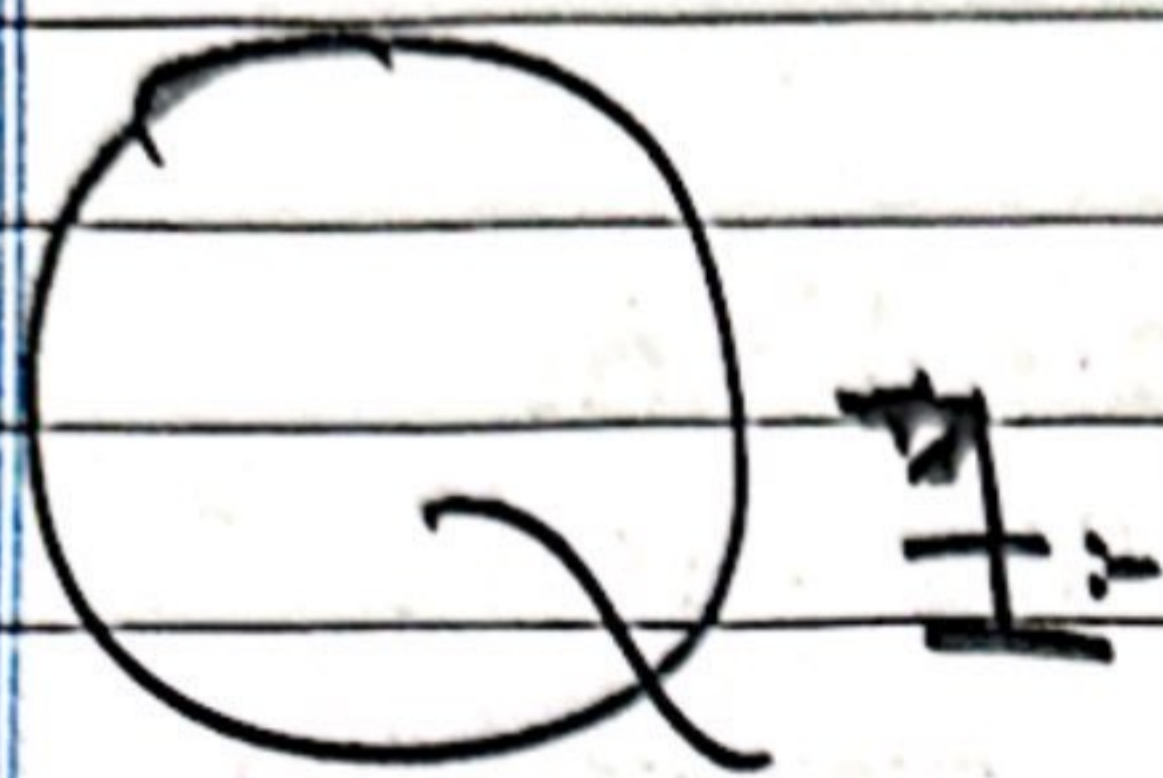


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Introduction:

A civilization is an all encompassing and vast phenomenon having various strands. Culture, on the other hand, is set of beliefs and rituals. A civilization hosts number of cultures.

