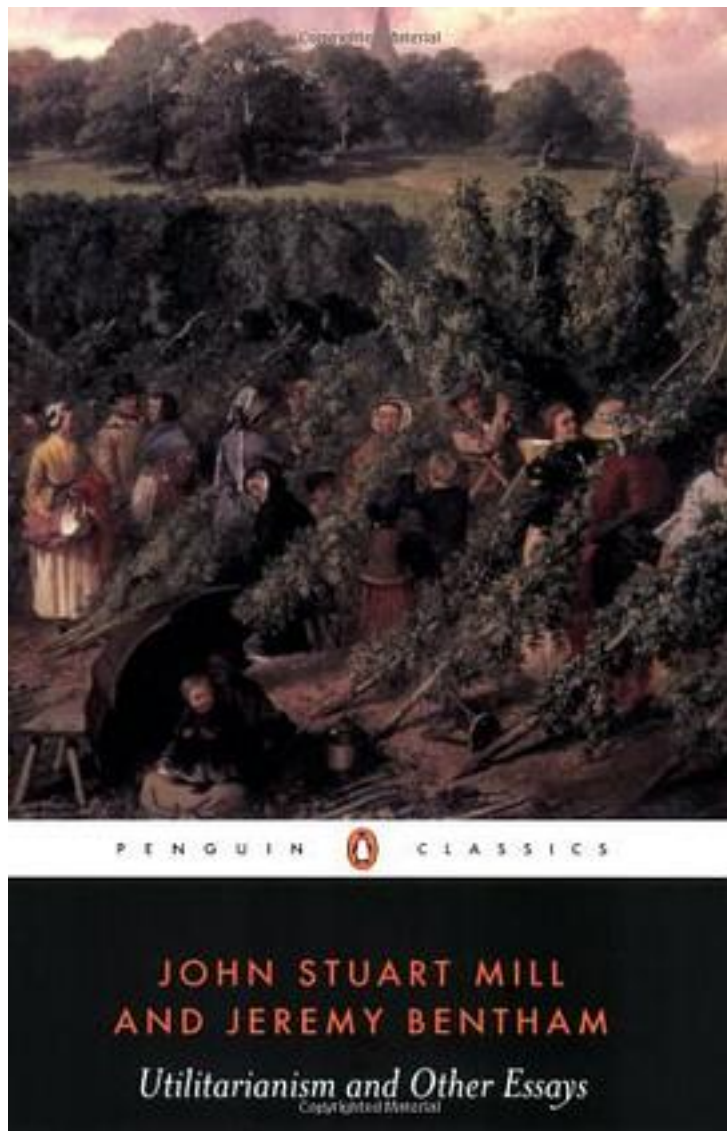


# Utilitarianism and Other Essays



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One of the most important nineteenth-century schools of thought, Utilitarianism propounds the view that the value or rightness of an action rests in how well it promotes the welfare of those affected by it, aiming for 'the greatest happiness of the greatest number'. Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) was the movement's founder, as much a social reformer as a philosopher. His greatest interpreter, John Stuart Mill (1806-73), set out to humanize Bentham's pragmatic Utilitarianism by balancing the claims of reason and the imagination, individuality and social well-being in essays such as 'Bentham', 'Coleridge' and, above all, Utilitarianism. The works by Bentham and Mill collected in this volume show the creation and development of a system of ethics that has had an enduring influence on moral philosophy and legislative policy.

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Whatever can be proved to be good, must be so by being shown to be a means to something admitted to be good without proof.

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Much more reasonable and moderate than common critics said it is

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J.S. Mill的《Utilitarianism》。短短的六十頁書提出了一套很有創見性和生命力的效益主義理論。雖然Mill是一個效益主義者，但書中對效益主義提出的批評都非常尖銳，而他自己作出的辯護也很精妙。林火旺老師新版的《基本倫理學》花了很大的篇幅介紹Mill的理論，是很好的導讀。

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