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Religion - a Necessity

(دين ايک ضرورت)

Literary speaking, **دين** is an Arabic word that means obedience as well as reward. Conventionally, this word gives the meanings of “having belief on the Creator of Human Beings and Universe”, and keeping this faith complying with the rules or established practices. That is why those persons who entirely do not believe on the Creator of this Universe and consider that it is just an accidental production or due to material and physical interactions, they are called “atheist” or nonbeliever.

Religion is not only the name of system of worship and belief, but also gives complete orderly conduct of life. For the survival of man, food and water are essential items. But his soul or spirit not only demands religion and faith on the Creator of this Universe, but also provides well-being, satisfaction and security of life. In order to make ‘personality’, religion and faith connect all the members involved in it. It gives a concept of ‘Oneness of God’ and simultaneously it makes a link with God. Moreover, for the training and refinement of Human Being and to reach him to the stage of **نفس مطمئنة** (pure, belonging to God), religion is essentially needed.

Allah (SWT) has created this Universe, and then He descended man to the earth making him as a ‘Successor of the earth’ (**خليفة الارض**). God has said for the soul of Human being:

وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي

{And breathed into him a soul from myself (15:29 & 38:72)}

After that he felt it necessary to provide man, the rules and regulations for living on this Earth. Therefore, He selected some persons among the same Humans to pass on His messages related to the ‘Rules of Living’.

‘Prophet’ is that innocent servant of God who is given the revelations of God. ‘Messenger’ is a prophet who holds the book of revelations from God and he also gives Laws to his followers. Every Prophet is not a Messenger but all Messengers are Prophets as well. Prophets were delegated in almost every part of the Earth. No one knows the realistic numbers of these prophets, but it has been stated in one hadith that it is around 124,000 and a next hadith also states that the total number of Prophets are approximately 224,000. Nevertheless, it does not matter how much they were. But the important thing is that God has never left any period or any nation without prophet.

Allah (SWT) has successively sent Prophets for the guidance of the entire humanity and for its explanation He mentions in Quran:

وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ

{And never has there been a community to which a warner was not sent. (35:24)}

And He also said in Quran that:

وَمَا كُنَّا مُعَذِّبِينَ حَتَّىٰ نَبْعَثَ رَسُولًا

{And We never punish until We have sent a Noble Messenger. (17:15)}

The word **دين** has one another meaning that is “Reward” (جزا). In Quran He says:

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

{Owner of the Day of Recompense (01:04)}

This way Allah, the Lord of the world, uses this word **دين** and very softly says that one day you have to give your account.

At one place Allah (SWT) says:

رُسُلًا مُّبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى اللَّهِ حُجَّةٌ بَعْدَ الرُّسُلِ

{Noble Messengers giving glad tidings and declaring warnings, in order that people may not have any argument against Allah, after the (advent of) Noble Messengers. (04:165)}

With this verse, this thing comes out clearly that one day there will be reward and punishment against deeds. Therefore, it is very much essential to see the betterment of this world but, hereafter as well.