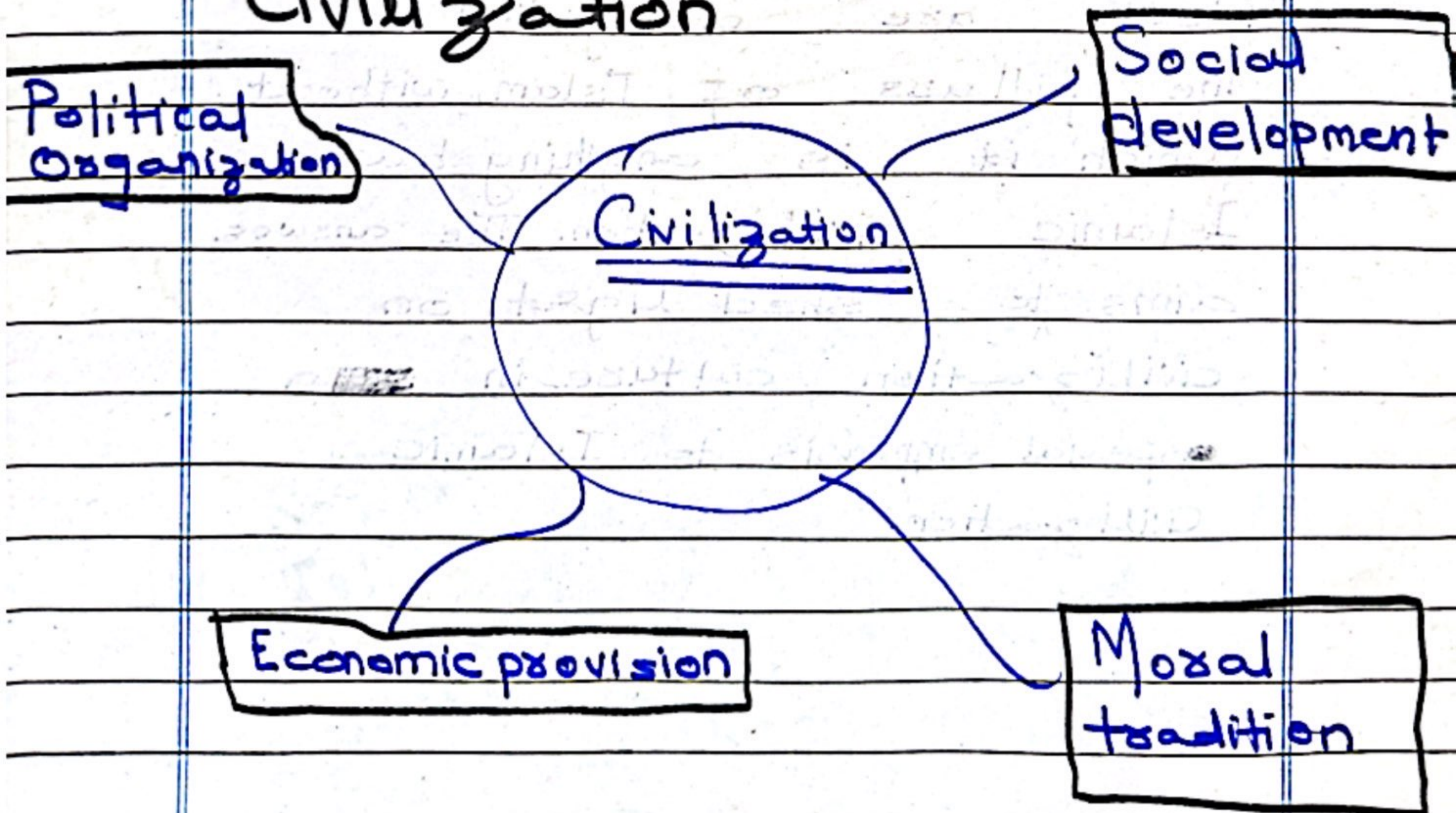
In Islamic civilization, the ideals are closely tied to the pillars of Islam, without which it is anything but Islamic civilization. The answer aims to shed light on civilization, culture, in a special emphasis to Islamic civilization.

Defining Civilization:

A civilization is a multifaceted, overarching phenomenon leaving impression on a vast land. It is gauged along various aspects of its politics, social system, moral worldview and economic impact.

