

Ques No 02Impact of oneness of God's belief on human life:-I- Introduction:

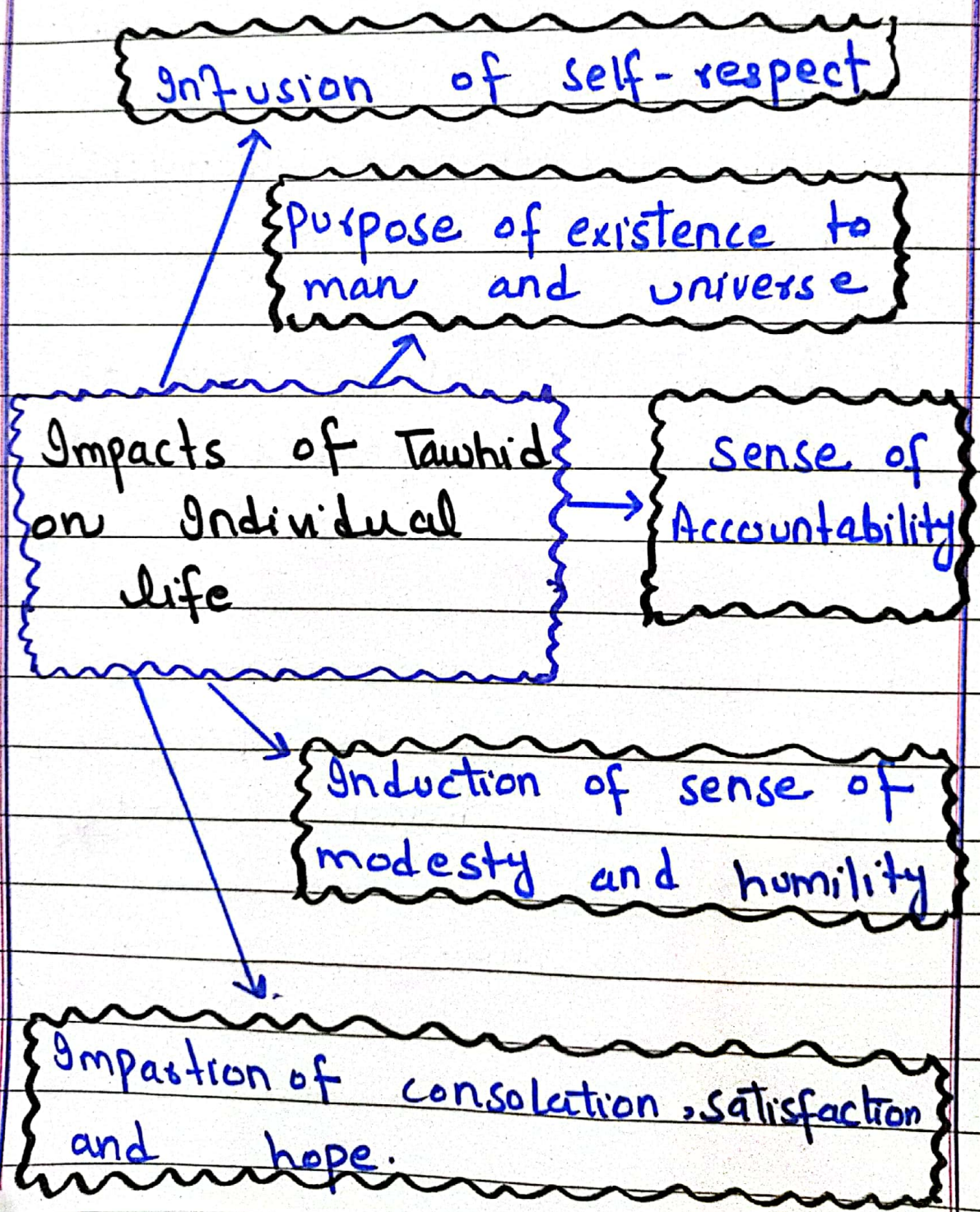
The doctrine of tawhid affirms the belief in absolute unity and oneness of a unique, transcendent, omnipotent, compassionate and merciful God. Ibn-al-Qayyim defines Tawhid as follows:

"It is the utmost love of God accompanied with total submission."

