

Describe the importance of Deen (Doctrine of life) in human life. Differentiate between Deen and Religion.

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1. Introduction

Human being need a doctrine of life that tells them why they exist, how to live a life and where they are going after the death. In Islam, Deen is a complete system of life based on the submission to Allah in belief, worship, moral, family and outer conduct in the world. While, religion is limited to an individual only. Thus, Deen is a complete code of life and religion is limited concept.

2. Importance of Deen in human life

A. Provides spiritual fulfilment and connection with Allah

Deen provides direct connection with Allah Almighty by praying Him and fulfilling His responsibility. When individual fulfil those duties, it is ensured that Deen is important in human life. Humans are required to worship Him alone so that Almighty can give them mercy and guidance.

"I did not create jinn and mankind except

"to worship Me."

Adh Dharlyet 51:56

B. Gives inner peace and satisfaction

Deen trains the heart by worship Allah, that provides inner peace and satisfaction. This helps mankind to reduce anxiety and depression given by the worldly affairs.

"Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."

Ar-Rad 13:28

C. Produces honesty and equality in society

Allah has multiple time has directed mankind to act honestly in the worldly affairs and also ensure that equality in the society. For equality, Allah has directed to give Zakat every year for redistribution of wealth.

"No Arab has superiority over a non-Arab, nor, non-Arab has superiority over an Arab except by Piety."

Holy Prophet's last Sermon

D. Inculcates good character in mankind

Deen helps mankind to have good

character in the life, mankind is asked to be merciful, forgiveness to other human being and be truthful in his activity.

E. Induces sense of accountability

Deen provides mankind two directions one is righteous that will lead to heaven and another is wrongful act, that will lead to hell. Mankind opt for righteous because of fear of accountability and check and balance not only in this world but Hereafter also.

"So whoever does an atom's weight of good will seek it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."

Az-Zalzalah 99:7-8

F. Provides road to the Hereafter

Deen show the way of salvation through Tawheed, following the steps of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W), righteousness and righteous deeds.

"Every soul shall taste death..."

Al-Imran 3:185

3. Defining Deen

Deen mean to obey, submit, judge.

According to the Quran, Deen is a complete submission to Allah in belief, worship, law and conduct.

"Verily, in the sight of Allah Islam is the religion."