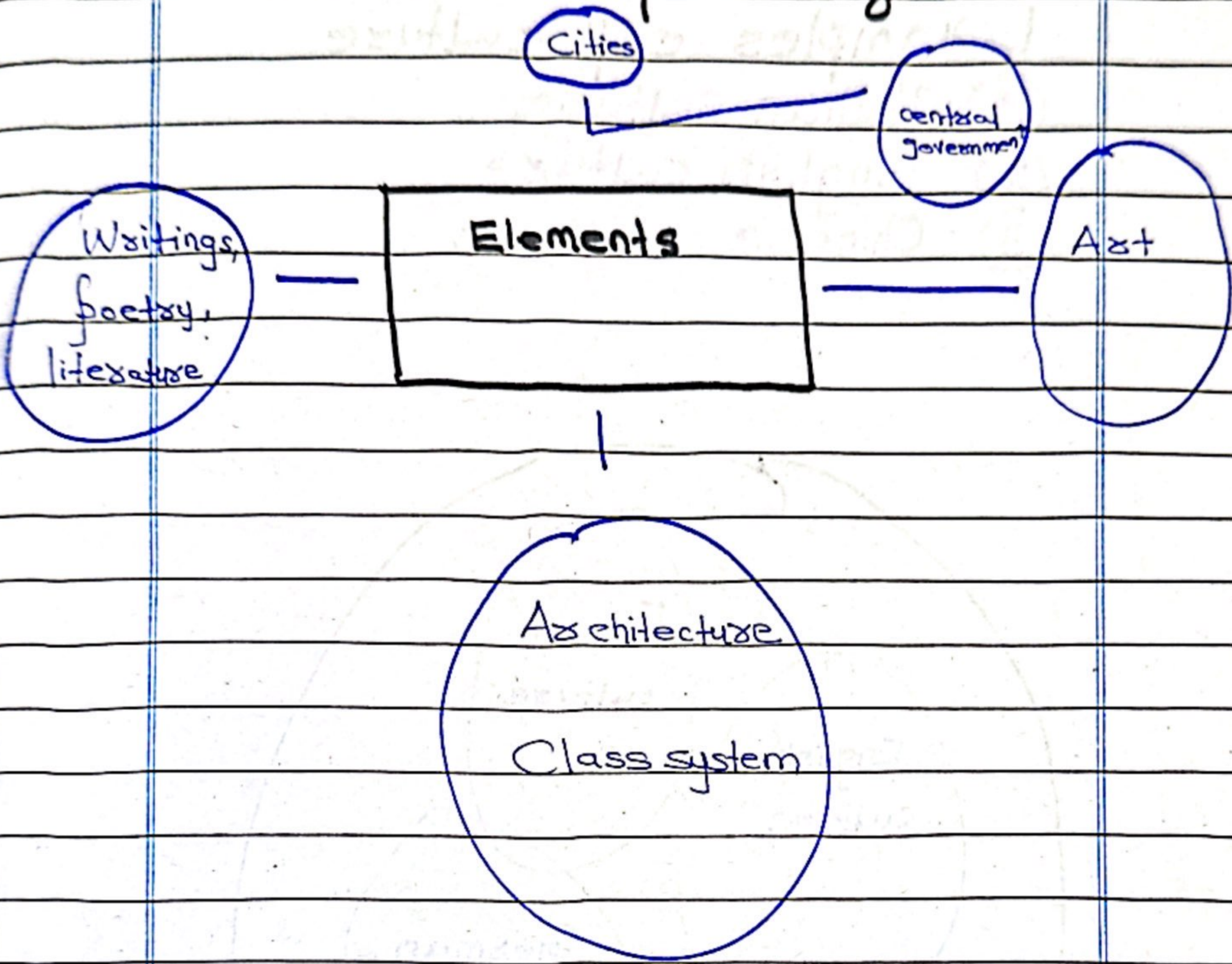
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Characteristic of a Civilization