The belief on the oneness of God solve all the perplexing problems of human society and establish a new order wherein equity and justice, as well as peace and prosperity will reign supreme.

2- Impact of belief of Oneness of God on Human Life:-

Tawhid has following impacts on human life individually and collectively:-



2.1) Tawhid Creates Sense of Accountability

Tawhid encourages man to work according to the will of God. Tawhid creates sense of responsibility towards other people.

Dr. Khalifa Abdul Itakim in his book "Islamic Ideology" describes the essential derivatives from belief in God.

2.2) Tawhid Infuses self-respect.

Tawhid produces highest degree of self-respect in humans. The believer knows that Allah is the possessor of all the powers, provider of his needs, which make him independent from all the worldly powers.

2.3) Tawhid gives purpose of existence to man and universe:

The purpose of human creation is compatible with their supernatural creation. Human beings' acknowledgement of God and their consequential struggle in life to realize the purpose of their creation is a process of their own self-fulfilment more than anything else.

(Al-Kahf 17:15)

2.4) Tawhid Induces Sense of Modesty and Humility

Tawhid makes a person unostentatious and unpretending. A believer never becomes proud and arrogant: Because he knows, whatever has been given to him is from Allah.

2.5) Tawhid impacts consolation, satisfaction and hope:

Tawhid impacts consolation, fills the heart of the believer with satisfaction, and provides hope to the person.

3- Impact of Tawhid on society:

Islamic Unity, Brotherhood,
Bond and Mutual
cooperation

Impact of Tawhid
on society

Human equality
and social
justice

Promotion of collective
peace and social
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3.1) Human Equality and Social Equity

Tawhid is not a metaphysical concept. This is the only yardstick to measure the rank of man is the fear of God.

“**وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا**”

“And hold fast by the covenant of Allah altogether and be not disunited.”

(A al - Imran 3:10)

3.2) Islamic Unity, Brotherhood Bond and Mutual Cooperation

Tawhid is grounded in human responsibility, socio-political and economic accountability and universal justice.

The Holy Quran says:-

انما المؤمنون اخوة .

Certainly, all Muslims are brothers."

(Al-Hujurat 49:10)

Prophet (PBUH) says:-

"When one part of the body is ill, all other parts of the body share this illness."

A poet has beautifully said:-

ۛ ایک ہوں مسلم حرم کی پاسبانی کیلئے
نیل کے ساحل سے لے کر تاشاک کا شہر

(علامہ محمد اقبال)

3.3) Tawhid promotes collective peace and social Justice

Islam connects Tawhid to socio-political and economic justice. Injustice leads to disruption of peace which must be confronted and corrected.

”يا ايها الناس امنوا كونوا قوا بين
الله شهداء بالقيسطه“

“O people, Be steadfast witnesses for Allah in justice, and let not hatred of any people seduce you that you deal not justly.”

(Al-Maidah 5:8)

9- Conclusion

In a nutshell the belief in the oneness of God provides valuable insight to a person which makes him independent and indifferent from the world. Tawhid provides the courage which a person as an individual and a community as a whole need for their survival.

Allama Iqbal has said beautifully:-

۱۰۹ اک سجده جسے تو گراں سمجھتا ہے
ہزار سجدوں سے آرمی کو دیتا ہے نجات

(علامہ محمد اقبال)

Ques No #01

Reason why religion is losing importance in present age; Way forward:-

1- Introduction:

Religion has been a cornerstone of human society, providing a sense of purpose, community and moral guidance. However, in recent times, religion appears to be losing its importance in the present age. This decline is evident in the decreasing numbers of people identifying with organized religion, reduced attendance at religious services, and a growing trend towards secularism. Quran addresses

