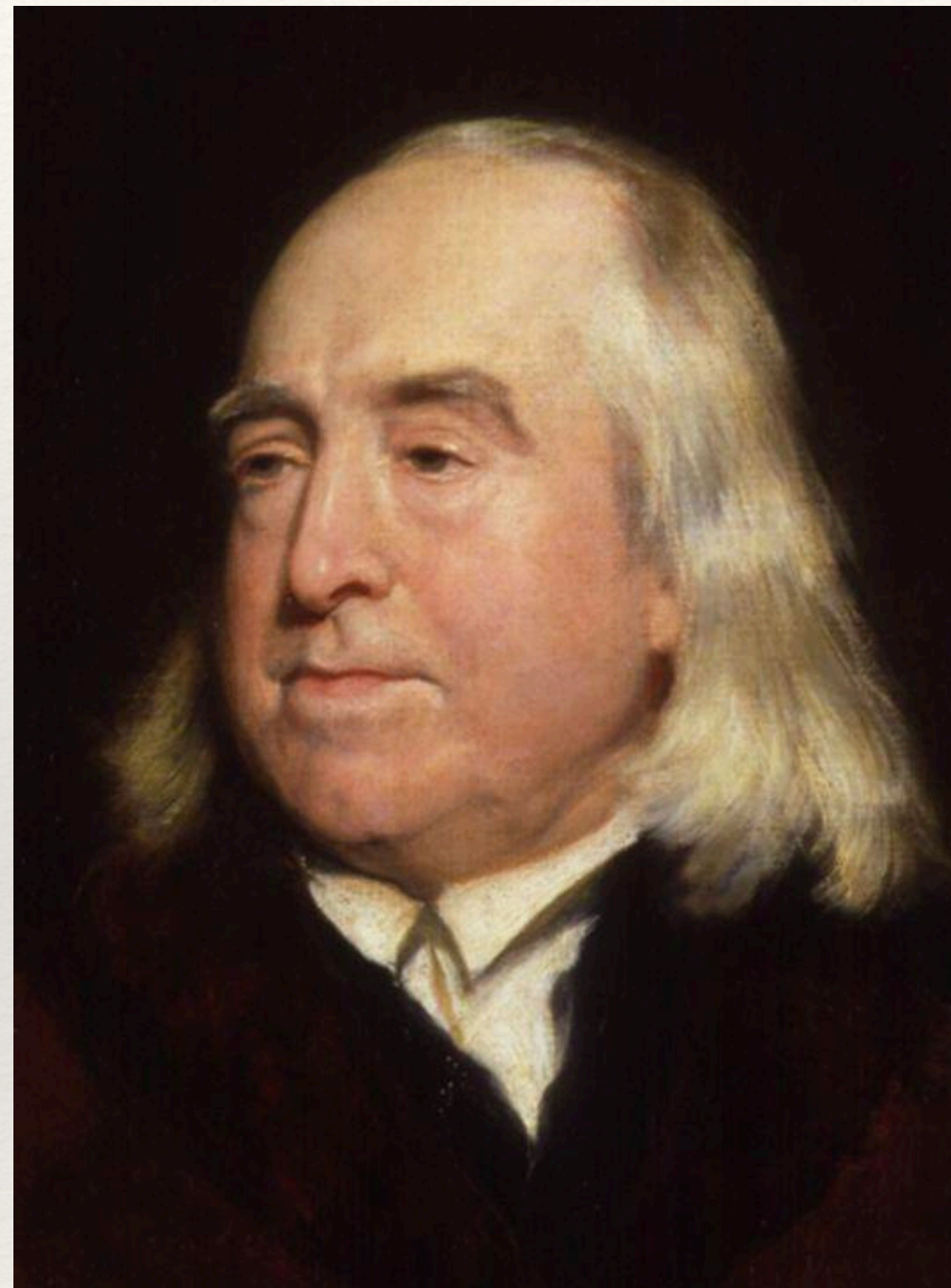