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Elements of Civilization

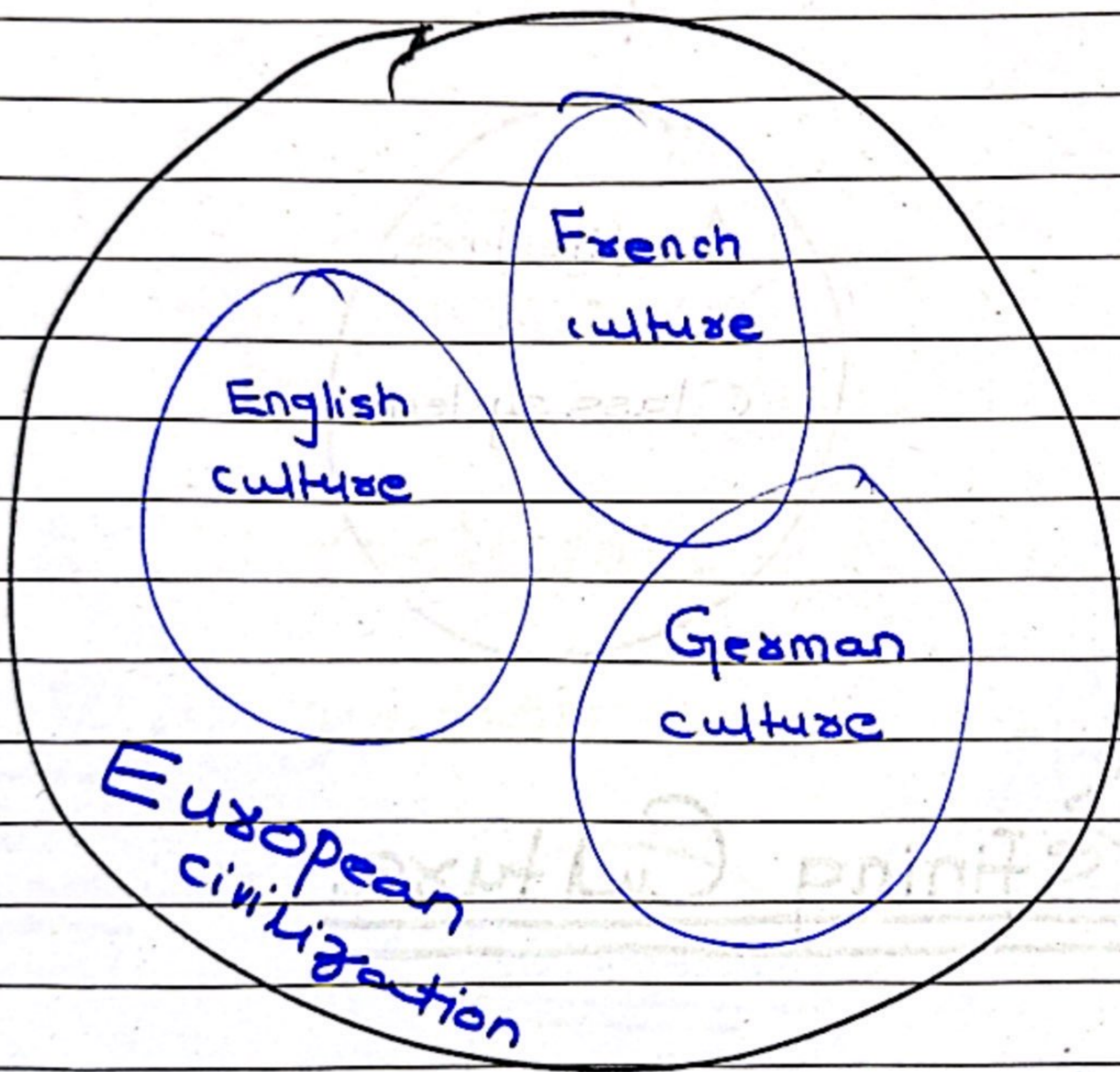


Defining Culture

A culture is set of beliefs, rituals, customs, values, language and heritage.

