

Message

The Moral Conscience



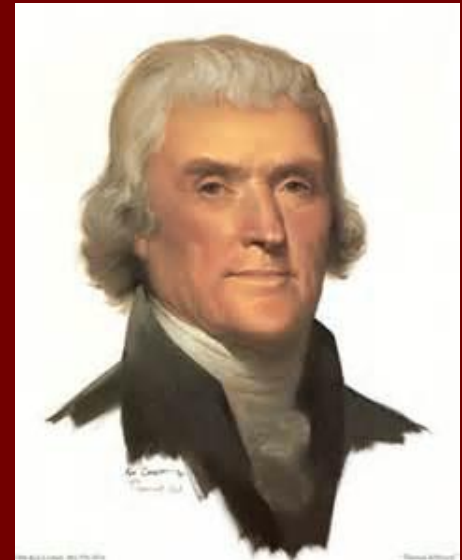
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“Conscience is as much a part of man as his leg or arm. It is given to all human beings in a stronger or weaker degree. It may be strengthened by exercise. Therefore read good books, as they will encourage, as well as direct your feelings.”

- Thomas Jefferson

**American Founding Father
President**



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■ Bible Prophecy of Latter Time in the Church

➤ I Timothy 4:1-2

❖ Greek word for Conscience is
"Suneidesis"

➤ Co-perception

➤ i.e. Moral Consciousness

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■ Our Conscience Should Affect Our Deeds

❖ **Sacrifice of Jesus Christ / Cleanse Our Conscience**

➤ **Hebrews 9:12-14**

✓ **Remove sin's defilement from the very core of our beings.**

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■ Dictionary definition of Conscience

❖ “The sense or consciousness of moral goodness in one’s action together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good.”

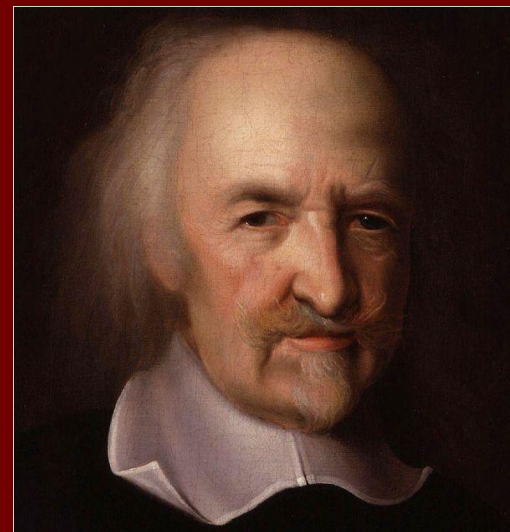


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“Another doctrine repugnant to civil society, is that whatsoever a man does against his conscience, is sin; and it dependeth on the presumption of making himself the judge of good and evil. For a man’s conscience and his judgment are the same thing, as the judgment, so also the conscience may be erroneous”

- Thomas Hobbs

English Philosopher



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■ Biblical Definition of a Good Conscience

❖ "...I also do my best..." / "...I practice myself..."

➤ Acts 24:14-16

➤ Acts 23:1

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■ Biblical Definition of Exercising Our Conscience for Good

❖ "...seared in their own conscience..."

➤ Greek word for Seared is "*Steiros*", which means Sterile or Barren

➤ Ephesians 4:17-24

➤ I Timothy 4:2

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■ Biblical Definition of Exercising Our Conscience for Good

- ❖ "...my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit..."
- ❖ Greek word for "Pricked" means to "pierce thoroughly or to agitate violently"
 - Romans 9:1
 - Acts 2:37-38

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■ Our Conscience Accompanied By the Holy Spirit

- Psalm 73:21 – 24 When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant ; I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory.

New American Standard Bible

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- **Our Conscience Accompanied By the Holy Spirit**
 - **Psalm 51:6** Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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- **Trustworthy Servants of Christ and Stewards of the Mysteries of God**
 - ❖ **Conscious of our actions**
 - ❖ **God judges our motives of our heart with His Standard**
 - **I Corinthians 4:1-5**

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■ Our Conscience as a Door of Light

- ❖ **"Eye"**, as our conscience / "co perception" or "moral consciousness"
- ❖ **"Clear" or "Healthy"** / whole body is full of the light (God's word is a lamp to our path; Psalm 119:105)

➤ **Luke 11:34-36**

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“It is always with the best of intentions that the worst work is done.”

“A conscience without God is a like a court without a judge.”

“Keep conscience clear, then never fear.”

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- **Role of conscience in our Christian life**
 - ✓ Serves as a guide for moral decision-making
 - ✓ A check on Christian liberty
 - ✓ And a component of spiritual growth.

It requires ongoing cultivation and alignment with biblical principles to function effectively as a tool for living a life that honors God.



Your
conscience
is your
moral
compass.
Take care
of it.
Use it.
Trust it