

Being human means having conscience

*TITLE I*

How the conscience works

*Article 1*

*Guilt, Anger and Normative Modeling*

As we grow up our brains make models of the people around us. Among other things we model their preferences, action tendencies, and emotion tendencies. And we can model these as simple if-then rules. (e.g., "If I bring mom flowers, then she will give me a hug.")
We do this, in part, so we can predict how the important people in our lives will act, and react, to the things we do.

*Article 2*

*Language, Justification and a Subtler Conscience*

We have a complex, recursive language ability and we are able to maintain a social practice of justification.

*TITLE II*

Why Do We Have Conscience

We are social species. We have to get along with others. And we also have to make sure our own biological needs (for food, sex, etc.) are being met.
The conscience is our way of navigating this tension.

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