Examples of culture

- ① Indian culture
- ② English culture
- ③ Chinese culture



Note:

The figure shows how a civilization hosts numbers of cultures

Refining Islamic Civilization

Islamic Civilization

Without the strong soul, the civilization of Islam cannot succeed

Body, material growth

Soul: Tauheed and Belief system

Source:
Islamic Civilization:
Its Foundational Beliefs and Principles
Syed Abul Ala Maududi

Key features of Islamic civilization:

① Tawheed is central to Islamic civilization

The notion that Allah
is one and only
is central to it

Say O Prophet He is
one and indivisible Al Ikhlas: 01

② Pluralism is its defining character (chapter of Medina)

The pluralism shown
in the chapter is
its defining character.

③ Justice lays its groundwork Justice for all remains its groundwork

Those who do not judge by what
Allah has sent down are
disbelievers Al Maida: 44

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Moral tradition is its critical component

The respect for moral is significantly values.

Indeed, you are of great moral character
Al Qalam: 04

Equity is at its centre
Equity is very much at its centre.

women have rights equal to that of men, although men have a degree responsibility above them 2:228

Rule of Shariah defines it

Needless to less, it is the rule of Shariah, the complete code of life.

○ Prophet take from their wealth charity to purify and cleanse it

Al Toubah: 102

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Moderation is welcomed in Islamic civilization

In Islamic civilization, extreme views are not encouraged. Instead, a subtle balance is all what is required.

Conclusion

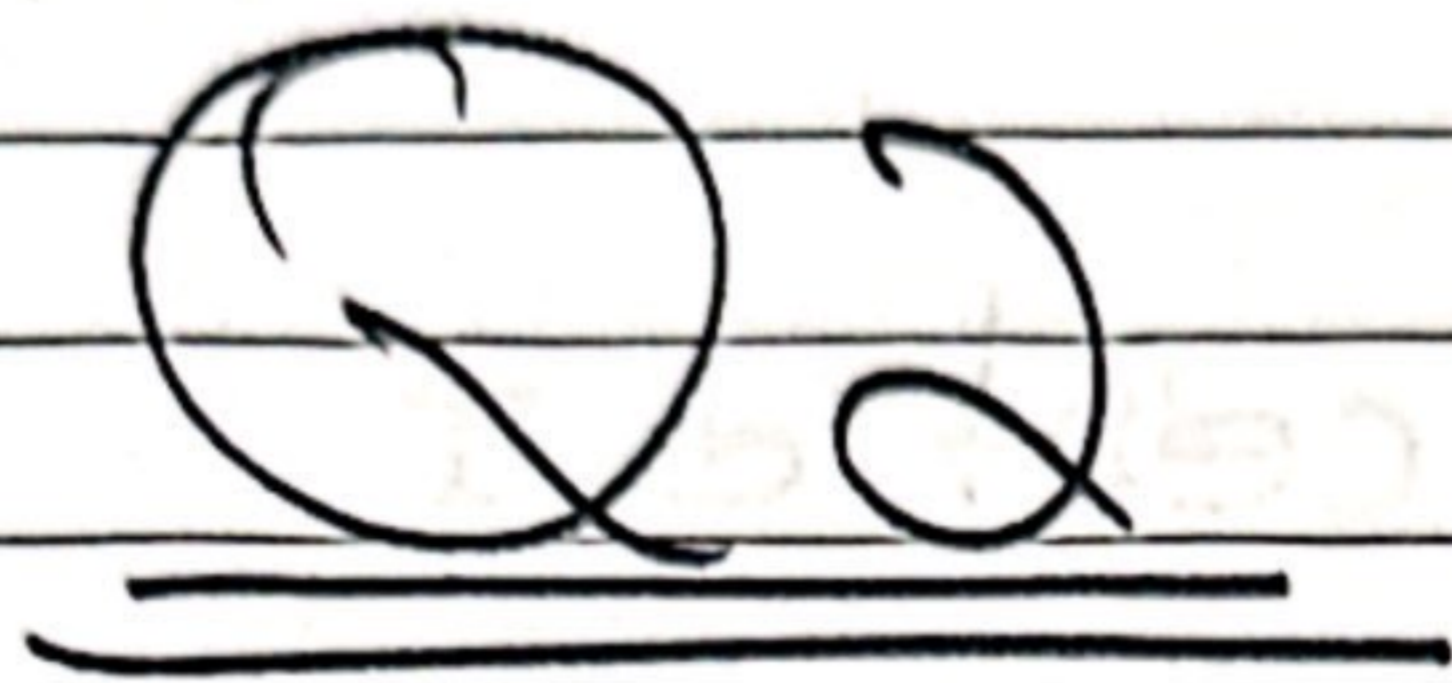
In a nutshell, civilization and culture have subtle differences where civilization is mother of cultures. A culture is, moreover, set of values. Concerning Islamic civilization, it values its soul more than anything, stating that valuing it results in inclusive growth.

