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1. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGION AND DEEN:-

The words "Deen" and "Religion" are often used interchangeably for a specific set of beliefs through which people navigate their lives. But both have a slight difference in their scope.

a. Religion:

The literal meaning of religion is path/road. While terminology refers to set of beliefs, customs and rituals which is part of an individual's life. The term religion defines a person's way of living and has a narrow scope than deen.

b. Deen

On the other hand, deen ^{is} ~~has~~ a broader concept which literally translates to a number of meanings like beliefs, religion or any thing through which God is worshiped, a person gauge their lives and the belief on the day of judgement. Terminologically deen refers to Islam, the code of life Allah Himself choose for mankind. It incorporates all the aspects of life and provides a set code to navigate them.

Whenever, Islam is mentioned in the Quran, Allah has used the word deen as it truly explains the spirit of Islam. Allah said in Quran:

"This day I have perfected your deen for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your deen (Al-Maidah)

In Surah Aal-e-Imran, Allah has mentioned Islam as a true deen. Allah said,

"Surely the true deen in the sight of Allah is Islam (Aal-e-Imran -19)

Though, religion and deen are used interchangeably, but the word that can explain Islam in its true sense is infact "deen", which has been used by Allah Himself in the Quran. Deen (Islam) has a very important role in the lives of Muslims as it guides them in every sphere and help them become better Muslims and better human beings.

2. IMPORTANCE OF DEEN IN HUMAN LIFE

Humans need guidance to navigate their lives in the best manner and Islam provides a complete code of life. Islam is not limited to belief and custom rather it provides complete social, political, administrative, economic and judicial system to follow, so that they (humans) can be successful in both worlds. The purpose of our lives have been described by Quran in following manner:

"I did not create the Jinns and the humans except for the purpose of that they should worship me"

(Al-Zariyat)

The Ayat mentioned worshipping Allah, worship is not limited to certain rituals as it would be logically impossible to spend all our lives doing that. Humans have been created with desires. For this purpose Allah gifted us Islam - a complete code/manual that a person needs in their lives. Any act according to the teachings of Islam is a way of worshipping Allah. To further explore the importance of deen in human life, below are certain arguments.

a. Provides Guidance

Islam helps us in all spheres of lives as mentioned earlier. It guides us to the righteous path. To guide humans, Allah sent down Quran - a holy book which ~~with~~ contains all the rules and manual for a righteous life. In Surah Bani-Israel Allah mentioned:

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward" (Bani-Israel)

As mentioned in ayat, the one who follows the teachings of Quran and live an upright life will receive a great reward, promised by Allah Almighty.

b. Helps us Distinguish between Right and Wrong:

Quran helps us distinguish between right and wrong. If this distinction was left upto the

discretion of individuals, every one will have their own definition of right and wrong as their moral values differ. So, to avoid any discrepancies and limitations of human mind, Allah has provided the distinguished the rights from the wrong with the helps of Quran and Sunnat of Holy Prophet (S.A.W). In Surah Baqrah Allah says:

"Quran was revealed as guidance for man-kind, as a clear signs that show the right way and distinguish between right and wrong"

(Al-Baqrah)

c. Provides all kinds of Systems-

Islam as a true and complete deen provides all kinds of systems for the humans to lead a upright and successful lives. It gives perfect judicial, administratives, social, economic and political system-

d. Spiritual Cure for All Times

The Islam is, has been and will be a source of spiritual & healing. Through following teachings of deen-e-Islam a person can get immense gratification and it will provide spiritual healing to the lost souls yearning for their creator's words. The recitation of Quran has been proven to be a healer for the soul and mind. Allah (SWT) mentioned in Quran, how it (Quran) is a healing and mercy for believers.

"And we reveal the Quran that which is healing and a mercy to the believers and it adds only to the perdition of unjust" (Al-Quran)

e. Source of Wisdom and Enlightenment

Allah has awarded humans with wisdom and gave them the knowledge, which can be confirmed through the first revelation as ~~the~~ it started from the word "recite Quran is one such source of knowledge and wisdom but only those who tries to understand the true essence can be ~~en~~ enlightened. Allah mentions ^{it} in Surah An-Nisaa - "And Allah has revealed to you The Book and the wisdom, and He has taught you what you did not know, and Allah's grace on you is very great (An-Nisaa - 113)

Allah has provided the knowledge of universe in the Quran and only the ones who are keen enough to delve into the wisdom will understand and unravel the secrets.

3. Conclusion

Islam is a complete code of life which guides humans and helps them lead a better life. Islam enlightens those who want to be enlightened, benefit those

who want to be benefited. Only by following deen we can succeed in this life and the life hereafter.

