

Looking at *Justine* through John Stuart Mill and the 'Utilitarian Calculus'

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John Stuart Mill would ask you, if a greater amount of people would have become happier, and more pleasure than pain would have been caused. He would also mention the fact was harm done? But I think other people addressed that question, other people. I would like to just address the question of the greater good for the greatest amount of people, and I think that in this case, the utilitarian calculus works in your favour.

I think that it's essential to raise awareness to the fact that families are struggling for, you know, that kids like *Justine* perhaps was okay for a while, something happened, we don't know what, then she fell and now in fact she's recovering. I think that very, that very, the knowledge of this fact kind of shook me you know, because it's not black and white, she's not there on the scope and I'm here, I could be there and she could be there, you could be there. So it's troubling, and I think it's humbling to remind to all the viewers that we all on that spectrum. All right, I mean is we're all humans, and I know stories from my close circles, beautiful kids who were hurt and went down the slope, and this is so painful, so in that sense seeing the family and understanding very gently the fact that she was on a different spot on the scope is shaking, and in itself ensures greater happiness to more people, because for Mill happiness is not "lalalalala" that's of ice-cream, but elevating the senses of the imagination, of the intellect, of awareness etc, all these what he called higher sentiments. So I think Mill would have approved, meaning the Utilitarian calculus would have said yes, this is a moral act.