Islamic civilization is synonymous with prosperity

Dr Umar Chapra

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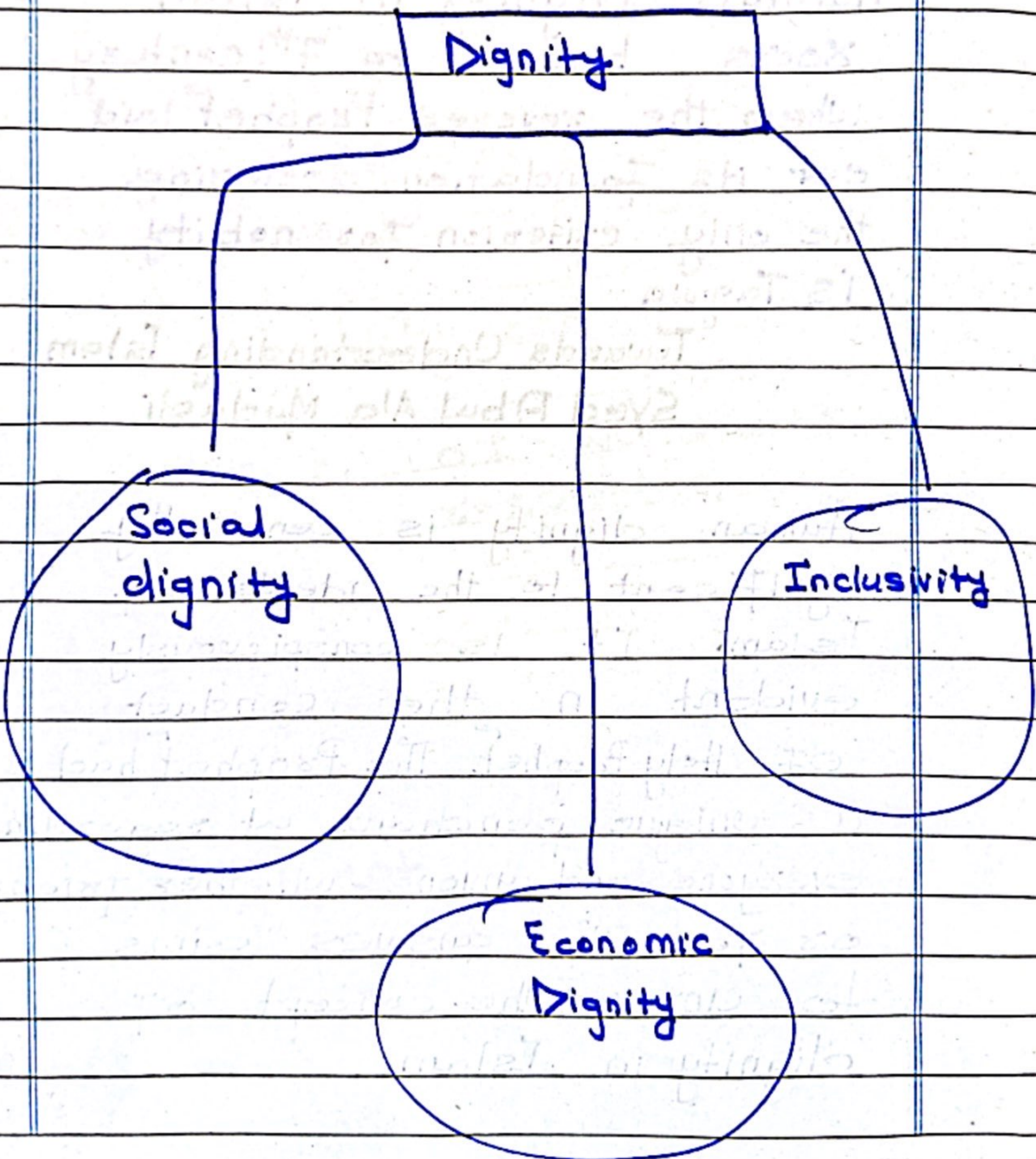
The Concept of human dignity in Islam roots back to 7th century when the revered Prophet laid out its foundation, declaring the only criterion for nobility is Taqwa

