

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CONSCIENCE?



Acts 24:14–16 ; Ephesians 4:17–19 ; Romans 1:18–32
Hebrews 9:14; 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21
Romans 14:12-23; 1 Corinthians 10:25-30

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RIGHT

&

WHAT IS
WRONG

Is NOT Determined
BUT BY GOD'S

By MY CONSCIENCE
STATED TRUTH

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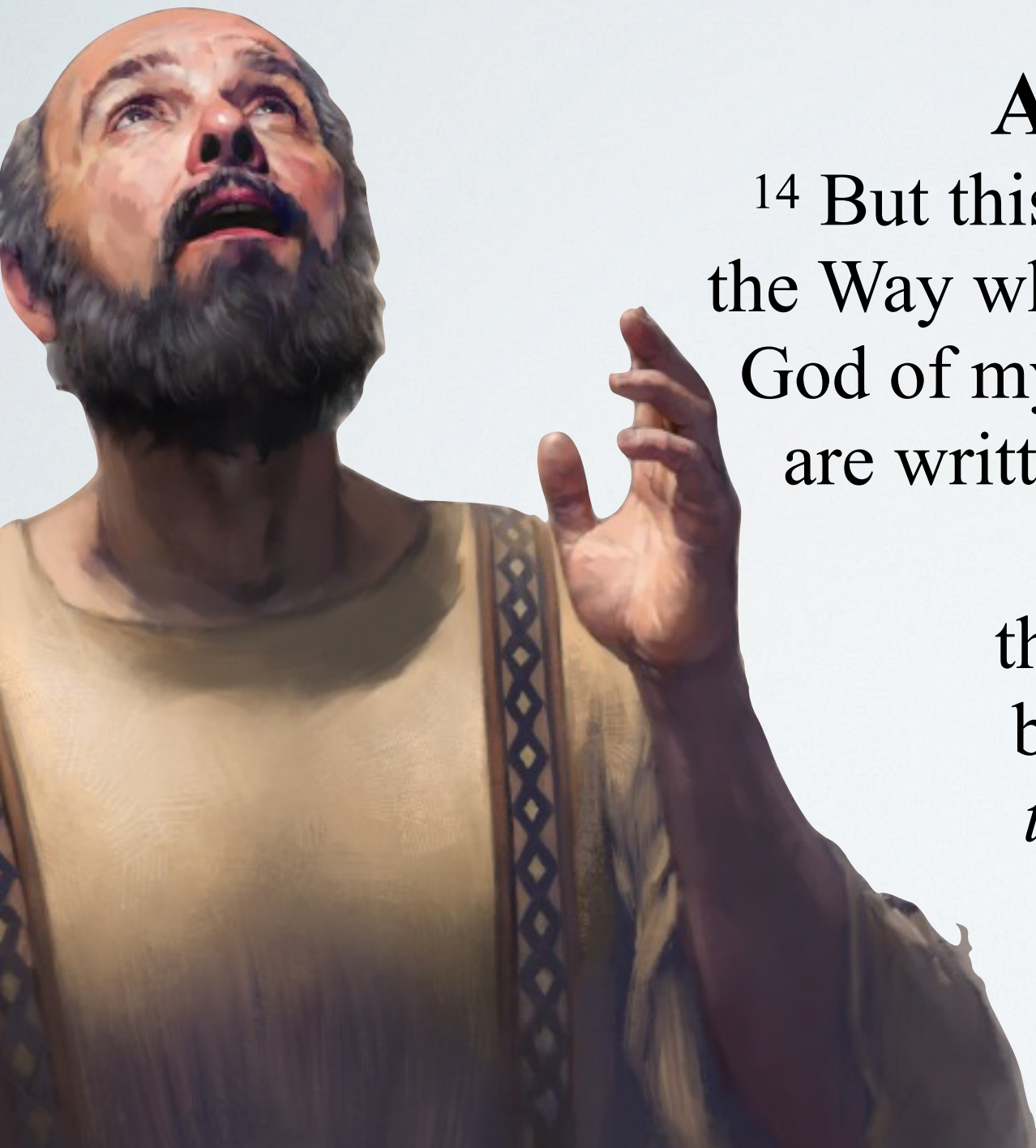
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Acts 24:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

