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Throw light in detail on the moral values system of Islam as the significant features of Islamic civilization?

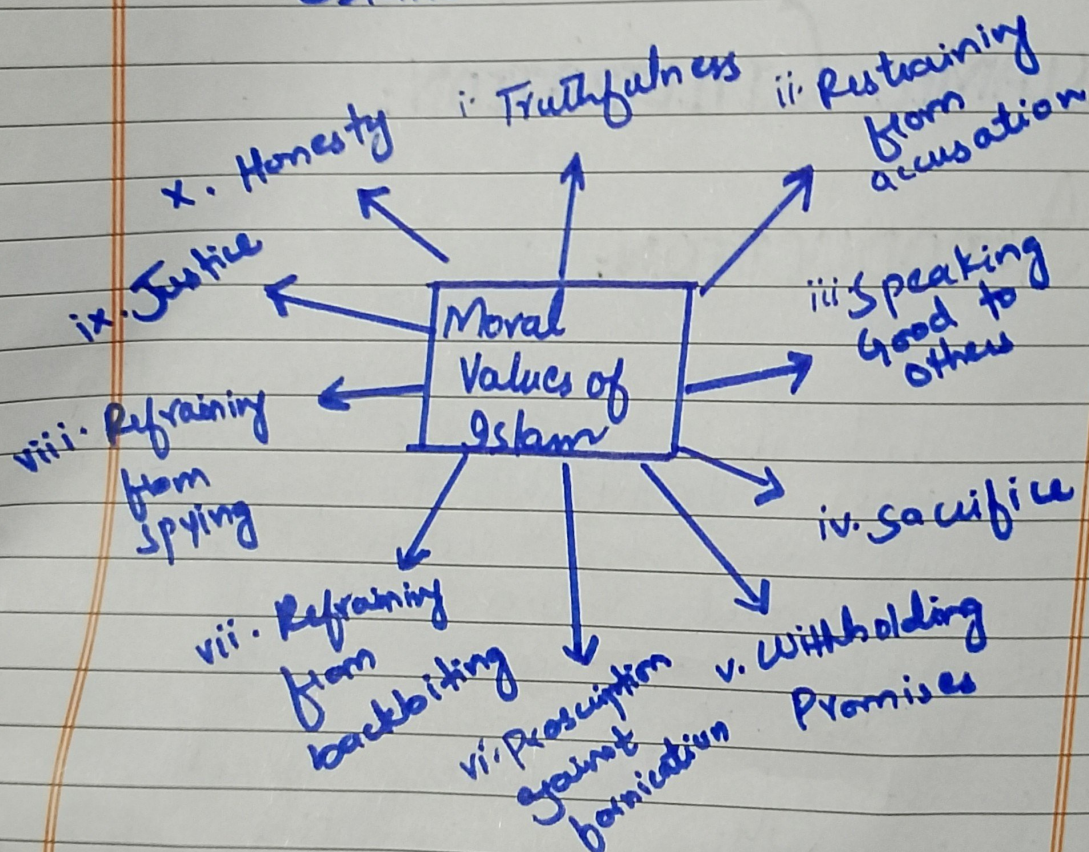
DETAIL ON THE MORAL VALUES SYSTEM OF ISLAM AS A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION:

INTRODUCTION:

Islamic civilisation has shed light upon the remarkable features to establish harmony and construct an ideal society. Among them, moral values are of utmost importance in Islamic civilisation. Moral values of Islam consists of truthfulness, honesty, justice, holding the sanctity of pledges, chastity, respect of parents and elders, quality of moderation and upholding from fornication. These moral values form the core of Islamic society and civilisation.

