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Islamic Studies

Morality is of negated in the current world as the focus is pivoted upon rights, principles, and laws, but ~~is~~ not in Islam.

Discuss the moral values system of Islam.

1. Introduction:

In the modern era, there is a growing focus on rights, laws, principles - all human made and bestowing sovereignty in the 'state' rather than in the Divine. ~~However~~

This has lead to a growing lack of concern for morality. However, Islam, while integrating rights, laws, and principles anchors these with the Divine will. This consolidates Islam not just as a religion but as a 'code of life' that governs social, ~~moral~~, economic, and personal rights of human beings in tandem with their

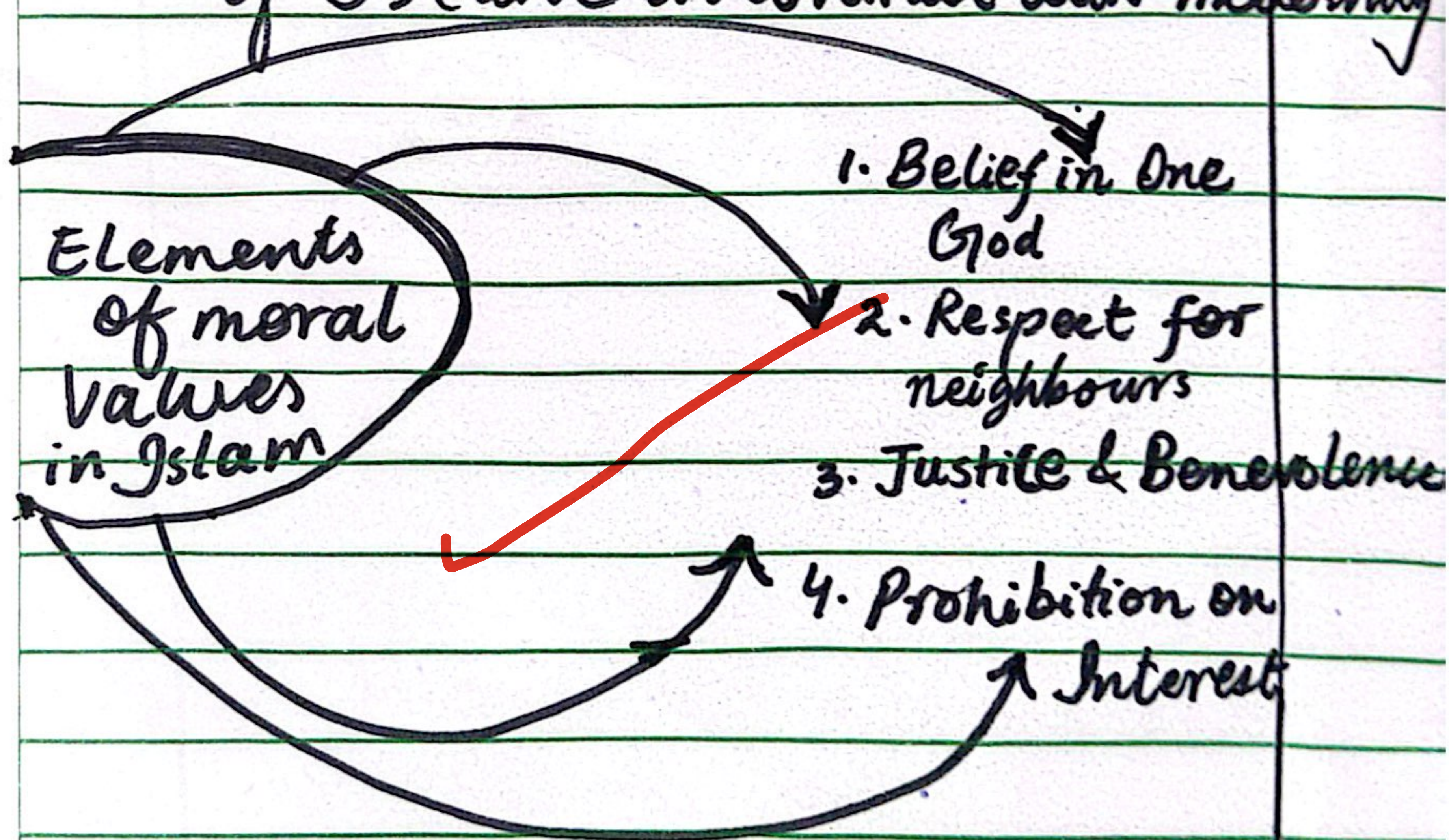
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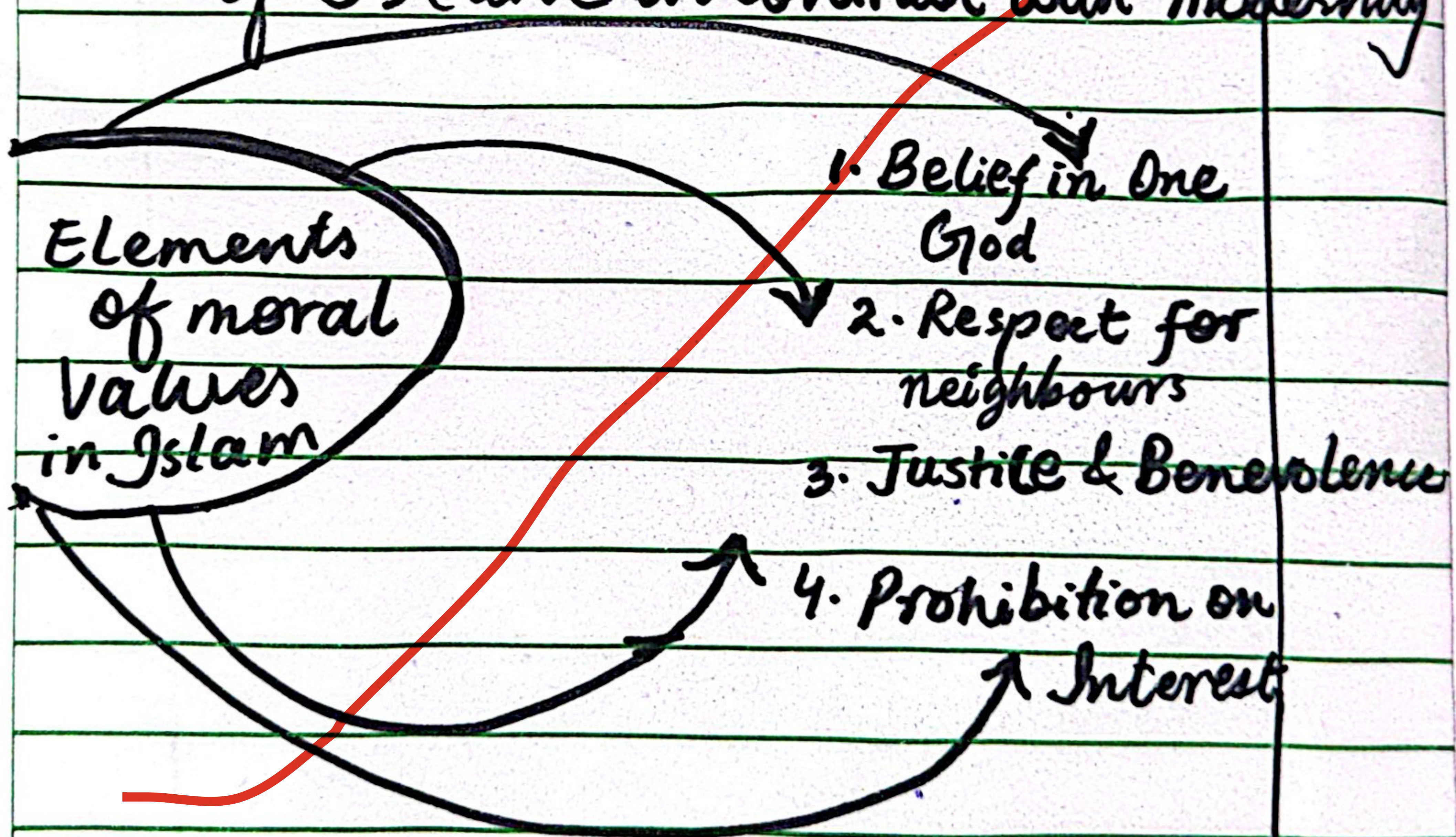
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Western principles of secularity and state supremacy

