On Liberty Utilitarianism

By John Stuart Mill

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On Liberty pg. 105. John Stuart Mill Utilitarianism Quotes. In the golden rule of Jesus of Nazareth, we read the complete spirit of the ethics of utility. To do as one would be done by, and to love one’s neighbour as oneself, constitute the ideal perfection of utilitarian morality. Utilitarianism pg. 19.

Utilitarianism pg. 11. The only happy people (I thought) are those whose minds are fixed on some objective other than their own happiness; on the happiness of others, on the improvement of mankind, even on some art or pursuit followed not as a means but as itself an ideal goal. This entry will examine Mill’s contributions to the utilitarian and liberal traditions. We will concentrate on his two most popular and best known works, Utilitarianism (1861, cited as U) and On Liberty (1859, cited as OL), drawing on other texts when this sheds light on his utilitarian and liberal principles. We will conclude by looking at how Mill applies these principles to issues of political and sexual equality in Considerations on Representative Government (1859, cited as CRG), Principles of Political Economy (1848, cited as PPE), and The Subjection of Women (1869, cited as SW).

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James Mill was passionate about the ethical theory of utilitarianism and raised John to be the next leader of the movement. To that end, James took firm control of John’s education. Mill was secluded from other children his age (other than his siblings) and began learning classical languages when he was three years old before moving onto useful subjects such as arithmetic, science, philosophy, and politics. This book contains on liberty, utilitarianism, considerations on representative government, and the subjection of women these four essays. I personally just finished reading On Liberty, so this review will mainly about his On Liberty. Mill originally finished this piece in 1857, and he wanted to add some further amendments afterwards. However, after his wife’s death, he decided to publish this piece without any changes.