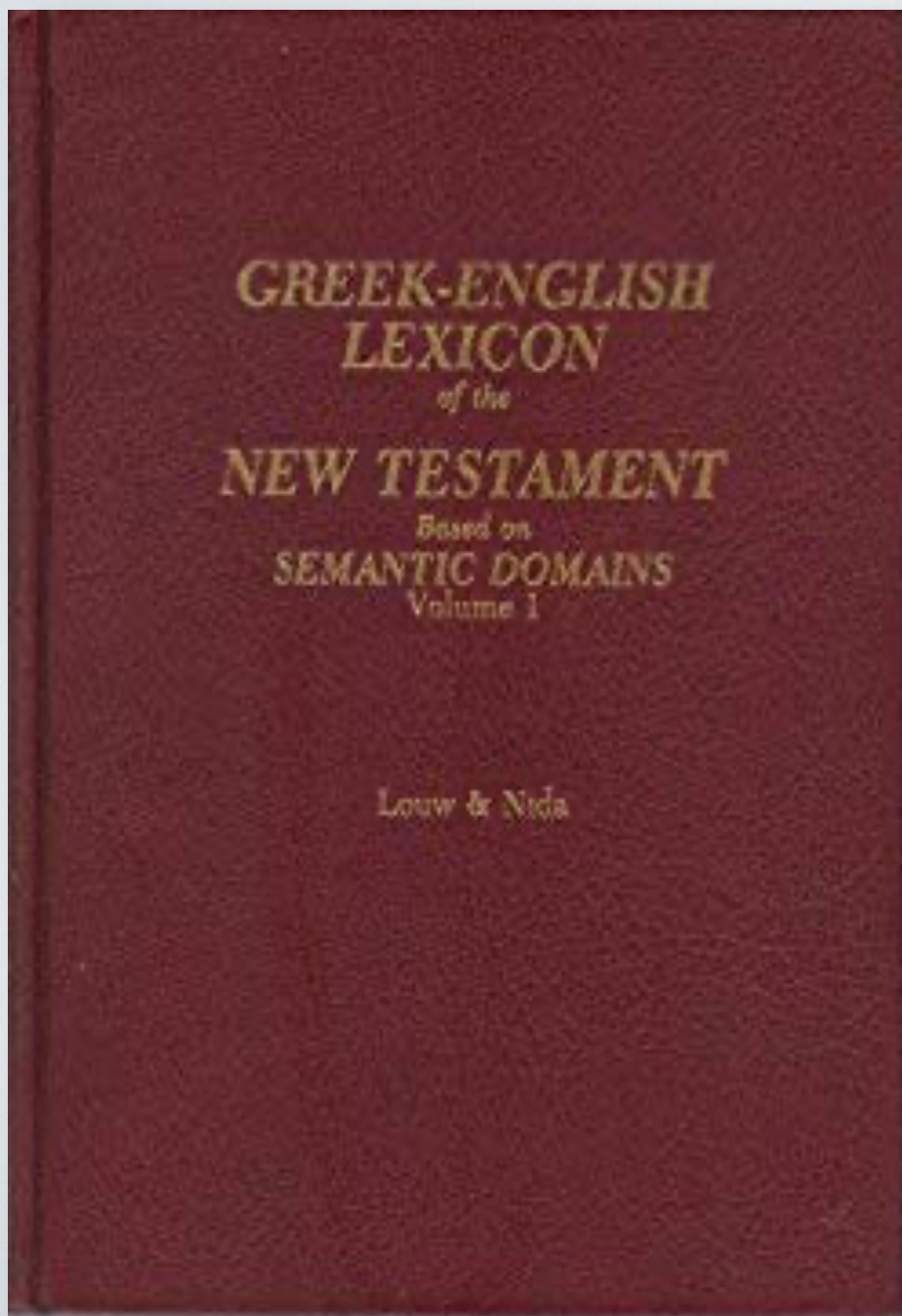
¹⁵ I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* just and *the* unjust. ¹⁶ This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.



