Making friends with the Mammon of Unrighteousness? – Towards an enlightened public discourse

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Light
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*Doctrine and Covenants* – transforms the concept of light from a physical to a metaphysical phenomenon: sections 34; 39; 50; 58; 84; 88; 115
Light

The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth. Light and truth forsake that evil one
– D&C 93: 36 -37
Light of Christ given to everyone by which they can judge right and wrong and truth and error: Moroni 7: 16 - 18
Light
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Tracker Riley
Liberty
Liberty
Erecting a standard of liberty
Liberty
Economics
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Deloitte Access Economics Study
Service
Charity
Religion, conscience and belief
Conscience
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Romans 2: 14, 15
Conscience

Philo of Alexandria: in Jewish life, conscience was the voice of God to stop people from straying into sin
Conscience

Moroni: The Light of Christ
Conscience

St Augustine: the “most reliable witness” to the “integrity and truthfulness” of our acts was our “conscience before God”
Conscience

The Scholastics: Conscience informed by synderesis and correctly taught principles must be obeyed
Conscience
St Thomas Aquinas: synderesis informs and conscience acts
Conscience

St Bonaventure (according to Douglas Langston): divided into two parts – “potential” and “applied” conscience
Conscience

Court of Chancery: Medieval notion that remedies granted to enable defendants to reform their consciences – *Earl of Kildare v Eustace* (1491)
Conscience

Notion persisted into the Protestant Reformation period: *Earl of Oxford’s Case* (1615)
Renaissance

Conscience
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Capable of being dulled by sensualist indulgence and intellectualism – the birth of secularism in humanism
Conscience

Despite challenges dating back to the Renaissance, it has persisted into post-modern and secular discourse as a legitimate object of protection.
Conscience

Locke’s theory of violation and punishment: in determining proportionality, it has regard to what the conscience (of the punisher) will bear
Conscience

Jung: inner voice that speaks of the reality of an objective, communal morality; there are moral concepts common to all people
Conscience

*International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights*

Article 18 – subject to the ability to preserve public order
Conscience

*European Convention on Human Rights* Article 9: protects the “right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion” – while omitting “belief” it includes “conscience”
Conscience

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience –
Church of New Faith: freedom of religion…the paradigm of freedom of conscience … critical to a free society (High Court of Australia)
Conscience

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience – *Eweida*: unfairly treated in employment regarding wearing of crucifix
Conscience

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience – *Bull; Playfoot; Ashers Bakery; Cobaw*
Conscience

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience — anti-discrimination and employment legislation needs re-calibration
Where to?
Questions and discussion