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

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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

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 Tracker Riley

Liberty

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Erecting a standard of liberty

Liberty



Economics

Economics Dr Brian Grim

Economics

Deloitte Access Economics Study

Service

Charity

Religion, conscience and belief

Romans 2: 14, 15

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

Moroni: The Light of Christ

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

The Scholastics: Conscience informed by synderesis and correctly taught principles must be obeyed

St Thomas Aquinas: synderesis informs and conscience acts

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

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

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

Renaissance

Conscience



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

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

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

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

International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights
Article 18 — subject to the ability to preserve public order

European Convention on Human Rights Article 9: protects the "right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion" — while omitting "belief" it includes "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)

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

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience — Bull;

Playfoot, Ashers Bakery; Cobaw

Mixed jurisprudence on conscience – antidiscrimination and employment legislation needs re-calibration

Where to?

Questions and discussion