this issue in Surah Al-Rum

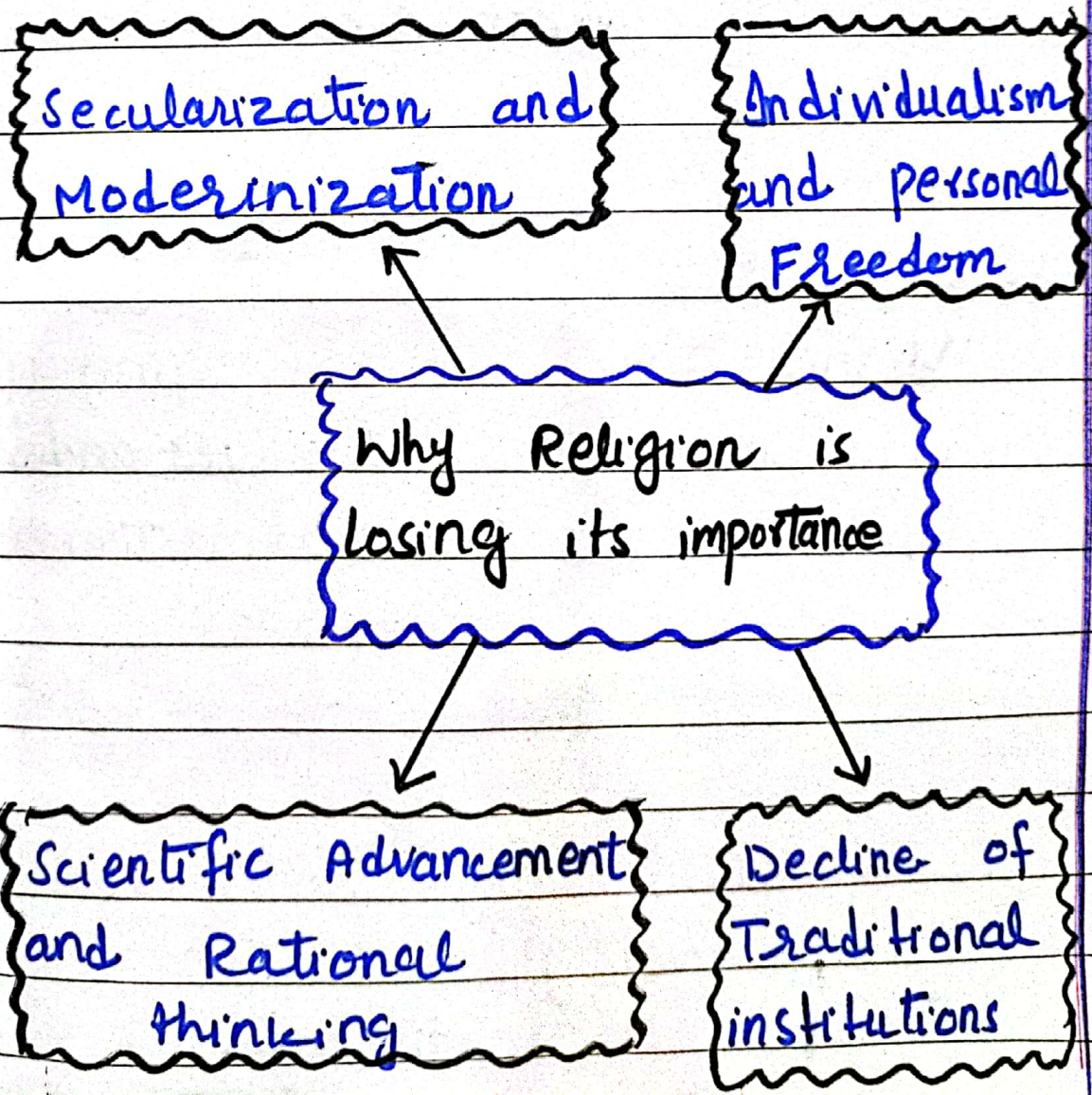
"Corruption has appeared in land and sea because of what the hands of people have earned."