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26.13 συνείδησις^b, εως *f*: (contrast συνείδησις^a ‘knowledge about something,’ 28.4) the psychological faculty which can distinguish between right and wrong—‘moral sensitivity, conscience.’ ... Ro 2:15.

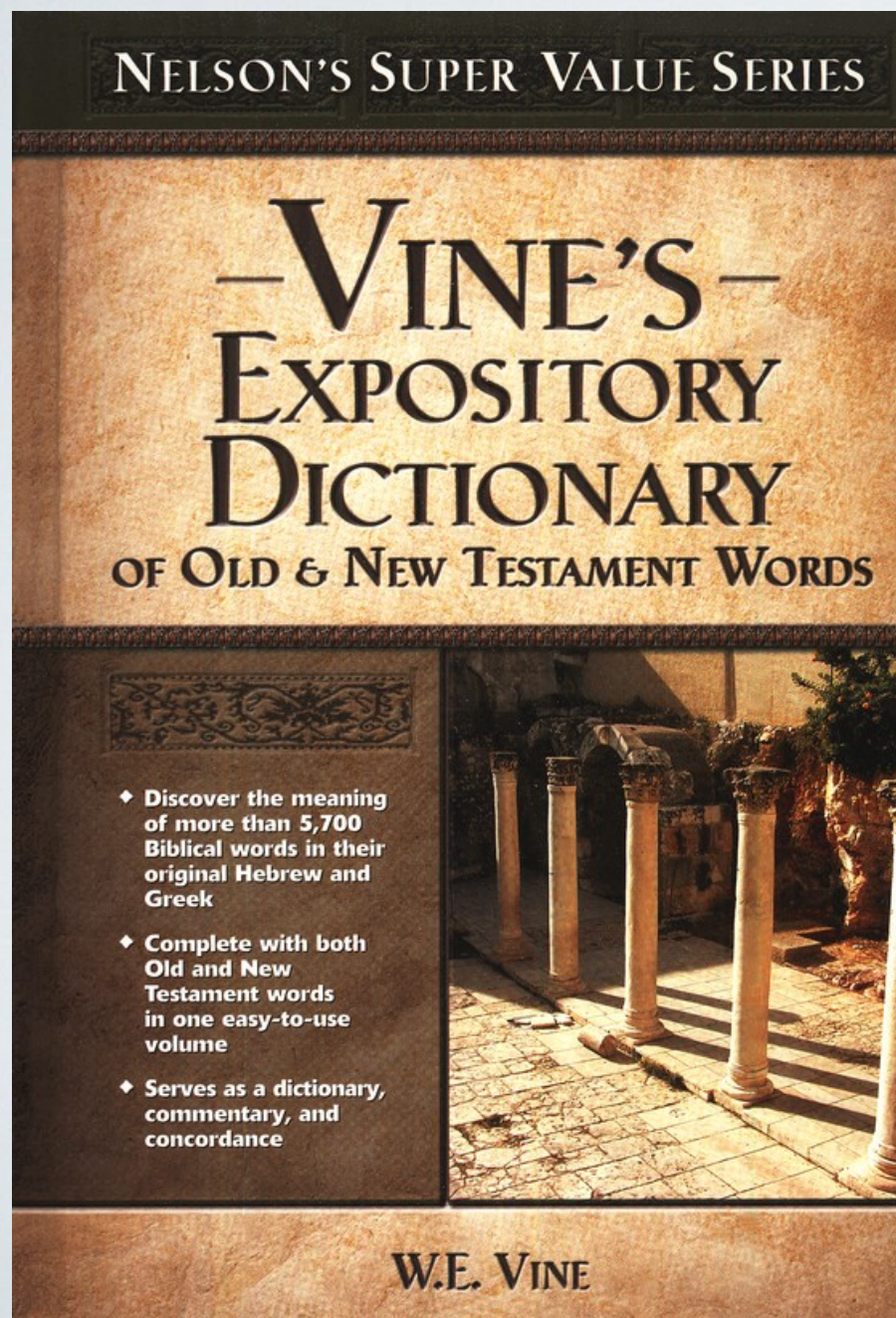
In some languages συνείδησις^b may be rendered as ‘the inner voice’ or ‘the voice in one’s heart’ or ‘how one knows right from wrong.’