1. MORAL VALUES OF ISLAM AS SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION:

a. List of Moral Values in Islam



b. Detail on Moral Values As Significant Feature of Islamic Civilization:

i. Truthfulness:

Islam has

emphasised on truthfulness in speech and actions. Lying has been condemned by Prophet (PBUH) as it is a root cause of all evils. In Islamic civilisation, a Muslim is obliged to speak truth even on expense of his life. Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Truth leads to piety
and piety leads
to heaven".

ii. Honesty:

Honesty is another important feature of Islamic civilisation. Prophet (PBUH) was known as **al-sadiq and al-amin** pertaining to his truthfulness and honesty. Honesty means fairness in dealing and returning the possessions of others in the similar state as they were given to the custodian.

Prophet PBUH said:

"And return trusts
to their rightful
owners".

iii. Justice:

Justice is another important moral value of Islamic civilisation. Justice encompasses the fulfillment of rights of fellow human beings with integrity and honesty. It encompasses social, moral, legal and economic justice. Quran says:

"And be just,
Verily, it is
near to piety"
-(Surah Maidah)

iv. Prevention of Backbiting:

In Islamic civilisation, backbiting has been strictly prohibited. Backbiting is the root cause of hatred, prejudice and disharmony in society; therefore, Islamic civilisation ordains to refrain from backbiting of fellow muslim.

Quran mentions in Surah Hujrat:

"Do not backbite.
Would anyone of you
like to eat the flesh
of his brother?" (Surah Hujrat)

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V. Restrainning from Spying:

Spying on fellow muslims has also been prohibited in Islam because it is disruptive to Islamic civilization.

Quran says:

"Do not spy on each other".

(Surah Hujrat)

VI. Withholding the Sanctity of Promises and Pledges:

Islamic civilisation emphasizes on fulfilling promises and holding pledges sacred. They are important to build mutual trust among Muslims. Quran says:

• **واوفوا بالعقود**

And fulfill your promises.
(Surah - Isra)

VII. Refraining from Adultery:

Fornication and adultery have been condemned as they are destructive to Islamic values of chastity and familial life. In Quran, Allah says:

• **ولا تقربوا الزنى**

Do not go near adultery (Surah - Isra)

viii. Respect of Elders and Love Extended to Youngers:

Islamic civilisation has advocated for respect of elders and love of youngers by speech and actions. As Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Those are not amongst us who do not respect their elders and love their youngers".

ix. Respect and Service to Parents:

Respect and service to parents have been ordered by Allah and Prophet (PBUH). Parents are not to be hurt, disrespected or disobeyed in any matter.

Quran says:

وَالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

And do good to your parents.

(Surah-Isra)

x. Speaking Good to Others:

Islam has shed light upon the importance of **Mukaram Ikhlas** and **good speech** to others because they cultivate love and peace in Islamic society.

Quran says:

"Allah has ordered you to speak good to others, offer prayer and pay zakat".

(Surah Bazarah)

xi. Rights of Neighbours as Part of Islamic Morality:

Rights of neighbours in Islamic civilisation include sharing usable items, helping in distress, ~~refraining~~ refraining from those actions which are hurtful to them.

Prophet (PBUH) said:

"They will not enter paradise from whose evil, their neighbours are not spared".

xii. Stress on Chastity:

Chastity is an important feature of Islamic civilisation. To ensure it, men have been ordered to lower gaze, women to observe pardah (cover), fulfill the obligation of nikkah and abstain from fornication and adultery.

xiii. Tolerance :

Tolerance ^(Tasammuh) means being compassionate and moderate towards family, community and non-Muslims. It is the foundation of a pluralistic Islamic society.

As Tony Blair said:

"Tolerance is the defining feature of Islam".

xiv. Self-Respect and Dignity:

In Islamic civilisation, self-respect and dignity of fellow human beings have been emphasised greatly.

Allah Almighty says in Quran:

"We have dignified the son of Adam".
(Surah Bani-Isreal)

CONCLUSION:

In a nutshell, moral values of Islam which encapsulate truthfulness, justice, piety, honesty, charity and others are pivotal to Islamic civilisation. Together, they fulfill the vision of an Ideal Islamic society.