

## *Conscience*

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The English word “Conscience” is derived from the Latin preposition *con*, meaning with, and the infinitive *scire*, to know. “With knowledge.” “With wisdom.” “With science.”

*Scire* also means to make bright; to cause to shine by reflected light; to be effulgent in splendor or beauty; to be eminent, conspicuous, or distinguished; to exhibit brilliant intellectual powers; to be immediately apparent; to distinguish oneself; to excel; to emit or reflect light.

From this luminous word *scire* comes the word *scio*, which means I know. I understand. I have knowledge. *I emit brilliance, splendor, beauty and light.*

It is the job of our Conscience to reflect that brilliance, that confidence, that unerring wisdom, as we go about our lives determining the best course of action—what to do, and what not to do—in every circumstance, with every relationship. It is the aim of this book to present ancient teachings that will guide you in that daily process. I am confident that what you are about to read will feel instantly and intimately familiar to you.

Let’s begin.