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# ISLAMIAI TOPIC

## DEEN AND RELIGION:

Q What is the difference between Deen and Religion? Describe the importance of Deen in human life with arguments.

### Answer:

1.

#### Introduction

Deen and Religion often used interchangeably, but are terms with different meanings. Deen is a broader term where as religion is a narrow term. However, Deen gives direction and is thus very important in a person's life and for the collective affairs of society.

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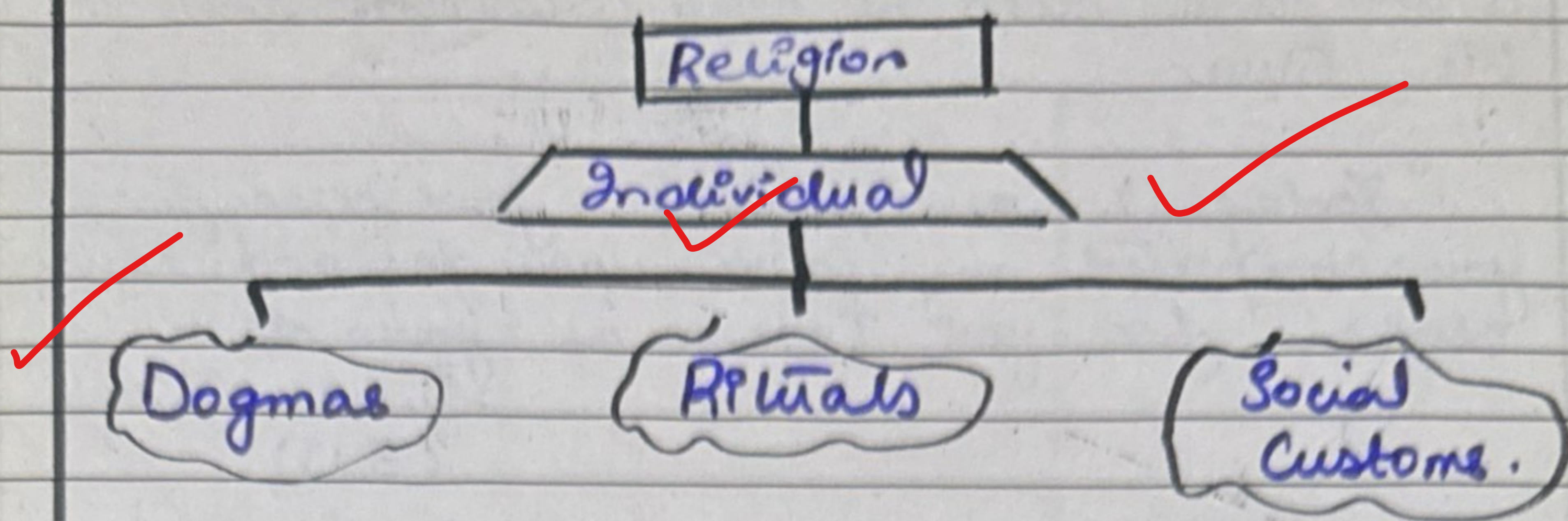
#### Difference Between Deen and Religion:

##### a. What is Religion?

Religion is the only relation to God at an individual level. It comprises of vertical relation with 'Man - God'. It is only at individual and spiritual level.



