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### 1. Religion vs Deen: The need of Religion in scientific age

Religion is narrow approach towards faith as compared to deen. Religion includes faith, rituals and man-God connection whereas deen is comprehensive way of life that not only includes rituals and faith but also involves man-man relation (Haqooq-ul-Ibad). Deen teaches about everyday life activities and lawful things in both individual and collective life. Today's scientific world may seem connected through social media and mobile phones, However, this scientific age has actually alienated human beings devastating their mental health. Hence, for inner satisfaction and peace, religion is an essential need of the current age.

### 2. Concept of Religion

Religion is an old english word which means "to follow". It includes faith, rituals and man-to god relation. The examples of religion are hinduism, sikhism

## Scholarly Reference

According to Iman Al-Mad'udi, Religion consist of:

- 1) Faith
- 2) Rituals
- 3) Social functions

### 3. Concept of Deen

Deen is a wide term that includes a complete way of life. Islam is not a religion, but a deen. It teaches faiths, rituals and relationship with God. Additionally, it also guides about individual life, such as earning, family relations, rights of wife, rights of parents, rights of orphans, neighbours, relative, as well as collective life, ~~so~~ such as socio-economic and political system.

### Quranic Reference

"For you is your deen and for us is our deen"

[Al-Quran]

### Hadith Reference

"Deen is an advise"

[Hadith]

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According to Imam Al-Madu'di, deen consist of;

1, Rituals

2, Faith

3, Social functions

4, Economic and political system

5, Justice system

## 4. Difference between deen and religion

| Religion                                                            | Deen                                                                                                      |
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| Religion has narrow approach that consist of only faith and rituals | Deen is wide-perspective that consist of rituals as well as guidance about practical life.                |
| Religion is man-made such as Holim hindu religion                   | Deen is not man-made but it is divine (revealed by Allah)                                                 |
| It consists of only man-God relation                                | It consists of both man to God relation (Haqq-ul-Allah) and man-to-man relation (Haqq-ul-Ibad)            |
| Religion has nothing to do with individual and collective life      | Deen guides about human rights, minority rights, social system, community, political and economic system. |
| e.g Hinduism, Christianity                                          | e.g Islam.                                                                                                |

## 5. The need of religion in scientific age

The current scientific age is very fast and inter-connected. New advancement like internet, mobile phones, social media have connected the whole world into a global village. Whatever happening in the world is just one click away and one can see and inter-connect. However, in reality virtual connections and fake online friends have posed human beings into alienation, depression and anxiety. Virtual connections have affected mental health negatively, which demonstrates the need of religion in this society. Following are the reasons for need of religion in scientific age:

### (i) Inner peace and satisfaction

In busy lifestyle and chaos of today's life, religion gives inner satisfaction and fulfillment of heart. It provides peace and assurance about future life. Additionally,

### (ii) A cure for hopelessness

When any person faces extreme hardships in life, he becomes hopeless from worldly life. Simultaneously, religion provides relief.

and assurance that this worldly life is temporary and people will be rewarded in future in another life. Hence, religion counters hopelessness in this scientific age. As Allah stated in context of Quran;

Verily! With every hardship, there is ease,  
With every hardship, there is ease.  
[Al-Quran]

### (iii) Increasing suicide rates in modern age

Due to rising depression and mental health issues in this scientific age, there is increasing rates of suicide. However, religion is like a shining hope in this time that provides inner satisfaction about life.

### (iv) Conscience of Right and Wrong

Due to western dominance, across the world, there is westernization of societies that ignore what is right and what is wrong. Religion guides about right and wrong things, patience, character, humility and humbleness. It also guides regarding significance of equity, equality and

justice. Hence, religion prevents immorality in this scientific age.

#### V. Guidance for lawful and unlawful earning

The religion islam guides in earning methods. Several methods such as gambling, theft, pickpocketing, murder, prostitution, interest, selling alcohol and other such activities are unlawful and they degrade moral character of an individual. So, the religion provides right guidance regarding way of life in this scientific age.

#### 6. Conclusion

To conclude, religion is dependent on faiths, rituals ~~and~~ <sup>whereas</sup> deen is a comprehensive way of life that teaches a modern way of life. Today, in this modern age, religion is a necessity for inner peace and satisfaction. Additionally, it provides a ray of hope in this fast-moving world and guides about right and wrong, moral character and right way of life.