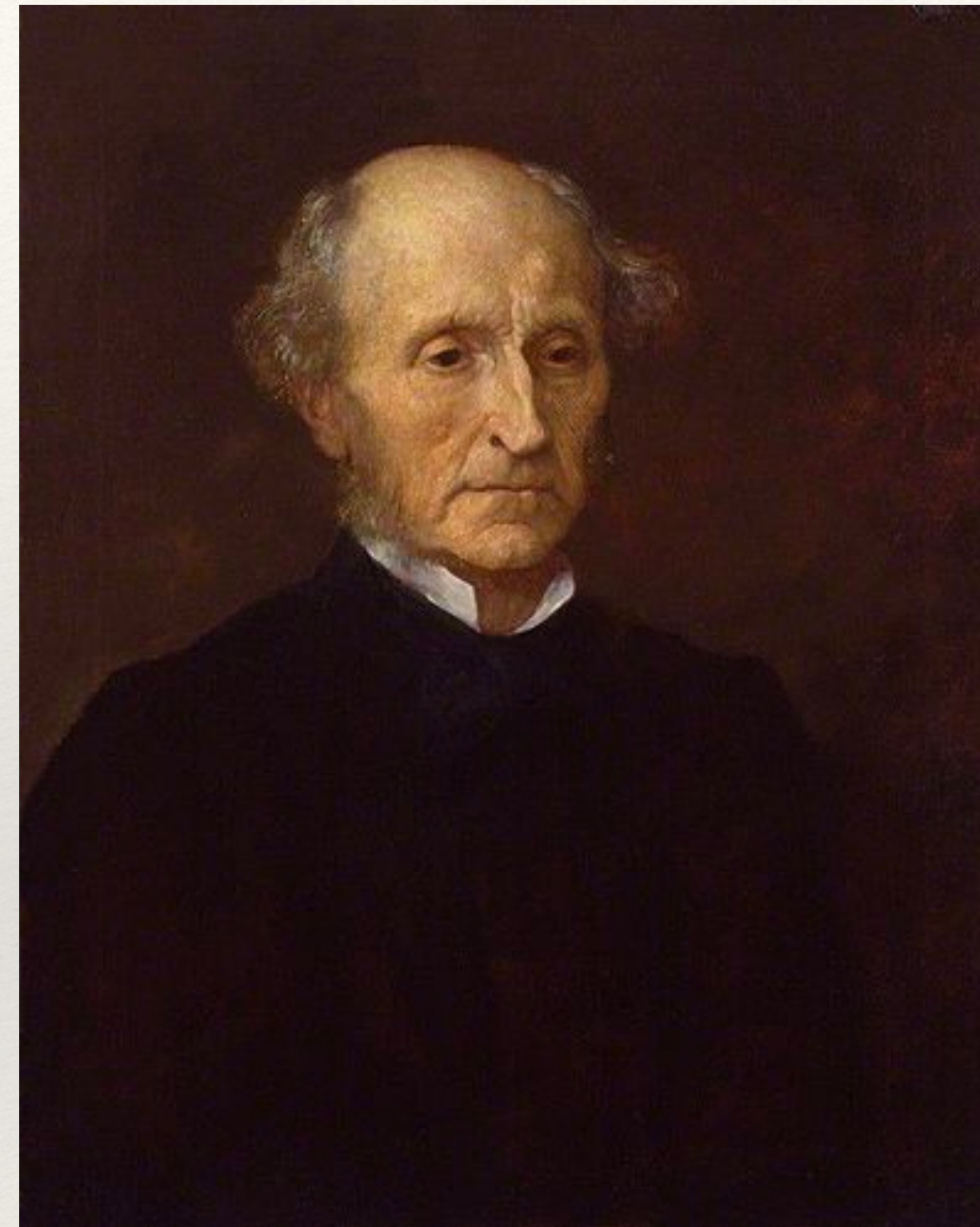