Towards Understanding Islam
Syed Abul Ala Maududi

Human dignity is centrally significant to the ideals of Islam. It is conspicuously evident in the conduct of Holy Prophet. The Prophet had a unique penchant at regarding everyone and anyone - whether friend or foe. The answer aims to unravel the concept of dignity in Islam.

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Concept of Human dignity in Islam



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Social dignity in Islam

The concept of superiority in terms of race and class is abridged

No one is superior in the sight of Allah, except the ones most heedful of Him

No Arab retains an edge over non-Arab

Last sermon of Prophet

Rule of Shariah to reign, no violation of rights

The only rule is rule of Allah and is closely aligned with human dignity.

Do not kill a soul made sacred by Allah, except through a due process

Al-Anaam: 151

Right to life and
property is inalienable
(Last Sermon
of Prophet)

No one could take
away a man's right
to life and property,
as Allah has protected
this right in light with
human dignity regime.

Economic dignity in Islam:

Shared growth, growth for
all is encouraged

Only shared and mutual
growth so that no one
harbours feelings of
inferiority.

In their wealth, there
is due to share for
needy

Al Dharikat: 19

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Providing basic provision is incumbent upon state

It is reported that Hazrat Umar said that even if a dog, without food, died on bank of Euphrates, the ruler would be accountable.

Inclusivity and equity

Dignity of women is highly respected

Women are highly respected and regarded in Islam.

Do not approach adultery
Al-Isra: 32

Women's inheritance rights are inviolable, unlike Judaism

Women's right to inheritance is protected in numerous ways.

And for women, there is Shara in what their close relative and parents leave - whether small or large. These are obligatory shares

Al Nisa: 07

Islamic Human Dignity and West - a comparison

Although there remains no comparison, as western hypocrisy reveals in today's age, one would be well served to draw a sharp contrast

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Dark record of West

Treatment to
Red Indians

Violations of aborigines

Treating Blacks as
Children of Lesser God

Atrocities on
women

defeating silence
on Palestine

Above depiction reveals callous attitude of the West - so called champions of free world.

Critical Analysis:

Human dignity in Islam is protected and inviolable. Islam is a complete system in which the needs of mankind are adequately addressed. In sharp contrast, the manmade system of West is found out, compelling one to respect and recognise ideals of Islam.

The rules that Muhammad established find no precedent in 7th century and afterwards

Muhammad at Medina
Montgomery Watt

Conclusion

Succinctly, Islam recognises the human dignity in a beautiful manner. The holy Prophet personified it in his conduct with friends and foes. Conversely, the duplicity of the West is laid bare by the happenings in the world. It is high time, Islam's human dignity ideals be mainstreamed.