Al-Imran 3:19

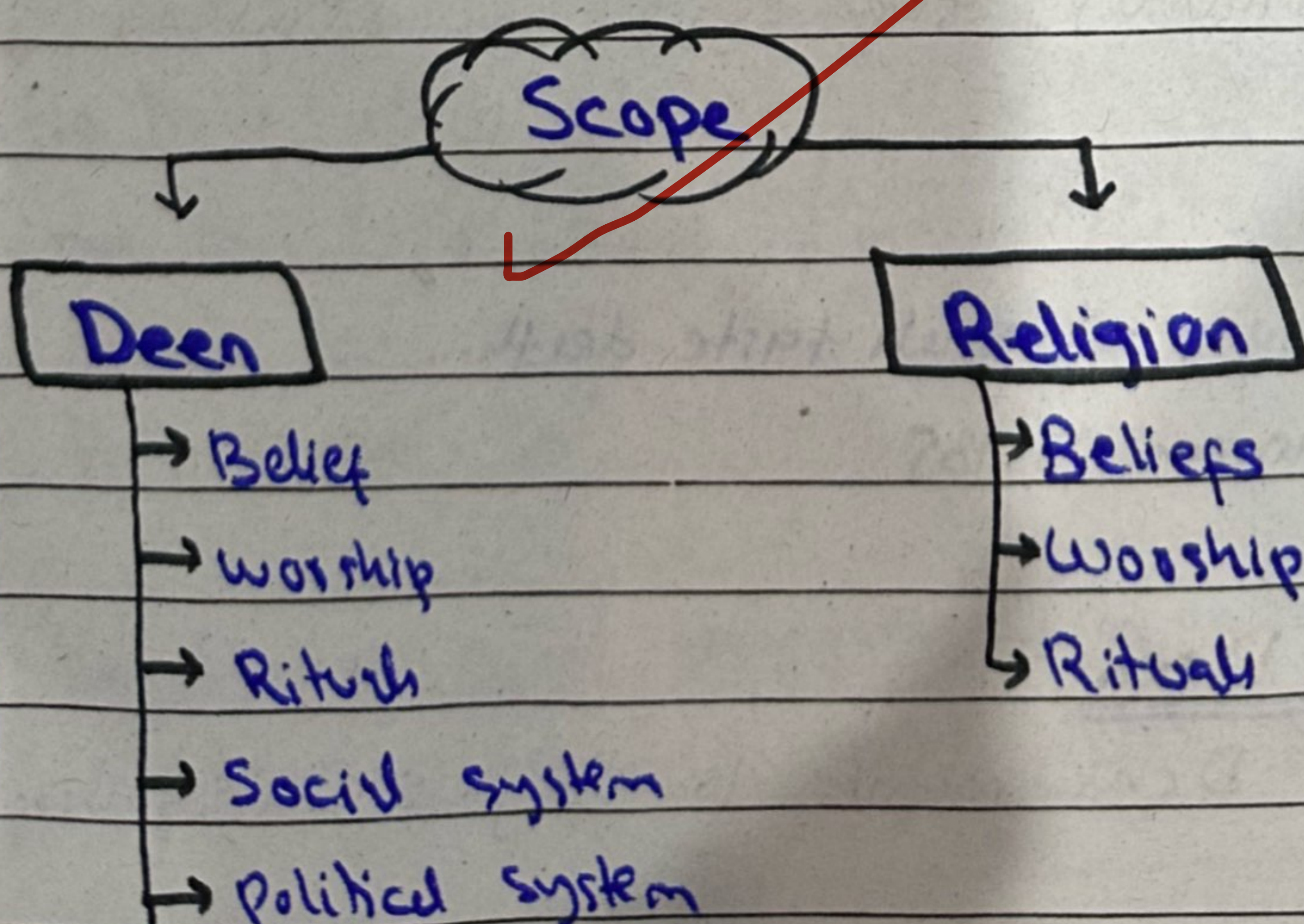
4. Defining Religion

Religion is a narrower term, than Deen, it does not necessarily claim full control over all aspects of life. It is confined to private life only and does not include secular world.

5. Difference between Deen and Religion

A. Difference in scope

Deen in Islam covers, belief, worship, transaction, morals, family law, economics, politics and international relation. While religion is limited to faith, rituals and festivals.



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- Judicial system
- Cultural system
- Economic system

B. Difference in Sources

Deen is solely based on divine revelation of the Quran and authentic Sunnah. While religion is based on human, philosophies and created by human. There is no authentic source.

"He does not speak from desire; it is but revelation revealed."

An-Najm 53:34

C. Difference in Governance System

In Deen, mankind consider Allah Almighty of governing the whole universe and everything happens with Almighty's will. On the other hand, there is no such governance style in the religion.

D. Difference in Shirk

In Deen, associating a partner with Almighty is called shirk. That is a major sin from the rest of sins. Deen reject any association. While in religion individuals have multiple gods and there is

no concept of shirk.

"Indeed, Allah does not forgive that partners be associated with Him."

An-Nisa 4:48

E. Difference in mentorship

Allah sent messengers and prophets to convey His divine message. While in many religions, individuals either on paper, priest, and gurus, these act as intermediaries between God and people.

F. Difference in content of Halal or Haram

Deen has guided humans between the concept of Halal or haram. Such as interest-based economy, is haram in deen. While in Religion there is no concept of haram.

"The halal is clear and the haram is clear..."