Allah says in the Holy Quran :

try to add the arabic of quranic ayats.

"And He is One, He begets not, nor is he begotten"

(Surah I
(Al-Quran))

The belief in One God means the source of command is parallel to none. Whereas, in the modern secular system, ~~this~~ religion is often kept separate from state, creating a vacuum of morality because it is no longer the fear of God but of the state sanctions (punishments that keeps the order)

Example: People in the west have no duty to rescue a suffering

keep the description of a single argument brief and increase the no of arguments instead.....

victim or bystander because 'They are not obliged by the law of the state.' (Timothy Endicott - The West's moral vacuity, 1997)

2. Islam emphasizes upon the respect and rights of neighbours as a moral duty to be vindicated

The Holy Prophet said,

'Each Muslim is a brother to another' and therefore should keep ties of tranquility and care between each other

(Sahih Al-Bukhari)

This means that, in Islam, taking care of neighbours does not ~~just~~ stem from a fear of punishment but from ~~Akhunnah~~ (a sense of commonality and Islamic

brotherhood).

3. As a clear moral direction, Islam has commanded its believers to deal with Justice (Adl) and Benevolence (Ihsan) in every aspect of life.

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Allah says in the Quran :

~~"And Judge between them with Justice (Adl)"~~

- (Surah Al-Ahzab)

Allah has made justice the cornerstone of Islamic Socio-economic life whereby obliging its believers to be wary of the balance.

Allah also encourages believers to show benevolence to people.

Example: Islam encourages giving up^{on} someone's debt to provide the debtee with relief,

which is an act of benevolence. Whereas people in the West sue people for every penny under the modern concept of 'Duty of Care' (Donoghue v. Stevenson, 1932)

4. Islam has strictly Prohibited Interest in dealings of every day life:

Allah Says in the Holy Quran

"And Allah has allowed trade and prohibited interest"

The moral purpose behind such as prohibition is that the menace of interest deepens the divide between the rich and poor and crushes the poor under financial liabilities under this vicious cycle for life.

Example: In the Islamic theology, Mudarba has been

allowed by the principle of Ijtihad and juristic preference where keeping in mind the needs of the modern economy. Whereas, in the modern Western world gambling, riba, etc are legal as long as they generate revenue (Understanding the Message of Islam, Maududi, 1984)

add more arguments

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments.....

2. Critical Analysis

There is no denial that morality is being negated under the garb of State laws and material progress. However, Islam anchors both, laws and principles deeply in divinely ordained moral values. This creates a well-knitted social fabric that fears ~~at~~ God as well as State laws. Morality and State laws form a coherent whole. In absence, State becomes a project of

selfishness, nihilism and isolation.

3. Conclusion.

It can therefore be concluded that, whereas the modern nations have departed from ~~mor~~ morality, Islam has kept the spirit of its ethics, morals, and principles enlightened through the Quranic verses and ahadith of the Holy Prophet. Morals form a society that is full of Tagwa, unity, and ^{sense of} accountability to Allah.

"Modernity is an ecocidal, sophicidal, nihilist, death cult!"

~ Professor Noman Naqvi
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work on the structure. the length of the answer is enough but the no of arguments is not enough.

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