.

Doctrine of Prophethood

Literal Meaning:

The prophet or Rasool is a arabic word which means messenger.

Technical Meaning:

The prophet is one who conveyed the message of God to Man.

Concept:

Allah wanted to send His message to Man. He choose among them ones to convey His message. He sent them to guide people to follow the commandments of God.

The prophethood started from Hazrat Adam and ended with Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

The prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the last prophet. He is seal to the prophethood.

The prophets conveyed the message of God to people.

They played the role

of intermediary. In actual, the message was from God. As Allah says in Quran; "Whatever they say is from God." (Al-Quran)

Importance of prophethood in individual and collective life

Prophethood has great significance for both individual and collective life.

Importance in individual life

① Piety

Prophets were pious men. A true believer follows the path of the prophets.

② Modesty

A muslim becomes modest when he comes to know the modesty of prophets.

③ Obedience to God

Prophets send message of God. one who believes, obeys orders of God.

Importance in collective life

① Morality

All prophets promoted moral values. Thus, morality is found in muslim society.

② Leadership

All prophets showed true leadership skills. Muslims try to take example of prophets.

③ Peace

All prophets talked about peace. As one knows that the message of Islam is peace. Thus, peace is promoted in muslim society.

Conclusion:

To conclude, prophet hood concept refers to the prophets who were sent by God to convey His message to people. These prophets were pious men. They delivered the message of God to people. Both in individual and collective life prophet hood has inspiration.