

Conscience

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CONSCIENCE, *n.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster 1828
[Fr. from L., *conscientia*, from *conscio*, to know, to be privy to; *con* and *scio*, to know.]

1. Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.

Conscience is called by some writers the *moral sense*, and considered as an original faculty of our nature. Others question the propriety of considering conscience as a distinct faculty or principle. They consider it rather as the general principle of moral approbation or disapprobation, applied to one's own conduct and affections; alledging that our notions of right and wrong are not to be deduced from a single principle or faculty, but from various powers of the understanding and will. *Encyc. Hucheson. Reid. Edin. Encyc.*

Being convicted by their own *conscience*, they went out one by one. John viii [v.9]. The *conscience* manifests itself in the feeling of obligation we experience, which precedes, attends and follows our actions. *E. T. Fitch.*

Conscience is first occupied in ascertaining our duty, before we proceed to action; then in judging of our actions when performed. *J. M. Mason.*

2. The estimate or determination of conscience; justice; honesty.
What you require cannot, in *conscience*, be deferred. *Milton.*
3. Real sentiment; private thoughts; truth; as, do you in *conscience* believe the story?
4. Consciousness; knowledge of our own actions or thoughts.
The sweetest cordial we receive at last,
Is *conscience* of our virtuous actions past. *Denham.*
5. Knowledge of the actions of others. *Ben Jonson.*
6. In *ludicrous language*, reason or reasonableness.

Half a dozen fools are, in all *conscience*, as many as you should require. *Swift.*
To make conscience or a matter of conscience, is to act according to the dictates of conscience, or to scruple to act contrary to its dictates. *Locke.*
Court of conscience, a court established for the recovery of small debts in London and other trading cities and districts. *Blackstone.*

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1. Influenced by conscience; governed by a strict regard to the dictates of conscience, or by the known or supposed rules of right and wrong; as a *conscientious* judge.
2. Regulated by conscience; according to the dictates of conscience; as a conscientious probity [honesty, sincerity, veracity, integrity]. *L'Estrange.*

Thayer's GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Gk.: sun-eidesis [lit. "joint-knowledge"]

a.. *The consciousness of anything.*

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- b. *The soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending the one, condemning the other; conscience.*

Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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1. consciousness; consciousness of sin (Heb. 10:2); consciousness, spiritual awareness of God (I Pet. 2:19); the consciousness that this is an idol (I Cor. 8:7a).
2. moral consciousness, conscience (good; weak; bad, or of guilt)
3. conscientiousness; assembled in concord, with full consciousness of our duty.

II Chr. 29:34 NAS But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was completed, and until the *other* priests had consecrated themselves. For the Levites were more conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

I Sam. 24:5 And it came about afterward that David's conscience bothered [KJV, heart smote] him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's *robe*.

John 8:9 KJV And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Acts 23:1 And Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, "Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

Acts 24:16 "In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

Rom. 2:15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

Rom. 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

Rom. 13:5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

I Cor. 8:7 However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

I Cor. 8:10 For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols?

I Cor. 8:12 And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

I Cor. 10:25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake;

I Cor. 10:27 If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake.

I Cor. 10:28 But if anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience' sake;

I Cor. 10:29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

II Cor. 1:12 For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

II Cor. 4:2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

II Cor. 5:11 Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

I Tim. 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

I Tim. 1:19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

I Tim. 3:9 *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

I Tim. 4:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

II Tim. 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

Heb. 9:9 which *is* a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,

Heb. 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb. 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

I Pet. 2:19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

I Pet. 3:16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

I Pet. 3:21 And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you -- not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience -- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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