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suneidesis (συνείδησις, 4893), lit., “a knowing with” (*sun*, “with,” *oida*, “to know”), i.e., “a co-knowledge (with oneself), the witness borne to one’s conduct by conscience, that faculty by which we apprehend the will of God, as that which is designed to govern our lives”; hence (a) the sense of guiltiness before God; Heb. 10:2; (b) that process of thought which distinguishes what it considers morally good or bad, ... There may be a “conscience” not strong enough to distinguish clearly between the lawful and the unlawful, 1 Cor. 8:7, 10, 12 ...

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Isaiah 5:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

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Ephesians 4:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

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Our CONSCIENCE Can Be "SEARED" (No Sense of Guilt)



- ▶ We can be “hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” - (Heb 3:13)
- ▶ Which leads to a “searing of the conscience” - (1 Tim 4:2).
- ▶ Those who suppress the truth in their conscience will be abandoned by God - (Rom 1:18-32).

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Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

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Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers,

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Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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- 👁️ **Rejection & suppression of the truth (18,19)**
- 👁️ **Rejection of God's authority & revelation (20,21)**
- 👁️ **Foolish speculations (21).**
- 👁️ **Proclaiming such speculation to be truth (22)**
- 👁️ **Corrupt religion – (23)**
- 👁️ **Uncontrolled desires (24)**
- 👁️ **Sexual perversion (26-27)**
- 👁️ **Death of the Conscience (28-32)**

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5 Reasons Why More Christians Are Becoming LGBTQ Affirming

- ▶ "More Christians are engaging with biblical scholarship than before."
- ▶ "More Christians are realizing that being gay isn't a choice."
- ▶ "More Christians are aware of the harmful impact of non-affirming theology."
- ▶ "More Christians are seeing people instead of seeing an abstract issue."

What kind of scholars?
LIBERAL UNBELIEVERS!

Is SIN a CHOICE?
SO IS GODLINESS!

So calling Sin "SIN" is
Harmful? HOW?

Sinful people NEED to
repent — 2 Pet 3:9

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5 Reasons Why More Christians Are Becoming LGBTQ Affirming

▶ More Christians are are siding with the message of hope— and there's no hope in non-affirming theology.

“Think about it. In traditional non-affirming theology this is the best it gets: “Your only hope of not going to hell when you die is to spend the rest of your life completely lonely, and to totally resist ever having your most basic physical and emotional needs met.”



Hope in WHAT?
IN WHO?

What about
HOLINESS?

What about
SELF- CONTROL?

