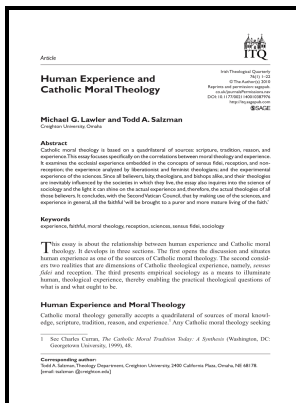


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She can be wrong at times, due to mechanical faults or wrong information. Organized around themes of tradition vs.

### Bishop Fisher on Conscience and Authority

Catholicism and American Freedom is a groundbreaking tale of strange bedfellows and bitter conflicts over issues such as slavery, public education, economic reform, the movies, contraception, and abortion. To appeal to conscience was to foreclose all further discussion and to claim immunity to reasoned argument or the moral law. Unless all people are by nature equal before God, there is no natural requirement on humanity's part to be just.

### Conscience issue separates Catholic moral camps

The faith is to shape the culture, not vice versa CCC 1793. The autonomous ethics of modernity often fail to take seriously the extent to which these shape people's identity and values. A renewed appreciation of personal experience and interpretation, of individual goals pursued freely without undue interference, is required.

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He would, I think, have been bewildered by contemporary talk of the 'primacy' of conscience or of any intellectual operation. Here one ought to

proceed with obedience of faith, submitting one's experience, insights and wishes to the judgment of the Gospel, prepared to reform oneself according to the mind of Christ authentically transmitted by the Church. That there are still Catholic theologians and pastors supporting these or similar practices means we are yet to recover a sense of the ecclesial vocations of theologian and pastor.

### **Newman Contra Liberalism: Conscience, Authority, and the Infidelity of the Future**

Because conscience is a central issue in Roman Catholic moral theology and pastoral practice, and since 'freedom of conscience' and the 'rights of conscience' are often invoked in response to both theological issues and pastoral concerns, an analysis and evaluation of contemporary theological understandings of conscience is called for. While the modern emphasis upon autonomy has helpfully encouraged individuality, initiative and respect, it has also had very real costs in terms of emotional distress, normative ambivalence and political paralysis. The Magisterium, both ordinary and extraordinary, is a great blessing for us.

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The persons in this category have distorted an appeal to intelligent decision into a destruction of law, objective structures, and have arrived at the conclusion that no one can tell them what to do, including the Church. Formation of conscience helps us see the contrast between our culture and our faith. The autonomous ethics of modernity often fail to take seriously the extent to which these shape people's identity and values.

### **Conscience and Catholicism, Robert JSmith**

It has been criticised by more traditional theologians, including Pope John Paul II, but theologians advocating proportionalism claim that criticism of proportionalism is based on a misunderstanding of its theory. Part III of the CCC is very useful here. Turn inward, brethren, and in everything you do, see God as your witness.

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