Sahih Bukhari

G. Difference in context of universality

Islam is Deen, that will last forever, while religion that is man-made will end one day. Religion has limited

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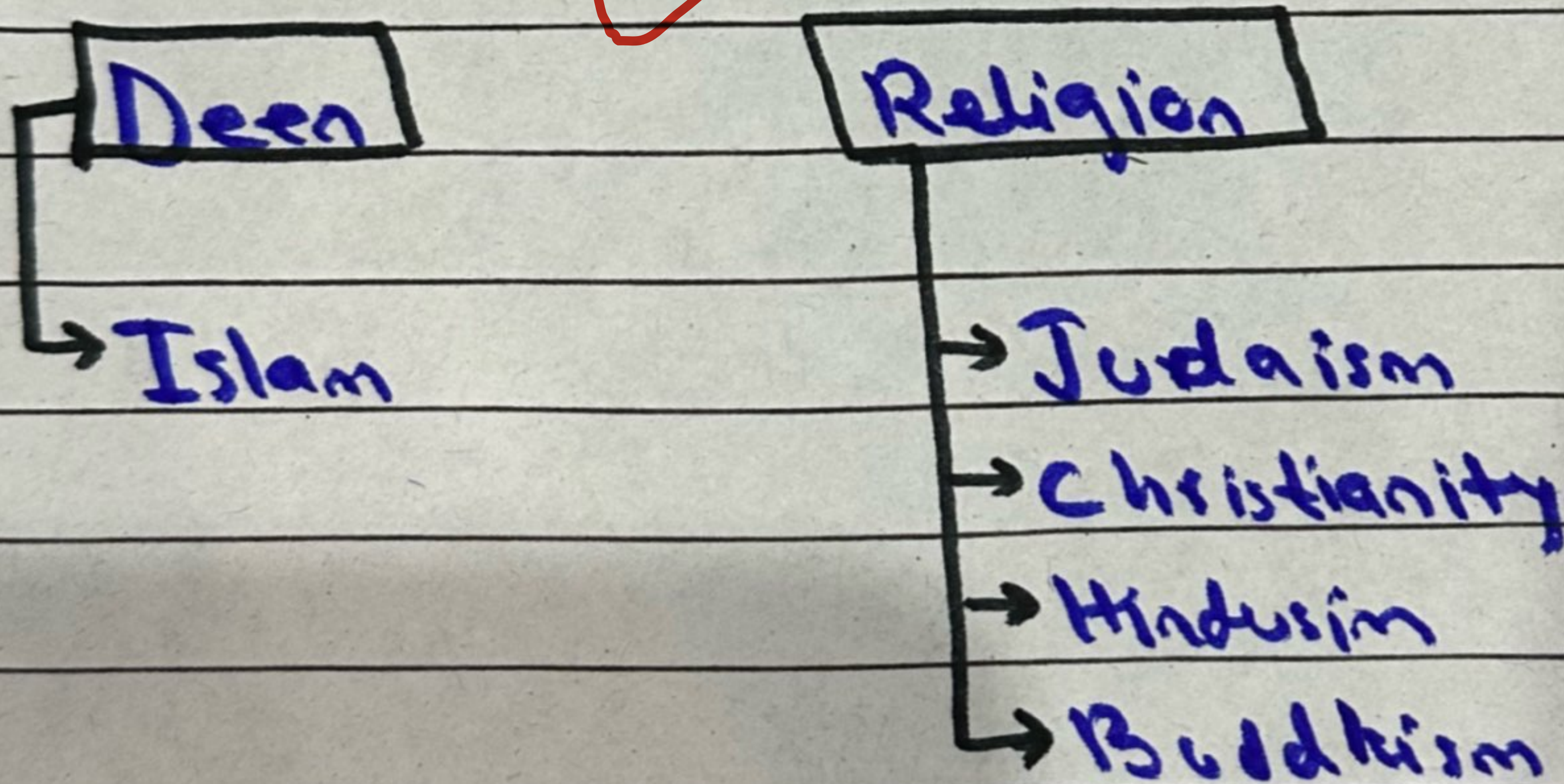
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We have^{not} sent you except as a mercy
to the worlds.

Al-Anbiya 21:107

H. Difference in context of number of Deen and Religions

In Islam, there is only one Deen called Islam. And mankind believes that there is only one Allah and Holy prophet is His messenger. While, in ^{other} religions there are countless religions. And every religion is distinct from other.



6. Conclusion

Deen is a central part of human existence. It connects the mankind with Allah. It is complete code of life. and distinct from ~~restricted~~ ~~situational~~ ~~idea~~ of A society that understands the difference

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between Deen and religion will not confine
Islam to the mosque but will strive to
live, grow and develop under Allah's
guidance in all spheres.

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