

**conscience**[ˈkɒnʃ(ə)ns] *n***1. совесть**

clear /good/ conscience - чистая совесть

bad /evil/ conscience - нечистая совесть

pangs /pricks, remorse/ of conscience - угрызения совести

freedom /liberty/ of conscience - свобода совести; свобода вероисповедания

duty in conscience - долг совести

for conscience (') sake - для успокоения совести

to have smth. on one's conscience - иметь что-л на совести

to go against one's conscience - идти против совести

to act [to decide] according to one's conscience - поступать [решать] по совести

to get smth. off one's conscience - ≅ успокоить свою совесть

to make smth. a matter of conscience - считать что-л делом своей совести /своим долгом/

to come to terms with one's conscience - пойти на сделку с совестью

to have the conscience to do [to say] smth. - иметь наглость /нахальство/ сделать [сказать] что-л

**2. сознание**

public conscience - общественное сознание

matter and conscience - *филос.* материя и сознание

◇ in all conscience, upon one's conscience - а) по совести говоря; I cannot in all conscience ask him to do it - совесть не позволяет мне поручить ему это; б) конечно, безусловно; I cannot in all conscience agree - я никак не могу согласиться  
 my conscience! - вот так так!; вот те на!

a guilty conscience is a self-accuser - *посл.* нечистая совесть спать не даётa good conscience is a constant feast - *посл.* у кого совесть чиста, тот может спать спокойно; чистая совесть душу веселитa quiet conscience sleeps in thunder - *посл.* у кого совесть чиста, тот спит спокойно**conscience**

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**con·science** [conscience consciences] *BrE* [ˈkɒnʃəns] <sup>4</sup> *NAmE* [ˈkɑːnʃəns] <sup>5</sup>**noun****1. countable, uncountable** the part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong• to have a **clear/guilty conscience** (= to feel that you have done right/wrong)• This is a **matter of individual conscience** (= everyone must make their own judgement about it) .

• He won't let it trouble his conscience.

**see also** ↑social conscience**2. uncountable, countable** a guilty feeling about sth you have done or failed to do

• She was seized by a sudden pang of conscience.

• I have a terrible conscience about it.

**3. uncountable** the fact of behaving in a way that you feel is right even though this may cause problems

• freedom of conscience (= the freedom to do what you believe to be right)

• Emilia is the voice of conscience in the play.

**see also** ↑prisoner of conscience**more at** prick your conscience your conscience pricks you **at** ↑prick <sub>v.</sub>**Idioms:** ↑in conscience ▪ ↑on your conscience**Word Origin:**

Middle English (also in the sense 'inner thoughts or knowledge'): via Old French from Latin *conscientia*, from *conscient-* 'being privy to', from the verb *conscire*, from *con-* 'with' + *scire* 'know'.

**Example Bank:**

- After the meal she spent a week dieting to salve her conscience.
- At the end of each day, examine your conscience.
- Best came forward because of an attack of conscience.
- He felt his conscience telling him to apologize.
- He had no conscience about taking his brother's money.
- He wrestled with his conscience all night long.
- Her conscience pricked her every time she thought of how cruel she had been to Kirby.
- Her conscience was bothering her a little.
- His decision appears to have been an act of conscience.
- How can you do your job with a clean conscience?
- How could people of conscience allow this to happen?
- I had a sudden pang of conscience that I really ought to tell the truth.
- I have a clear conscience.
- I have only ever followed my conscience.
- I never knew a more tender conscience on every point of duty.
- I'm sure she has something on her conscience.
- It should be a matter of individual conscience.
- It was on his conscience that he hadn't called her.
- It's important to let your conscience guide your decisions.
- My conscience dictates that I resign.

- She refused to listen to the voice of conscience.
- This question is a matter of individual conscience.
- To clear my conscience and make it up to you, I'd like to take you out to dinner.
- We assuaged our conscience by telling ourselves that they would be worse off without us.
- a bill which has shocked the conscience of every middle-class community
- a dying man with a guilty conscience
- a government with no social conscience
- a seminal conference on religious conscience and poverty
- consumers with an environmental conscience
- individual rights and rights of conscience on our campuses of higher education
- the collective conscience of American business

## conscience

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**conscience** /'kɒnʃəns \$ 'kɑːnʃ- BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin conscientia, from conscire 'to be conscious (of being guilty)', from com- (⇒ COM-) + scire 'to know']

1. the part of your mind that tells you whether what you are doing is morally right or wrong

a **guilty/troubled conscience**

" It was his guilty conscience that made him offer to help.