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Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832)



John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)

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Pain

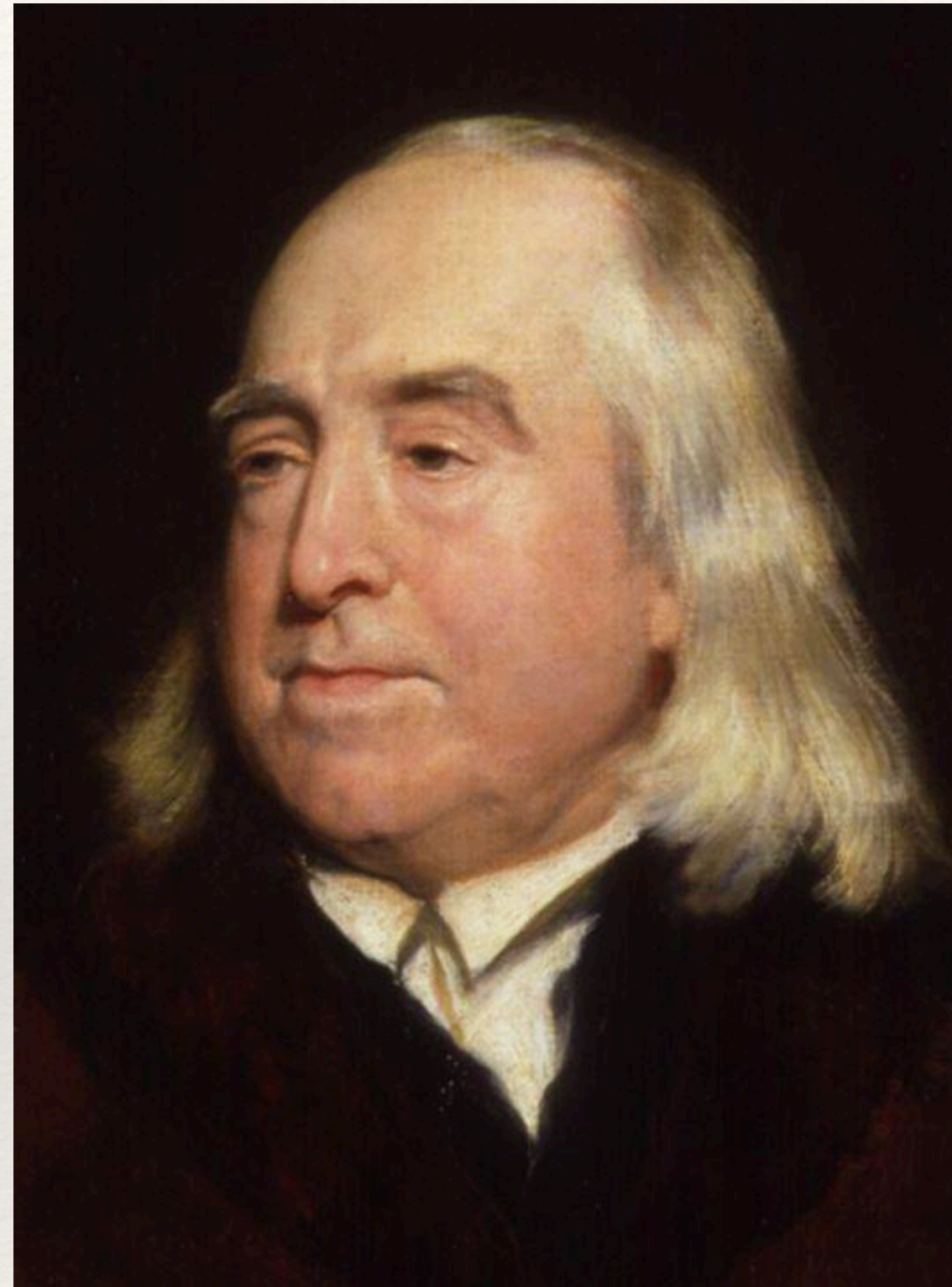
Pleasure

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What are its effects

Money

Bentham's utilitarianism



Pleasure is the only intrinsic good

Pain is the only intrinsic bad

Actions, therefore must be judged instrumentally

Bentham's utilitarianism

Definition:

The doctrine that an action is right insofar as it promotes happiness, and that the greatest happiness of the greatest numbers should be the guiding principle of conduct

Utilitarianism

Objections:

- Fails to respect individual rights

- How do we measure happiness? The value of pain and pleasure