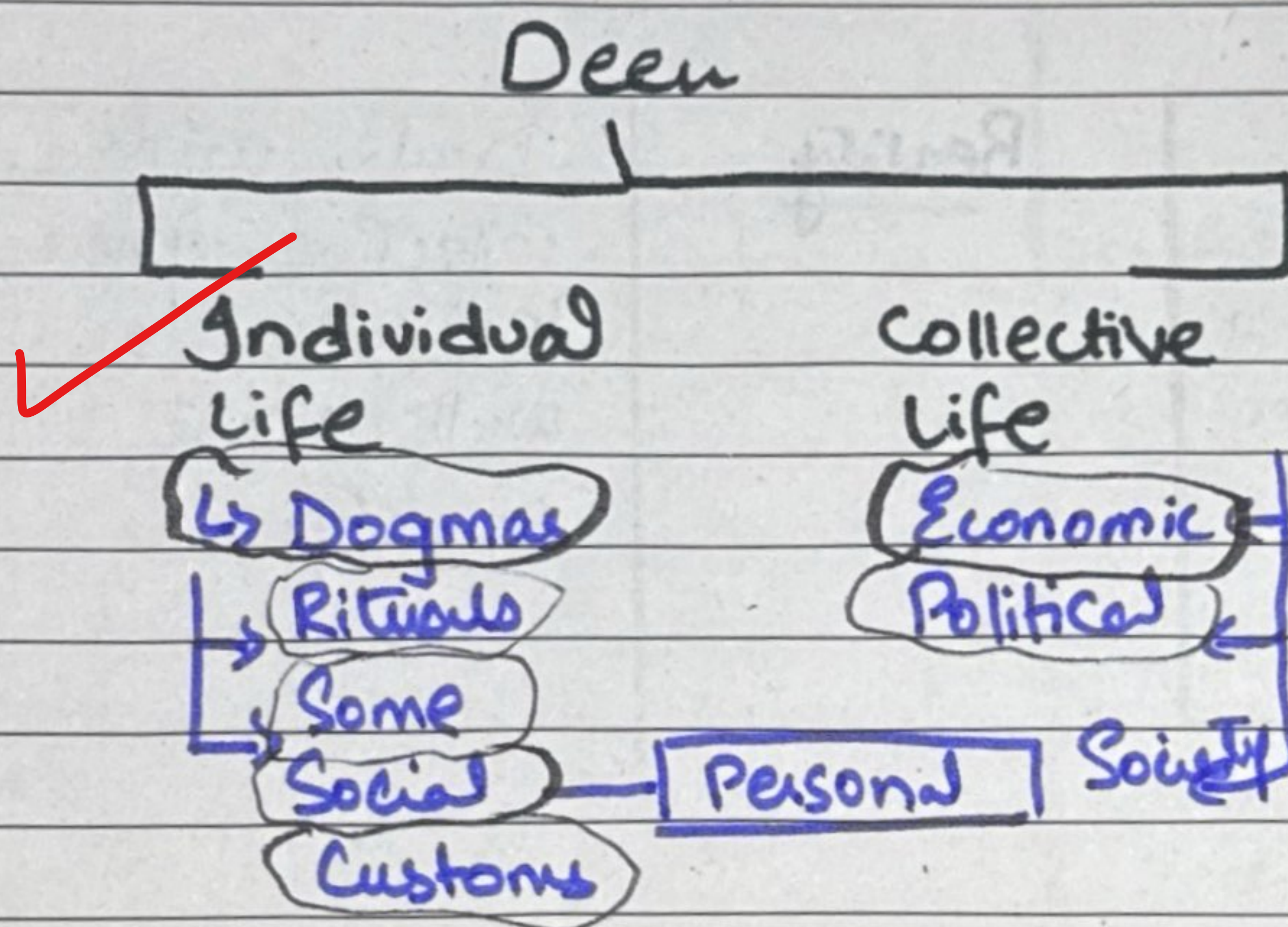
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Religion deals with spiritual world only, it guides through dogmas, customs and rituals of that particular religion.

### b- What is Deen?

Deen is broader, in terms it encompasses a complete code of life. It is not limited to spiritual world only.





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Islam is a deen as Allah (S.W.T) mentions in the Quran,

"Today, I have perfected your deen for you, completed my favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your deen"  
- Surah Maidah (5:3).

Religion

Deen

Scope

1) Narrow in Scope, Only limited to relation between Man and God.

Wider in scope. It comprises the spiritual as well as the secular life of a person.

