

What are some

OBJECTIONS

TO UTILITARIANISM?



Actions are right in proportion as they tend to promote happiness, wrong as they tend to produce the reverse...



THIS IS A DOCTRINE WORTHY OF SWINE!



This objection distorts the meaning of happiness used within the theory; the meaning assumes something more than satisfying physical or immediate needs!

IT'S TOO HARD TO CHOOSE AMONG COMPETING CHOICES!



This objection distorts the difficulty of choosing between alternatives. If one choice is the "decided" preference, go with it!

IT'S TOO SELFISH!



This objection distorts the focus of the theory. When a moral agent calculates happiness it includes the self *and* the other!

IT'S TOO CUMBERSOME OR HARD TO USE!



This objection distorts the difficulty of weighing utility. Mill argued that the this objection required "universal idiocy" to be taken seriously!

