

MORAL CONSCIENCE: ADVANTAGE OF HAVING IT

Does ~~xxxx~~ conscience confer any advantage on humans: does it favor survival in society? This question is part of the wider question: What advantage, if any, does consciousness, in particular self-consciousness, confer? The advantage is that it helps us solve totally new problems, ~~xxxxxxx~~ posed by unexpected situations. In confronting such situations we must take stock of our own stock of knowledge, our interests, our rights, and our duties: we must do what used to be called soul-searching. Only such self-investigation can lead to making rational and moral decisions.

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