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## 1. Philosophy of zakat and its impacts on human life

Zakat is an important pillar of Islam that becomes necessary when an individual attains a particular threshold of wealth. The objective of this act is to ensure wealth distribution and reduce economic inequality. Zakat is given to purify one's soul as well as wealth. It not only satisfies the individual but also reduces resentments in the hearts of the poor. It has social, moral and individual impacts. It provides a feeling of closeness to Allah, bridges the gaps between rich and poor and also declines crime rates in the society. Hence, it is an act performed for sake of Allah that has many benefits for the society as well as the individual himself.

## 2. Objectives behind zakat in Islam

### (a) A system of wealth distribution in the society

Allah has ordered in Quran

to give zakat to the poor, needy individuals.  
Allah states in Quran

Establish prayer and give zakat and  
bow [down] with those who bow in  
worship and obedience

[Al-Quran]

The philosophy behind zakat is that  
it ensures distribution of wealth from  
rich ~~to~~ to poor. Allah has declared this act  
a necessity so that poor don't remain  
alienated. It ensures circulation of wealth  
among rich and the poor. As Allah says  
in Quran that,

So that it may not circulate  
between the rich among you  
[Al-Quran].

## (ii) Purification of wealth as well as that of soul

Almighty Allah pleases with those  
who spend in the way of Allah. Zakat is  
an Islamic way to purify one's wealth  
as well as soul. Islam discourage hoarding  
and seizing of wealth. Prophet (PBUH)

said that,

The biggest evil of my Ummah  
is love ~~for~~ the wealth.

[Hadith]

Hence, when a person gives ~~a~~ zakat,  
it implies that the person doesn't prioritize  
wealth over his faith and in this way  
purifies the wealth.

(iii) Zakat reflects the faith that sovereignty  
over everything in the universe belongs  
to Almighty Allah

The system of zakat implied  
reflects that whatever a human poses either  
it is wealth, money, property, health, social  
status, belongs to Almighty Allah. As Allah  
says in context of Quran,

Whatever is in the heavens and  
whatever is in the earth, belongs  
to Allah

[Al-Quran]

### 3. Social Impacts of Zakat

#### (i) <sup>Zakat</sup> Reduces gap between rich and poor

Zakat ensures circulation of wealth among rich and poor. Whenever, the rich attains a certain amount of wealth, he is bound to give zakat, so that gaps of inequality of wealth reduce and a balance is maintained in the society.

#### (ii) Zakat addresses the resentments in heart of poor people

Huge differences of wealth and social status produces resentments among hearts of the poor. Whenever, the rich give zakat, it reduces those complaints about the rich ones. Hence, it produces well-being in the poor for rich ones.

### 4. Moral impacts of Zakat

#### (i) Zakat produces a sense of inner satisfaction and well-being

Whenever a person pays zakat,

it produces a feeling of closeness to Allah and self-satisfaction. It raises moral standards of the person. His wealth purifies and soul becomes satisfied by giving zakat.

## (ii) Zakat produces a sense of humanitarian spirit

It encourage the individual to help poor and work for welfare of people.

## 5. Individual impacts of zakat

### (i) zakat reduces crime rates and immorality from society;

When poor get enough money or support from rich, they will not involve in immoral activities like theft, pickpocketing or other crimes. Hence, it reduce crime rates.

## 6. Conclusion

The philosophy behind zakat is that everything in this universe belongs to Allah and He is sovereign and master of everything. Additionally, zakat

ensures wealth circulation among rich and poor. Hence, along with spiritual fulfilment, it addresses social issues of economic inequality, increasing crime rates and hoarding.

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## 1. Introduction

Holy Prophet (PBUH) ~~has~~ is an epitome for both diplomats and educators. His principles of diplomacy include priority of peace over war, sending delegations to other countries to give ~~involve~~ invitation to Islam, peaceful coexistence with different religions and historical agreements. Additionally, he was an ideal example of educator. His methods of teaching are ~~still~~ also accepted in western schools, such as giving practical examples of lectures, gradual delivery of knowledge so that his companions understand clearly. He used to give examples and sought active learning among his students, reflecting a perfect example ~~of~~ for his Ummah.