Reality

2) Objective Reality. The relation and bond varies from person to person.

Deals with collective sphere. Individual as well as the society.



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## Religion

## Deen

3)

It discusses about life is hard and peace and reward & after death. Talks about Renunciation of life.

## Perspective

It embraces life is hard, but believes in this struggle and the hereafter's reward.

"O Allah, bless us something fine in this world, and something fine in the hereafter"-  
(Surah Baqarah)

## Reliance

4)

It talks about Fatalism, the fate and decree and humans are helpless thus accept and endure hardships and whatever comes through.

It makes a person self-reliant as it teaches to work and strive for something and leave it on fate. Thus, this gives an individual the opportunity to dream and strive.



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Deen

Religion

Domain

5)

Does not  
separate public  
and private  
life.  
Strives towards  
the betterment  
of whole  
humanity  
and mankind.

Separates public  
and private  
life.  
Strives towards  
the success of  
an individual  
and the  
relation with  
an individual.

Importance  
of  
Deen in human's  
Life

Islam is Deen, not a religion.

ان دين عند الله الاسلام -

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Surely, the true (religion) with  
Allah is Islam” (Surah Al-Imran).



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## a) Source of Peace and Mercy:

Islam, means,

Islam  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Slm} \rightarrow \text{Surrender} \\ \rightarrow \text{Salm} \rightarrow \text{Peace} \end{array} \right.$

It is a two way relation, vertical (Man-to-God) and horizontal (Man-to-Man).

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to recite the following dua after every farz prayer and his followers are advised to do the same to gain peace:

"O Allah, O Possessor of Peace, blessed are you, You are peace and from you emanates all peace, blessed are you, O majesty of honour and mercy".

This reflects Deen is a source of peace.

## b) Source of Wisdom and Knowledge:

The Deen, Islam is source of wisdom and divine knowledge.

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"Yasin, by the book full of wisdom"  
- Surah Yasin.



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c) Source of dignity and self-respect:

Deen shows that it is Allah (the creator). Thus, the person bows to Him only and does not expect anything from the world and its people.

d) Shows clear path to Mankind from darkness to light:

The Holy Quran and Prophets came as a symbol to guide humans and mankind to the right path.

“

Surly, this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good tidings to the believers who do good that they shall have great reward”

-Surah Israa(11:9)

CONCLUSION:

The religion and Deen reflect two different concepts. One being the narrow and the other reflecting the entire



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life of an individual. This is the importance of Deen as it gives the complete code of conduct and the path to live life accordingly.

## QUESTION:

"Discuss the role and importance of religion in human life".

## Answer:-

### Introduction:-

Religion plays a vital role in human's life. It answers complexities of life and becomes a source of peace and wisdom in human's life. Thus, religion does not only strengthen man's relation to Almighty but also to the people and mankind. In order, to be the best of the individual it is to follow Islam in its entirety, but the person is given freedom of choice to accept or refuse.

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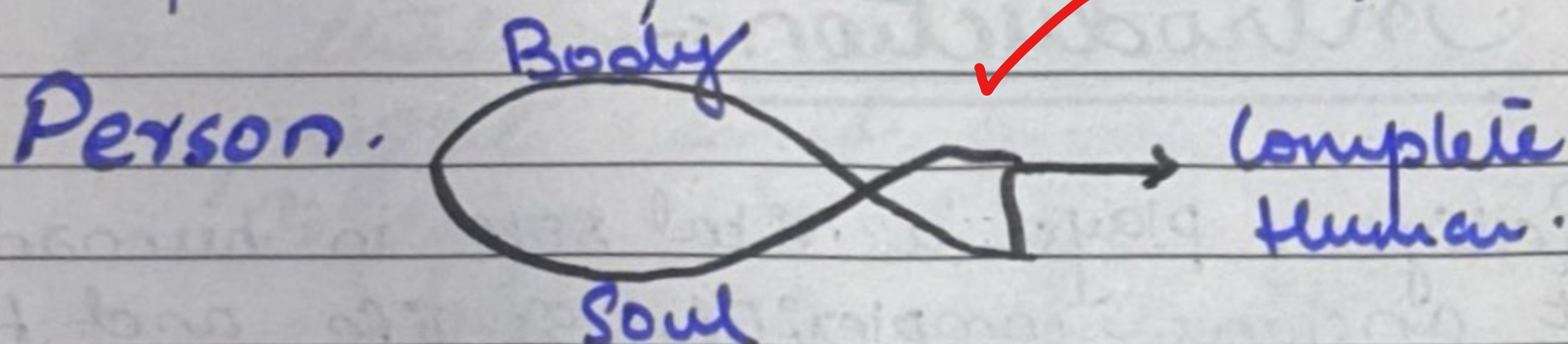
And whosoever wants, he should believe, and whosoever wants, he should disbelieve".

