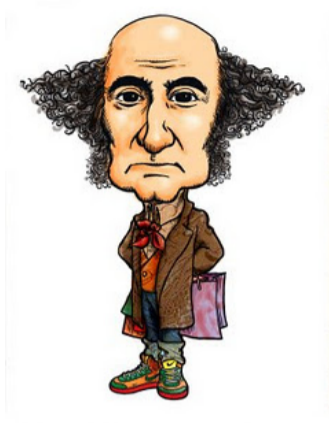


What is utility

and



WHAT ARE SOME OBJECTIONS?

START

Greatest Happiness Principle

Actions are right in proportion as they tend to promote happiness, wrong as they tend to produce the reverse...

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A Doctrine Worthy of Swine!

...the Epicureans have always answered that it is not they, but their accusers who represent nature in a degrading light...

2

Impossible to Evaluate Among Utilities!

Of two pleasures, if there be one to which all or almost all who have experienced of both give a decided preference, irrespective of any feeling or moral obligation to prefer it, that is the more desirable pleasure.

3

Too Selfish!

As between his own happiness and that of others, utilitarianism requires him to be as strictly impartial as a disinterested and benevolent spectator. In the golden rule of Jesus of Nazareth, we read the complete spirit of the ethics of utility. To do as you would be done by and to love your neighbor...

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Too High a Standard!

But this is to mistake the very meaning of a standard of morals and confound the rule of action with the motive of it.

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Too Expedient!

But the Expedient, in the sense in which it is opposed to the Right, generally means that which is expedient for the particular interest of the agent himself...

Too Cumbersome!

There is no difficulty in proving any ethical standard whatever ill to work ill, if we suppose universal idiocy to be conjoined with it.

END