" Well, at least I can face them all with a **clear conscience** (=the knowledge that you have done nothing wrong)

**prisoner of conscience** (=someone in prison because of their beliefs)

" I can't tell you what to do – it's a **matter of conscience** (=something you must make a moral judgement about).

" a **crisis of conscience** among medical staff (=a situation in which it is very difficult to decide what is the right thing to do)

▶ Do not confuse with **consciousness** (=the condition of being awake and aware of things).

2. a guilty feeling that you have about something bad you have done

**twinge/pang of conscience**

" Ian felt a pang of conscience at having misjudged her.

**have no conscience (about something)** (=not feel guilty about something)

" They've no conscience at all about cheating.

3. **on your conscience** if you have something on your conscience, it makes you feel guilty:

" He didn't want somebody's death on his conscience.

" Could you live with that on your conscience?

4. **not in (all/good) conscience formal** if you cannot in all conscience do something, you cannot do it because you think it is wrong:

" I couldn't in all conscience tell him that his job was safe.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **a clear conscience** (=the knowledge that you have done nothing wrong) I was able to answer his questions with a clear conscience.
- **a guilty/troubled conscience** (=the knowledge that you have done something wrong) His guilty conscience kept him awake at night.
- **a social conscience** (=a moral sense of how society should be or how you can help it) The writer's strong social conscience is obvious in all his novels.
- **a moral conscience** (=an idea of what is right and wrong) At what age do children develop a moral conscience?
- **the public conscience** (=people's idea of what is right or wrong) This scandal shocked the public conscience.
- **the individual conscience** Decisions like this are a matter for the individual conscience.
- **the human conscience** The human conscience is a product of civilization.

### ■ verbs

- **have a clear/guilty etc conscience** Does he have a guilty conscience about his role in the crime?
- **wrestle/struggle with your conscience** (=struggle to decide whether it is right or wrong to do something) She wrestled with her conscience for weeks before deciding not to leave him.
- **prick sb's conscience** (=make somebody feel guilty) Some of the things he'd done still pricked his conscience.

### ■ phrases

- **be a matter of conscience** (=something that you must make a moral judgment about) Whether you vote or not is a matter of conscience.
- **a crisis of conscience** (=a situation in which it is very difficult to decide what is the right thing to do) He had a crisis of conscience about whether to take on the legal case.
- **the voice of conscience** (=something in your mind that tells you what is right and wrong) Other leaders urged him to listen to the voice of conscience and hold free elections.
- **a prisoner of conscience** (=someone who is in prison because they have followed their beliefs about what is right or morally good to do) Vaclav Havel was a prisoner of conscience who later became president of Czechoslovakia.

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## THESAURUS

- **guilt** the feeling you have when you have done something you know is wrong: Divorce often leaves people with feelings of guilt.
- **shame** the feeling of being guilty or embarrassed that you have after doing something that is wrong, when you feel you have lost people's respect: I was too scared to help him, and I was filled with shame.
- **regret** a feeling of sadness about something, especially because you wish it had not happened: Kate watched her go with a pang of regret.
- **remorse** a strong feeling of being sorry for doing something very bad: a murderer who showed no remorse

- **contrition** *formal* a feeling of being guilty and sorry for something wrong that you have done: The company CEO expressed contrition for the errors that led to the crash. | He sounded full of contrition. | They wanted to perform some kind of act of contrition (=do something that shows you feel sorry for something ).

- **penitence** *formal* a feeling of being sorry for something that you have done wrong, when you do not intend to do it again: He expressed genuine penitence at the harm he had done her. | a period of reflection and penitence

- **conscience** the part of your mind that tells you whether what you are doing is morally right or wrong: My conscience has been troubling me ever since.

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