Surah Kahf (18:29)

## a) Importance of Religion in a Person's Life:-

### a) Guides Humans:-

A person's composition is like,



Humans are composed of body and soul. The material, lavish comfort of body is present on the Earth but the guidance and pain to soul is from religion. Spiritual being.

“Surely, this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers”



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who do good that they shall have a great reward?"

- Surah Israa.  
(17: 9).

## b) Source of Peace:

Religion promotes peace and is the source of peace. It defies violence and prohibits chaos. Especially, Islam in its literal sense is a religion of peace. The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioned,

"Allah grants through rifq (peace) what he does not grant through waf (violence)".

Thus, it is advised to settle the matters wherever possible through peace and avoid violence.

## c) Path to Righteousness:

The religion is a source and guides humans to righteousness. It takes a person from darkness to light. It gives a code of conduct and the module to follow in this world. In the form of the Holy Book, Quran and the practices and sunnah of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).



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"Therefore, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the light which He has revealed; and Allah is aware of what you do".

Surah Jathabun.  
(64: 8).

#### d) Strengthens self-respect and dignity.

The religion reflects everything is the from the only creator. Allah (S.W.T) is the Lord of everything. No person can harm us if Allah does not will and vice versa. Thus, respect and disrespect, hardships all from Allah (S.W.T). Thus, humans are only dependent on Him (S.W.T) than any other being.

وَتَعَزَّزْ مَقْعَتَنَا وَتَزِلْ لَوْ مِنْ تَشَاءُ .

#### e) Source of Knowledge and Wisdom:

Religion is the source of knowledge and wisdom. Humans are commanded to ponder and think about the complexities of life and surrender to what is out of control. The humans



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would eventually fail to comprehend the infinite complexities of the world and hereafter as the finite (humans) cannot contemplate the infinite (nature), religion and Creator.

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"Yasin, By the book full of wisdom" (36: 1-2)

## f) Sense of Accountability and Responsibility:

The religion instills sense of Accountability. The actions of humans are being written down and have consequences in this life and the hereafter. Thus, makes a person conscious of his/her actions in order to gain reward.

"And give good news to the believers who do good that they shall have great reward".



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## g) Defines the purpose of life.

Religion defines the purpose of life and along with that shows this world is a temporary stay. This world is the test for final abode and the acts of this world must be according to the teachings of religion. Man has been created to worship Almighty. The true religion is Islam as:

إِنِّ الدِّينَ كُنَّ اللهُ الْإِسْلَامُ -

The true (religion) with Allah is Islam.

3.)

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION:

Many people believe there is no need for religion and science solves all the problems and discoveries. However, people ignore that science discovers what is already present by the Creator. Thus, it is important to note, the Greatest Scientist of all times mentioned.

“Religion without science is lame and science without religion is blind”  
- Albert Einstein



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## Conclusion:-

Religion is the necessary element in a human's life and acts as a moral compass. It gives courage to handle the complexities of life and hardships also strengthens the character.

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