Who is HOLY, GODLY
& LONELY? Phil 4:13

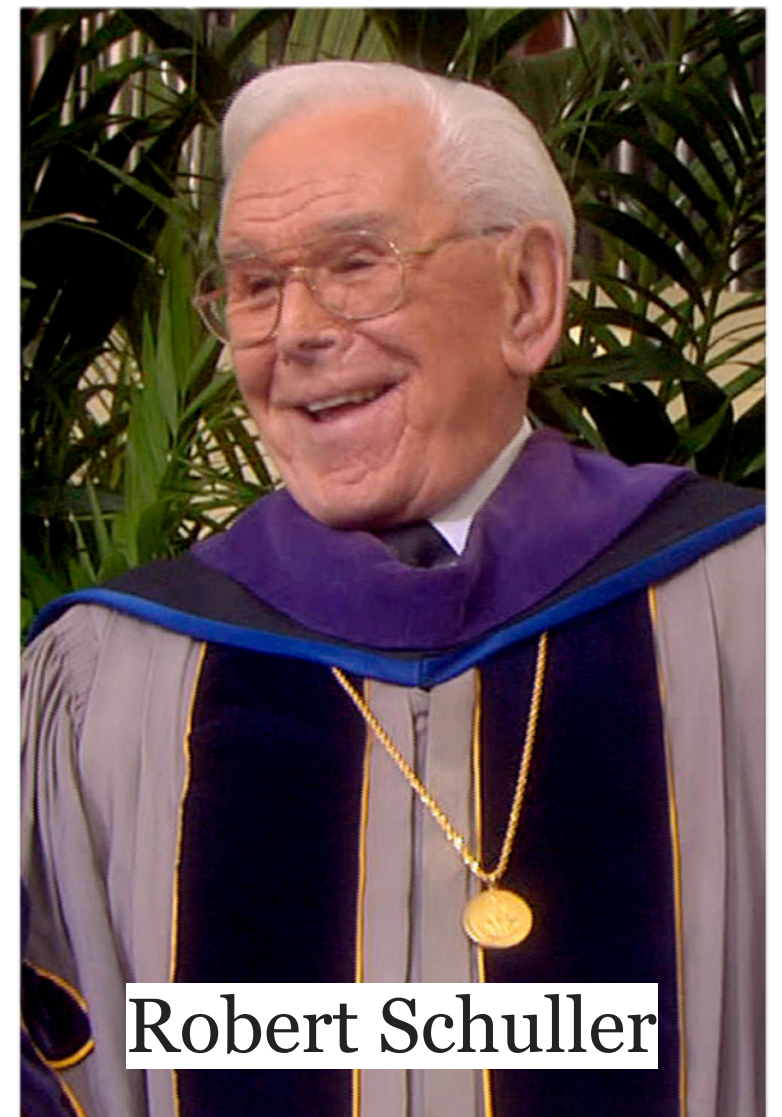
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"Whatever Happened To Sin?"

“I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive of human personality and hence, counterproductive for the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition” (Time, 3-18-85).



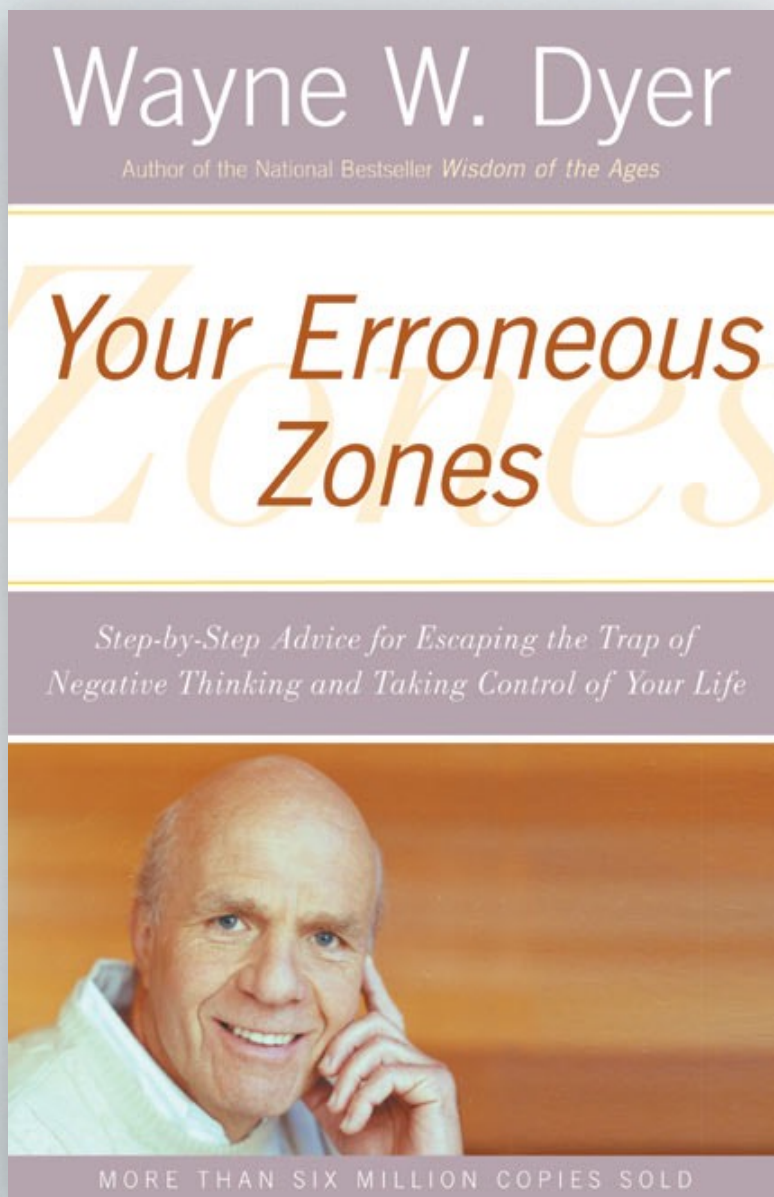
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"Whatever Happened To Sin?"



