

**I. John Stuart Mill (1806 – 1873), *Utilitarianism***

a. Background

- i. Was taught Greek and arithmetic at 3, Latin, geometry, and algebra at 11, logic and philosophy at 12.
- ii. His education robbed him of his childhood.
- iii. His upbringing and training in the analytic method contributed to a crisis at the age of 20. He eventually overcame this crisis by learning music and Romantic poetry.
- iv. He was greatly influence by Harriet Taylor, whom he eventually married.

b. Influence

i. Jeremy Bentham (1748 – 1832)

- 1. Hedonistic calculus
- 2. Happiness can be measured on a single scale.
- 3. Act-utilitarianism (traditional utilitarianism):

- a. “The doctrine that what makes an action right is that it maximizes happiness, everyone considered” (Schick & Vaughn, 329).

c. Higher and Lower Pleasures

d. Criticisms

i. Problem with calculation

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ii. Problems with rights

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iii. Problem with duties

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iv. Problems with justice

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