## 2. Sirah of Holy Prophet (PBUH) as a role model for diplomat

### (a) Prophet (PBUH) always prioritized peace over war

Prophet (PBUH) never initiated war. He was a perfect example of humbleness.

humility and compassion. He always tried to maintain peace in the region. Whenever, he conquered Makkah, he declared general amnesty for all. Treaty of Hudaibiya signed b/w Quraysh of Makkah and Muslims, ~~of~~ making it <sup>great</sup> example. This treaty was not in favour of Muslim. In spite of loss, he signed the treaty and created an example for all his companions. Later, Allah revealed sign of victory (Surah Al-Fath) and declared his decision successful. As Allah says in context of Quran that;

O Mohammad! we have declared  
clear victory for you  
[Al-Quran]

(ii) Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) sent delegation to different kings to spread message of Islam

Prophet Muhammad used send delegation to different kings. For example king of Persia, Libya, Oman, Yemen, Syria. He sent delegations to establish peaceful relations and gave message of Islam. This was a

a great example of how he conducted relations among different countries. Therefore, he is a role model for today diplomats.

### (iii) Prophet (PBUH) trained his companions as effective diplomats

Infidels of Makkah used to tease muslims and Prophet (PBUH). When their behavior became unbearable, Prophet (PBUH) sent 15 muslims to Abyssinia. The king of Abyssinia welcomed them but infidels tried to persuade him against muslim. However, Prophet (PBUH) had sent **Hazrat Jaffar Tayyar** whose behavior and skills influenced the king. Hence, this indicates that prophet (PBUH) trained his companions in diplomacy in an effective way to spread message of Islam.

### (iv) Pact of Madina - Another example of ideal diplomacy

When Muhammad migrated to Madina, there were Jews, idolators and Christians. Despite several religions, his diplomacy became successful when he signed an agreement with people of Madina. His diplomatic efforts led to peaceful coexistence among different religions.

Additionally, they also agreed for collective defence against any threat in mading. Contemporary example is **NATO (North Atlantic Treaty organization)** that is collective defence pact between America and European Union. However, this kind of alliance was formed in past by Muhammad through his utopian diplomatic efforts.

(v) Prophet (PBUH) made right decisions at right time - reflecting his intellectual ability in act of diplomacy

His analysis of situation and intellectual ability was laudable. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) always made right decisions in all matter. His diplomatic skills were evident from the event that when muslims had migrated to Abyssinia, the infidels made a plan to kill him, but Prophet was aware of their plans ~~and~~. He himself migrated in 622 A.D along with his companion Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A). Hence, the sirah of Muhammad (PBUH) was a role model for diplomat.

### 3. Sirah of Holy Prophet (PBUH) as role model for an educator

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#### (i) Prophet (PBUH) was sent as an educator for his Ummah

Prophet (PBUH) used to encourage good morals, character and welfare of people. Muslims believe that his message was divine.

Prophet (PBUH) gave guidance to live life according to teachings of Holy Quran.

Angel Gabriel was sent to him who gave his message of Allah to preach Islam.

He became a role model as an educator for his whole universe through his perfect skills of pedagogue.

#### (ii) Aims of Prophetic teaching

The purpose of his teaching to spread message of Allah and guide people to carry out their life activities according to teachings of Islam. His message was divine. He encourage good morals, justice, honesty, trustworthiness, patience, humility, compassion and humble behaviour towards everyone. Prophet (PBUH) said that,

Fear Allah wherever you are and follow after bad deeds the good deeds to wipe them out and always behave towards people with good character.

#### (iv) Unique methods of teachings of Holy prophet (PBUH)

(a) He used to repeat every teaching so that his students learn it.

(b) He used to give examples on every lesson and ~~ought to~~ teach his companions in perfect manner. Once he gave example of bathing in river for 5 times to clear concept of how prayer wipes sins of human beings by offering it 5 times.

(c) He used to call names of students and engage them in discussions so that they learn effectively.

(d) He used to make gestures to teach. Once prophet (PBUH) raise his index fingers and middle ~~fig~~ fingure and hold them

together and said one of who takes care of an orphan will be like this with me at the day of resurrection. His method of teaching was a perfect example for people all over the universe.