Denial of Guilt

Dr. Wayne Dyer, wrote that our
“guilt zones must be
exterminated, spray-cleaned and
sterilized forever”
(Erroneous Zone, 90-91).

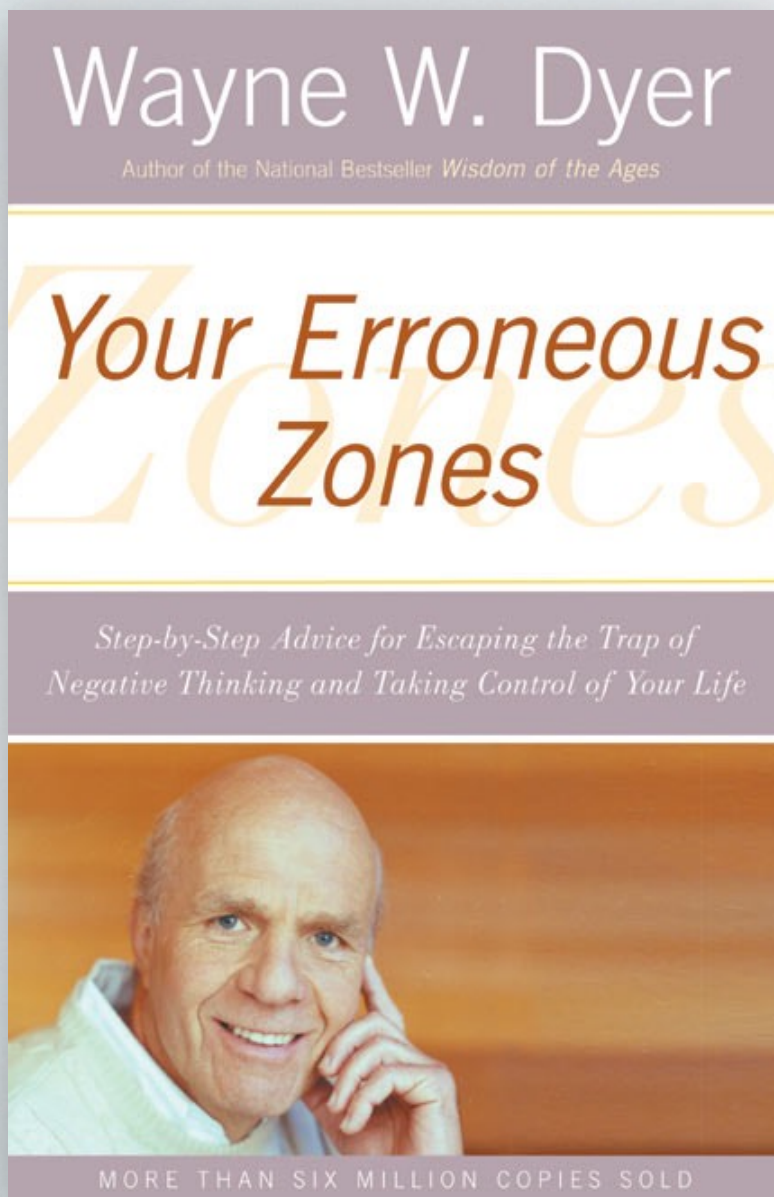
Defy guilt until it goes away?