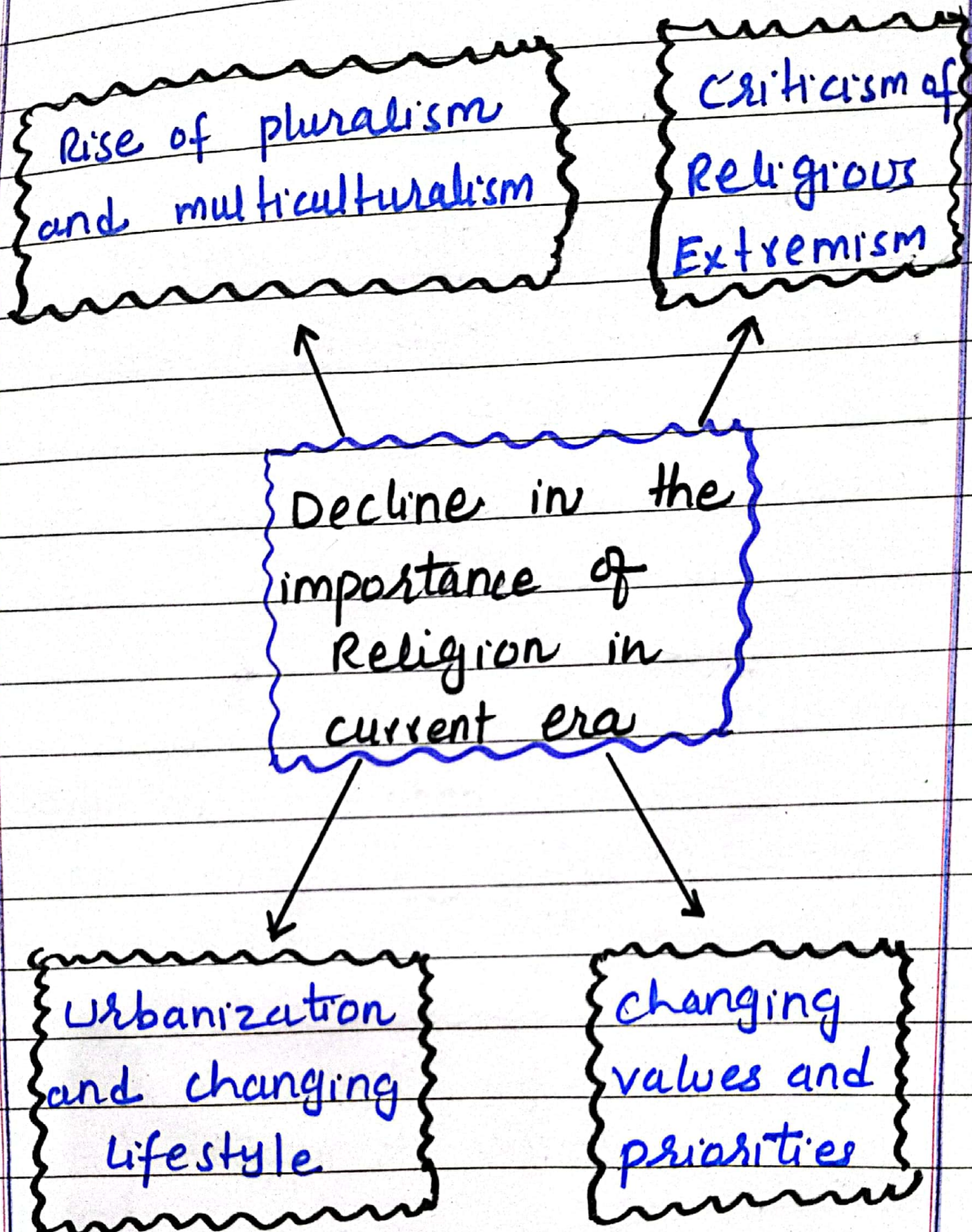
(Al-Rum: 41)

This verse highlights the consequences of humanity's disobedience to God's commands, leading to moral and spiritual decay.

2-Why Religion is losing its importance in present age:-

Following are some reasons of religion's less importance in the present era:-





∴ Reasons why Religion is losing importance in present age.

prophet (PBUH) warned about the decline of religious values in the end times. He said:

“The Hour will not come until knowledge is taken away, and ignorance prevails?”
(Bukhari and Muslim)

3.1) Secularization and Modernization:

secularization refers to the transfer of authority from religious institutions to secular ones.

Modernization has led to a decline in religious beliefs and practices. As Allama Iqbal said:

تمہاری تہذیب اپنے خنجر سے آپ ہی خودکشی کرے گی
جو شاخ نازک پر اشیانہ بننے کا ناپائیدار بیج لگا

3.2) Scientific Advancement and Rational Thinking

Scientific discoveries and advancements have led to a decrease in religious beliefs. Many people now rely on science and reason to explain the world, rather than religious teachings. As a poet has said:

ع کو حیرت ہے، میں دنیا کیا سے کیا ہو جائیگی

3.3) Increased Focus on Individualism and personal Freedom:

As people have become more individualistic, they are less likely to follow traditional religious practices and more likely to create their own personal beliefs and practices.