(e) He used to speak ~~gr~~ slowly so that his companions could learn and understand. Once Hazrat Aisha (R.A) said that prophet (PBUH) talks so gradually that one can easily count his words before speaking. Gradually he advanced his lessons.

(f) Prophet (PBUH) used to practice <sup>himself</sup> before teaching anything so that his companions and other muslim follow him.

Hence, his sirah was a role model as an educator. Today the modern teaching methods are similar which prophet (Muhammad) used to practice 1400 years ago, demonstrating his perfectness.

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## 1. Political System of Islam

In Islamic political system is a blend of both capitalism and communism. In this system, sovereignty belongs to Allah and man is the vicegerent of Allah. It consists of vital elements such as justice, consultation, election of Khalifa, Rule of law, enjoining right and forbidding the wrong and following the commandment of the leader. Additionally, in Islamic state, no legislation can be done against teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah. Modern state system was developed with foundational elements from Islamic system.

## 2. Vital Elements of Political System of Islam

### (i) Sovereignty belongs to Allah Almighty

In an Islamic political system, sovereignty of everything belongs to Allah. He is the supreme ruler and guider. Everything in an Islamic state

is conducted according to his teachings given in Quran and Sunnah of his beloved Prophet (PBUH). As Allah says that

But who is better than Allah for people in judgement

[Al-Quran]

(ii) Man is the vicegerent of Allah in an Islamic political system

Allah has sent human beings as his vicegerent. As Allah says in Quran that,

We have appointed you as their successor in the earth

[Al-Quran]

(iii) Following the commandments of the leader

The leaders in Islamic political system are appointed on the basis of their morality, conduct and leadership skills.

People are advised to follow his commandments until those are according to teachings of Islam. If the leader deviates away from Islam, then there is no compulsion of following him.

#### (iv) No legislation against Holy Quran and Sunnah

If legislation passed against teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah, then the state can't be called an Islamic state.

#### (v) System of Consultation

Sahaba (companions) of Prophet (PBUH) and Muhammad himself used to consult in the matter. It is like a democratic principle of modern states. Allah says in Quran that,

And conduct their affairs in consultation  
[Al-Quran]

#### (vi) System of Justice

Justice is an integral component of Islamic political system. The judge has been ordained to do justice without hesitation. The example of justice is that Hazrat Ali (R.A) presented himself before court when a Jew claimed ownership of the armour. He set example of justice. Similarly, Allah says in Holy Quran,

If you judge, judge between them with justice. Allah loves those who act justly  
[Al-Quran]

## (vii) Equality

In Islamic political system everyone is equal irrespective of their religion, Caste, colour and social justice. Allah says that all human beings are equal because they all are from one (Adam) and they are all created by Allah.

## (viii) Freedom in practice of religion

Allah says that no one can force anyone in choice of religion. In Islamic political system, there is freedom of religion choice. One can practice any religion without any force. As Allah says in Quran that,

There is no compulsion in choice of religion  
[Al-Quran].

## (ix) Enjoining the right and forbidding the evil

Allah has made this obligatory on every muslim to preach right and reject evil. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that,

Raising voice against tyrant  
is Jihad

[Hadith].

### 3. How islamic political system played role in the development of modern state craft

Modern states developed certain laws recently. For example, system of justice, democracy, legislation, religious freedom, and equality. These laws have been formulated by the western organizations recently. However, islam had already provided these principles to ~~their~~ its Ummah 1400 years ago. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and companions practised these principles and established islamic political system. Hazrat Umar (R.A) established courts and system of administration in past. Democracy in modern statecraft is based on consultation principle. Hence, islamic political system played a role in development of modern statecraft.

### 4. Conclusion

To conclude, islamic political system is based on sovereignty of Allah and His ordainments. In this system, man is

Successor of Allah. Muslim follow teachings of Holy Quran, sunnah and then they follow their leader as well. If leader shifts away from islamic principles then he should not be followed. Other vital elements of the system include equality, consultation, following good morals, preaching against tyranny, justice and rule of law. <sup>Most of</sup> these principle are also present in today's modern statecraft that reflect that islamic political system provided them basis to their origins.

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