

Use the following rough outline as a guide to Chapter 2 of Mill's *Utilitarianism*. As you read, you will need to add detail to this outline.

I. Statement of the doctrine (p. 7)

II. Replies to objections (pp. 7–20). In stating objections to his theory & proposing replies, Mill does much to develop the doctrine.

A. The “Doctrine of Swine” Objection (pp. 7–12)

1. Reply #1: Utilitarianism distinguishes kinds of pleasures (pp. 8–11)

What distinction does Mill make?

How does Mill justify this distinction?

2. Reply #2: Utilitarianism seeks the pleasure of all (pp. 11–12)

B. The “Morality as Renunciation” Objection (pp. 12–17)

1. Man can do without happiness

How does Mill answer this? (pp. 12–15)

2. Doing without happiness is the highest virtue

How does Mill answer this? (pp. 15–17)

C. The “Utilitarianism is Too High for Humanity” Objection (pp. 18–20)

D. The “Utilitarianism Renders Men Unsympathising” Objection (pp. 20–21)

III. Comments on some misapprehensions (pp. 21–26). What does Mill say about each misapprehension?

A. Utilitarianism is a godlessness doctrine (pp. 22)

B. Utilitarianism is a doctrine of expediency (pp. 22–23)

C. Utilitarianism leaves no time for evaluation (pp. 23–25)

D. Utilitarianism is susceptible to abuse (because it makes exceptions to moral rules) (pp. 25–26)