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HAZRAT MUHAMMAD (S.A.W) - A PERFECT EXAMPLE FOR MANKIND

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) is, has been and will always be a perfect example for mankind. His life was an embodiment of light for every human being. Allah has sent down Quran as His final words and commands and Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) enacted on those commands and set an example for the people of his time and the upcoming generations.

Quran only commands while Hazrat Muhammad PBUH tells us how to follow those commands, one such example is prayers. Allah has also mentioned His beloved prophet as a model for mankind (believers). The ayat of Surah Al-Ahzab translated to:

"There is indeed a good model for you in the messenger of Allah - for one who has hope in Allah and the Last day and remembers Allah profusely" ~ (Al-Ahzab)

Prophet's PBUH life is a perfect role model for every individual in every sphere of life.

He (S.A.W) has proved himself to be worthy of a perfect example in different spheres be it as a father, husband, neighbour, educator, diplomat, friend, peace maker, military command etc. Every Muslim can look upto His (P.B.U.H) life and find guidance. Following are some examples on how Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H is a an embodiment of light for humans.

a. Person with High Morals:

Hazrat Muhammad's (S.A.W) character was impeccable. He demonstrated kindness, humanity, patience, humility and compassion. His way of dealing with challenging situations and not losing hope, being patient and with integrity is a role model for all believers striving to be better Muslims and human beings. Allah Himself has acknowledged Him (S.A.W) as a standard of character.

"And you surely on an excellent standard of character" ~ (Al-Qalam)

He ^{was} described as truthful and honest by his enemies. Despite all the differences the pagans of Makkah used to regard the words of Muhammad (S.A.W) and acknowledged him to be an honest person. Hazrat Muhammad's (S.A.W) teachings emphasized strong morals and ethical principles. His actions in personal and social life set standards for honesty, justice, fairness serving as a moral compass for his followers.

c. Social Justice

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad PBUH advocates social justice. He advocates fair treatment of all individuals and not to discriminate anyone on the basis of status, race, class etc. He taught and lead by example ~~to~~ by treating every individual equally. He appointed Bilal (R.A) ~~as an~~ Abyssinian former slave as the first moazan (caller to prayer) in Islam. This was his way to ~~an~~ educating that race, former status does not matter and should ~~be~~ not be the ground for competence. Every individual is deserving of equal & fair treatment.

d. Interpersonal Relations

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) gauged his interactions with family, friends with utmost care and love. His love for his ~~day~~ daughter, at the time when daughters were not even regarded as human beings, was a perfect example of treatment of children as parents. He was a perfect husband, always smiling in front of them and even despite ~~at~~ his busy schedule took time out for his wives. All of his wives were happy ~~and~~ with him, he even used to spend time with his friends and advise them. His interpersonal relations serve as a model for Muslim in building harmonious connections with others.

e- Treatment with Enemies

He (S.A.W) was not only an exemplary character for his close relations rather ~~he is a role model~~ for a kind and forgiving person with enemies. He has been tortured, chased out and wounded by his enemies but still chose to ~~be~~ forgive them. This shows his character as a human being and serve as a role model for all Muslims.

f- Caring Human being:

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) in general was a caring human being, a person we all look upto ~~to~~ for guidance in day to day interactions. He ^(S.A.W) always treated everyone with love and care. He never treated slaves badly and always interact with them with respect and love. Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) ~~said~~ said - a hadees ^{from} Bukhari & Muslim narratio

"No one of you becomes a true believer until he likes for his brother what he likes for himself" (Bukhari and Muslim)

This hadees shows how it is important to treat fellow humans with care and respect in order to become better muslims.

g- Devoted Worshiper

His unwavering commitment to Allah (SWT) as evident in his prayers, fasts and in other spheres of lives Lavish provides an example of spiritual dedication.

We muslims try to follow his path and emulate his profound connection with Allah in our lives

g- Leadership Skills

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) has immense leadership skills. He single handedly guided muslims in challenging times. The way he run the affairs of state of madinah shows how exemplary leader he was. ~~He~~ One of The example of his leadership skills is ~~reading~~ the charter of madinah - first ever written constitution in the history. The leadership style of Muhammad PBUH characterized by consultation and inclusivity is cited as a model for effective leadership.

Conclusion:

Therefore, it is ~~proved~~ ^{confirmed} that Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) is a perfect example for all mankind. He was a balanced personality and lived every phase of his life according to commands of Allah and as a preacher for mankind. By following the life of Muhammad (S.A.W.W) we can live happy, righteous and successful lives.