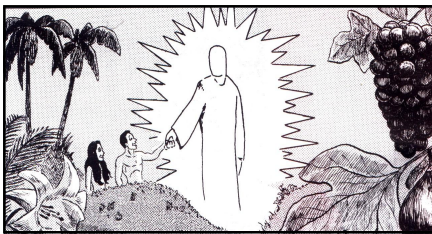




...for CONSCIENCE SAKE...!

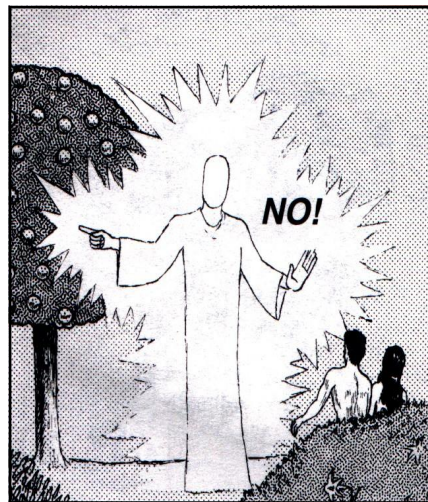
con-science (kan'shəns) *n.* [M.E. & OFr. < L. *conscientia*, consciousness, moral sense < prp. of *conscire* < *com-*, with + *scire*, to know (replacing M.E. *inwit*, knowledge within)]
1. a knowledge or sense of right and wrong, with a compulsion to do right; moral judgment that opposes the violation of a previously recognized ethical principle and that leads to feelings of guilt if one violates such a principle **2.** [Obs.]
a) consciousness **b)** inner thoughts or feelings —**in (all) conscience** in fairness; on any reasonable ground —**on one's conscience** causing one to feel guilty —**con'science-less** *adj.*

God said to the **Godhead**, which consist of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*, "**Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness**" (GENESIS 1:26).



So, "...in the **DAY** that God created **MAN**, in the **LIKENESS OF GOD** made He him; male and female **CREATED** He them; and blessed them, and called **THEIR** name **ADAM**, in the **DAY** when they were created" (GENESIS 5:1-2).

Then, God commanded the **MAN**, saying, "**Of EVERY tree of the garden thou mayest FREELY eat: BUT of the tree of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL, thou SHALT NOT eat of it: for IN THE DAY that thou eatest thereof THOU SHALT SURELY DIE**" (GENESIS 2:16-17).



God did what **EVERY GOOD PARENT** ought to do for *their children*: He **SET BOUNDARIES** for them. And Adam **WAS** God's child: (LUKE 3:38), as **ALSO** the rest of humanity!

But, they **DISOBEYED** God, and **PUT THEIR TRUST** in the **SERPENT** and his *reasoning*:

"**YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE: for God DOTH KNOW that IN THE DAY ye eat thereof, then YOUR EYES shall be OPENED, and ye shall be AS GODS, KNOWING good and evil**" (GENESIS 3:5-6).

"...The eyes of them both **WERE OPENED**, and they **KNEW** [TO KNOW; TO ASCERTAIN BY SEEING] that they were naked; and they **SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER** [KNOWLEDGE TO FIX THE PROBLEM], and **MADE THEMSELVES APRONS** [A BELT FOR THE WAIST AND THE FIRST MANUFACTURED ITEM MADE BY MAN].

"And they **HEARD** [TO HEAR INTELLIGENTLY] **THE VOICE OF GOD WALKING** in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife **HID THEMSELVES** from the presence of the Lord God **AMONGST THE TREES** of the garden.

They "**HID**" because their "*conscience*" convicted them that they had disobeyed, and they were **AFRAID**.

"And the Lord God **CALLED** unto Adam, and said unto him, **WHERE ART THOU?**" "And he said, **I HEARD THY VOICE** in the garden, and I was **AFRAID** [TO FRIGHTEN], because I was **NAKED; and I HID MYSELF**" (GENESIS 3:7-10)!

Your *conscience reveals* **YOUR SINS** too, *just as it also did* to the men who accused a woman "...taken in adultery, in the **VERY ACT**" (JOHN 8:4)!

As Jesus stooped and wrote on the ground, saying, "*He that is WITHOUT SIN among you, let him FIRST cast a stone at her*" (JOHN 8:7), "...being **CON-VICTED BY THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE**, [THEY] went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last" (JOHN 8:9).



It was the **WORD OF GOD** that Adam and Eve his wife **HEARD** "*walking in the garden*," and it was the **SAME Word of God THAT JESUS WROTE on the ground** that **BROUGHT CONVICTION** of sin to these men!

What about **YOUR conscience**? Have you ignored yours? The word **CONSCIENCE** means a **KNOWLEDGE** or **SENSE** of *right or wrong*, with a *compulsion* to do **RIGHT**.

Because of Adam and Eve, we **ALL** have it, but the temptation is to **IGNORE** it, and **IF WE DO**, we **RISK** "...having [OUR] **CONSCIENCE SEARED with a hot iron**" (1 TIM. 4:2).

"**SEARED CONSCIENCES**" results in many horrific crimes and multitudes of sins in the world.



God has **PRESEVERED** His **WORD** and given it to the **ENTIRE WORLD**, therefore, "...to him that **KNOWETH TO DO GOOD** [AND WE ALL KNOW], and **DOETH IT NOT, to HIM it is SIN**" (JAMES 4:17).

Just as Adam and Eve were **TEMPTED**, so are **WE, the same identical way**: "...every man is **TEMPTED**, when he is **DRAWN AWAY** [TO DRAG FORTH] of his **OWN** [PERTAINING TO SELF] **LUST** [A LONGING FOR WHAT IS FORBIDDEN], and **ENTICED** [DELUDED]. Then when lust hath **CONCEIVED**, it bringeth forth **SIN**: and sin, when it is **FINISHED, bringeth forth DEATH**" (JAMES 1:14-15). **REPENT NOW**, while there is still **TIME!**