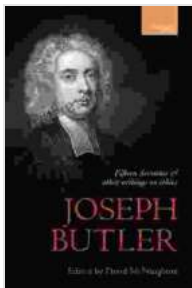


Fifteen Sermons and Other Writings on Ethics: A Comprehensive Guide to British Moral Philosophy

Ethics is the branch of philosophy that deals with the nature of good and evil, right and wrong. It is a vast and complex subject, and there are many different ethical theories that have been proposed over the centuries. One of the most important traditions in ethical thought is British moral philosophy, which has produced some of the most influential ethical thinkers in history.

Fifteen Sermons and Other Writings on Ethics is a collection of some of the most important works in British moral philosophy. The book includes sermons by David Hume, Jeremy Bentham, and John Stuart Mill, as well as other writings on ethics by these and other philosophers. These works provide a comprehensive overview of the development of British moral philosophy, and they offer a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of ethics.



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David Hume

David Hume was one of the most important philosophers of the 18th century. He is best known for his work on empiricism, which is the view that all knowledge is derived from experience. Hume also made important contributions to ethics, and his writings on this subject are still widely read and debated today.

In his sermon "The Natural History of Religion," Hume argues that religion is a natural phenomenon that arises from human nature. He believes that religion is not based on reason or evidence, but rather on fear and superstition. Hume's views on religion were controversial in his own time, and they remain controversial today.

In his other writings on ethics, Hume argues that morality is based on sentiment rather than reason. He believes that we make moral judgments based on our feelings of sympathy and antipathy. Hume's views on morality have been influential in the development of utilitarianism, which is a moral theory that holds that the right action is the one that produces the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people.

Jeremy Bentham

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arguments in support of utilitarianism, and his work has been influential in the development of this moral theory.

In his book *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, Bentham argues that the only thing that is good in itself is happiness. He believes that all other things, such as wealth, power, and health, are only good because they contribute to happiness. Bentham's views on utilitarianism have been criticized by some philosophers, who argue that it is too simplistic and that it does not take into account the importance of individual rights.

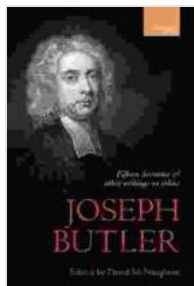
John Stuart Mill

John Stuart Mill was a philosopher and economist of the 19th century. He is best known for his work on utilitarianism, which he developed in his book *Utilitarianism*. Mill argued that the right action is the one that produces the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people. However, he also believed that there are some things that are intrinsically valuable, such as liberty and justice. Mill's views on utilitarianism have been influential in the development of this moral theory, and they remain influential today.

In his other writings on ethics, Mill argued that the state should play a role in promoting the happiness of its citizens. He believed that the state should provide education and other social services to help people live happy and fulfilling lives. Mill's views on the role of the state have been influential in the development of social liberalism, which is a political philosophy that advocates for the use of government power to promote social justice and equality.

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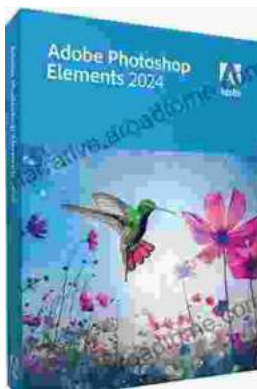
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