

# JAMES MILNE / MILL, Mentor of Frances Wright

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From James Milne's "Essays" (On Government and Jurisprudence)

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To understand what is included in the happiness of the greatest number, we must understand what is included in the happiness of the individuals of whom it is composed.

That dissection of human nature which would be necessary for exhibiting, on proper evidence, the primary elements into which human happiness may be resolved, it is not compatible with the present design to undertake. We must content ourselves with assuming certain results.

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