

Questions for Mill, *Utilitarianism*

-In the “General Remarks” introducing the original text of *Utilitarianism*, Mill writes the following: “Though in science the particular truths precede the general theory, the contrary might be expected to be the case with a practical art, such as morals or legislation.” What does he mean by this?

-Mill also writes the following in the introduction: “Questions of ultimate ends are not amenable to direct proof. 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.” In your own words, what is Mill’s point here?

-What is the central utilitarian principle?

-What, according to Mill, is happiness?

-What *precisely* does Mill mean when he says “it is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied; better to be Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied”?