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Bentham (1789 Ch. III) listed four "sanctions or sources of pain and pleasure": the physical, the moral, and the religious—and he identified "moral" with "popular". Clearly, then, for a utilitarian (a) all sanctions are external; and tonscience plays no role, and (b) morality is the same as popularity, or what is usually accepted—in short, custom.

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