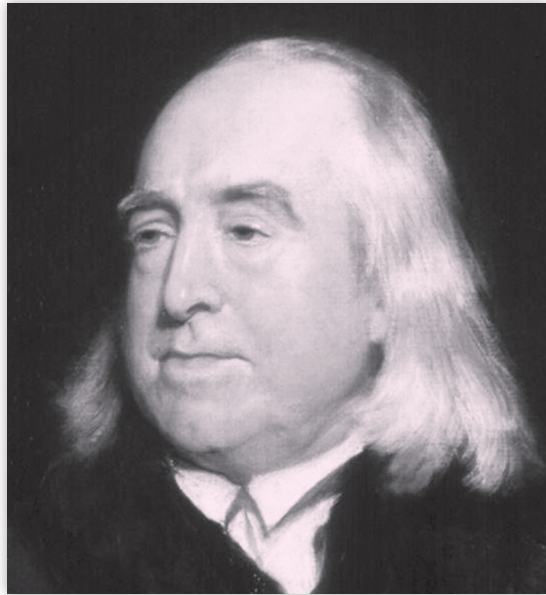




ENGLISH
UTILITARIAN AND INDIA



Jeremy Bentham

JEREMY BENTHAM

- English Utilitarians owe their ideas to **Jeremy Bentham, which are as follows:**
 - **Utilitarian democracy:**
 - ◆ Voting rights to all adult men.
 - ◆ Political system to recognize each individual as a free citizen.
 - ◆ In order to make the ruling classes responsive to the peoples' needs, the latter must possess some power to control the ruler's conduct.
 - **Progress means:**
 - ◆ Maximization of wealth.
 - ◆ Freedom from unnecessary constraints.
 - ◆ Proper codification of laws, to make people aware of their obligations as responsible citizens.
 - **Education** meant:

- ◆ To equip individuals to pursue their material objectives effectively instead of being needlessly bogged down by the curricular of a classical education consisting of literature, language and history.
- Utilitarians believed in maxim **'greatest good'** means **'greatest happiness to greatest number'**.

JAMES MILL



James Mill

- Served in East India Company from 1819 to 1835.
- Wrote a book **'History of India'**.
- Questioned William Jones' claims that India had achieved a high state of civilization in ancient times.
- Condemned Indian culture and found it hindrance to progress.
- Classified Indian history into Hindu, Muslim and British periods.