

What is the difference between Religion & Deen? Describe the importance of Deen in human life.

1) Religion / Mazhab

Religion is derived from Latin which means to follow or to subjugate and Mazhab is derived from Arabic word which means pathway. Religion means subjugation of a supernatural power. The contextual meaning of life religion is way of life or to find one's own roots.

Edward Taylor, the famous anthropologist said that if you believe in unseen god, soul, heaven and hell is called religion.

Emile Durkheim, the sociologist said that to practice certain faith related to god is called religion.

Dr. Israr Ahmed said that Religion is based upon three

i) Faiths

ii) Rituals

iii) Social functions.

2) Deen:

It is arabic word and it means to attain supremacy or attain dominion status. The contextual meaning of Deen is complete code of life.

From the context of shariah

Deen is based upon:-

i) Sovereignty of Allah:-

To ~~attain~~ admit the sovereignty of Allah, Allah is the one.

Surah Ikhlas (112: 1-4).

ii) Follow orders of Allah:-

To follow the orders or commandment of Allah

3: 103 "And hold firmly the rope of Allah and do not get divided."

iii) Rules:-

The Rules have to be followed. Prophet stated that "Even if my daughter starts letting steals, I

would order her hand to be cut.

iv) Reward and Punishment:-

To believe in rewards and punishments. If you do good deeds you will get rewarded and if you do bad deeds you will get punished.

a) Deen is complete while religion is part-

i) Ibadat in a person's individual life are his personal matter and it is limit to religion (Haqq, uq - Allah) while the deen incorporates both religious and social constructs (Haqq, uq Allah + Haqq, uq - Al - Ibad).

ii) Faiths in religion are manmade construct.

iii) Ibadat in religion also manmade. However in Deen, the Ibadat are all given by Allah.

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Deen is based upon.

i) Faiths

ii) Rituals.

iii) Social functions

iv) Social system

v) Justice

vi) Political system

vii) Financial system.

Importance of Deen in human life

i) Individual life:

Deen provides the satisfaction of soul. In (3:28) it is stated that Deen provides satisfaction of soul.

It prevents the suicide. In Surah Baqara / Nisa it is stated that

"Do not kill yourselves"

Deen provides Hope
(2:153-155) (94:5) "Surely with hardship comes ease"

Deen gives us purpose of life.

Deen teaches us ethics and morality.

ii) Collective life:-

Deen teaches us equality.

Deen teaches gives us system (Justice, financial etc).

Deen teaches us our Rights & duties.

Deen also teaches us dual concept of accountability (we are accountable in this world & next)

Conclusion

Religion and deen have different purposes ~~of~~ in the life. The importance of deen in human life teaches us how to move in our life's so that we can have peaceful life.