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“Do something which you know is bound to result in feelings of guilt....Take a week to be alone if you have always wanted to do so, despite the guilt-engendering protestation from other members of your family. These kinds of behavior will help you to tackle that...guilt.”

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The **MORE** we practice **unrighteousness** the easier it is ...

The **LESS** we practice **righteousness** the harder it is ...

- ▶ **Immoral practices** - (fornication, pornography, stealing, etc.)
- ▶ **Ungodly speech** - (lying, gossip, backbiting, cursing, hateful, etc.)
- ▶ **Ungodly behavior**, (drunkenness, drug abuse, rebellious, etc.)
- ▶ **Ungodly attitudes** - (pride, selfishness, hatred, envy, maliciousness, carnal, etc.)
- ▶ **Ungodly focus** - (carnal, forsaking assembly, self absorbed, etc.)

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Our CONSCIENCE Can Be "CLEANSED" (Removal of Guilt)



- ▶ Not by perfection, but by the cleansing God provides in Christ (Heb 9:14,15; 10:22; Rom. 4:5,6).
- ▶ Not by perfection, but by the obedience of FAITH (1 Tim 1:5, 18-19; 2 Tim 1:3; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:16, 21).

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- ▶ Faith in God's gift of love, i.e., in Christ (John 3:16; 8:24; Acts 10:43)
- ▶ Genuine repentance - (2 Cor. 7:8-11)
- ▶ Confess faith in Jesus as God's Son and surrender to Him as Lord (Romans 10:9-17; 1 Peter 1:22)
- ▶ Be baptized into Christ, by His authority unto the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- ▶ Walk in the LIGHT (1 John 1:5-10; Rom. 6)
- ▶ Confess & forsake known sin (Prov 28:13).

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- ▶ We MUST CRUCIFY our SIN (Rom. 6:7; Col. 3:5).
- ▶ Sin is not KILLED when we:
 - ◆ Merely commit the sin LESS ...
 - ◆ Merely cover it up (Pro. 28:13).
 - ◆ Merely exchange it for another sin.
 - ◆ Merely repress it
- ▶ Sin is put to death when the conscience is cleared by obeying the truth (2 Cor. 7:10; 1 Pet 1:22,23).

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Colossians 3:5–9 (NKJV)

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,



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- ▶ Reconcile with those you have wronged (Matt. 5:23, 24).
- ▶ Make restitution if possible (Numbers 5:6-7).
- ▶ Do not procrastinate in clearing your wounded conscience (Acts 24:16).
- ▶ Educate your conscience (Romans 14:22; Acts 23:1).

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We MUST Be CONSCIOUS of The CONSCIENCE of OTHERS



- ▶ We should never do that which would entice another to violate his conscience (Romans 14:12-23; 1 Corinthians 8:1-14)
- ▶ We should ALWAYS consider the convictions of others - never do that which would embolden another in their error or facilitate them in doing wrong (1 Corinthians 10:25-30)

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CONSCIENCE?

Is it SENSITIVE To The TRUTH?

Is it GROWING stronger by
LEARNING More
ACCURATELY God's Word?

Does It NEED TO BE
CLEANSED?

Are You CONSIDERATE
When It Comes to the
Conscience of others?



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LISTEN TO
GOD'S WORD
OBEY GOD'S
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1 Corinthians 8:7–13 (NKJV)

⁷ However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. ⁹ But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

1 Corinthians 8:7–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? ¹² But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.