

“Mind” in Hebrew in Scripture
(From BlueLetterBible.org) (Per the KJV translation)

The English word “mind” is used in the Tanakh 38 times only.
It appears that Hebrew doesn’t have an exact word for “mind.”

לב lev H3820 *heart, inner man, mind, will ... understanding* ; used as “mind” 12 times.

לבב levav H3824 *heart, inner man mind, will ...* ; used as “mind” 4 times.

נפש nephesh H5315 *soul, self, life, ... emotion ...*; used as “mind” 15 times.

יצר yetzer H3336 *form, framing ... purpose ...*; used as “mind” 1 time (Isa. 26:3 ... *whose mind is stayed on thee.*) Used as “imagination” or “imaginings” 5 times.

רוח ruakh H7307 and 7308 *wind, breath, mind, spirit*; used as “mind” 5 times (1 for 7308).

*Having no word for “mind” exactly indicates that in Hebrew thinking our intellect alone is not that important.
What is important to God is our heart, our soul, and our spirit —our character.*

“Think” and “Thoughts”
(Even though Hebrew doesn’t have a word for “mind,” there are words for “think” and “thoughts.”)

חשב khashav H5315 *to think, plan, esteem, ... imagine ...*

מחשבה makhshavah H5315 *thought ... plan, purpose ...*

“(wicked) mind”

זמה zimmah H5315 *plan, device, wickedness, evil plan, mischievous purpose....*; used as “wicked mind” 1 time and as “thought” 1 time.