3.4) Rise of Pluralism and Multiculturalism:

As societies become more diverse, people are exposed to different religions and beliefs. This has led to a decrease in religious exclusivism and an increase in religious tolerance and acceptance.

3.5) Criticism of Religious Extremism:

Religious extremism has led to criticism and rejection of religion by many people. This has contributed to a decline in religious affiliation and practice.

3.6) Urbanization and changing lifestyle:

Urbanization and changing lifestyles have led to a decline in religious practices and affiliation. People are less likely

to attend religious services and more likely to prioritize work and other activities.

9- How Importance of Religion can be restored in present age:-

Imam Ghazali in his book "The Revival of the Religious Sciences" and Shah Waliullah in his book "The Conclusive Argument from God" have discussed the importance of reviving religious knowledge and practice to counter this decline.

9.1- Steps to Revive Religion:

Promotion of interfaith dialogue and understanding

Addressing the social and economic injustices

Encouraging critical thinking and questioning

Emphasis on universal values and ethics of religion

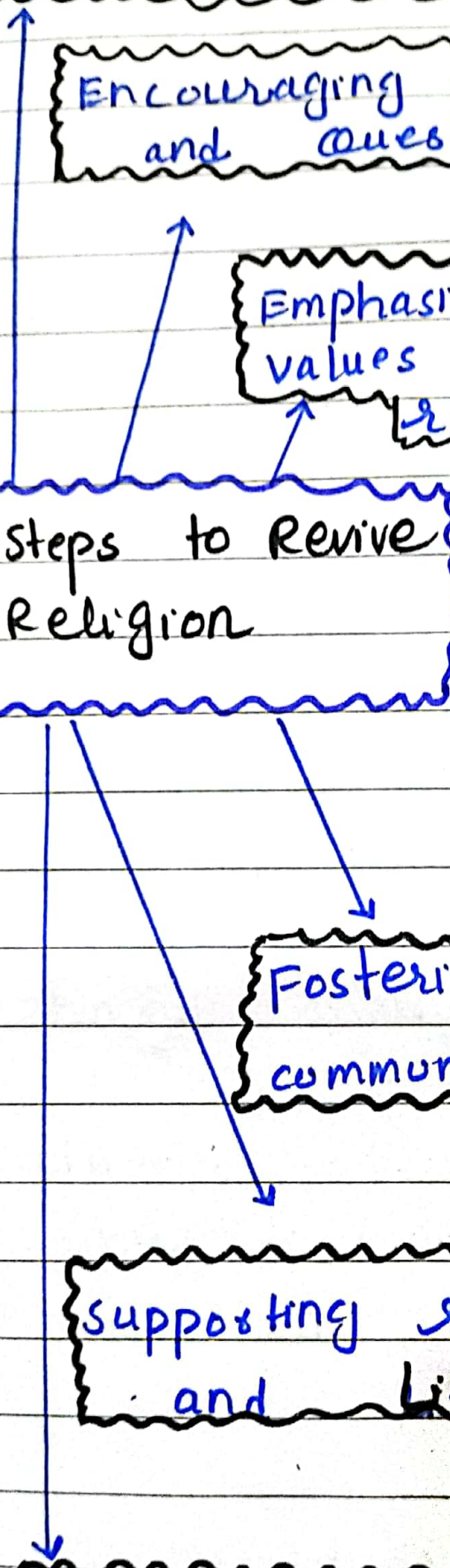
Steps to Revive Religion

Promotion of interfaith dialogue and understanding

Fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Supporting religious education and literacy

Promotion of tolerance among people.



5- Conclusion-

In a nutshell, the decline of religion in the present age is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, driven by various factors. This trend has significant implications for individuals, communities and societies, including the loss of sense of community and moral guidance.

However, by focusing on the amelioration of this situation, a more inclusive, compassionate, and equitable society can be created. As Quran Anjuncts-

Foster a sense of community and belonging: The believing men and believing women are allies of one another.

(Al-Tubah: Verse 71)