

# Different reform movements

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**(Based upon liberalism, humanism and rationalism)**

- ✓ **Brahmo Samaj**
- ✓ **Prarthna Samaj**
- ✓ **Arya Samaj**
- ✓ **Theosophical Society**
- ✓ **Ramakrishna Mission**
- ✓ **Satya Shodhak Samaj**
- ✓ **Reform Movement amongst the Parsis**  
under the leadership of **Dadabhai Nawroji**
- ✓ **Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and the Aligarh Movement**
- ✓ **The Nirankari Movement**

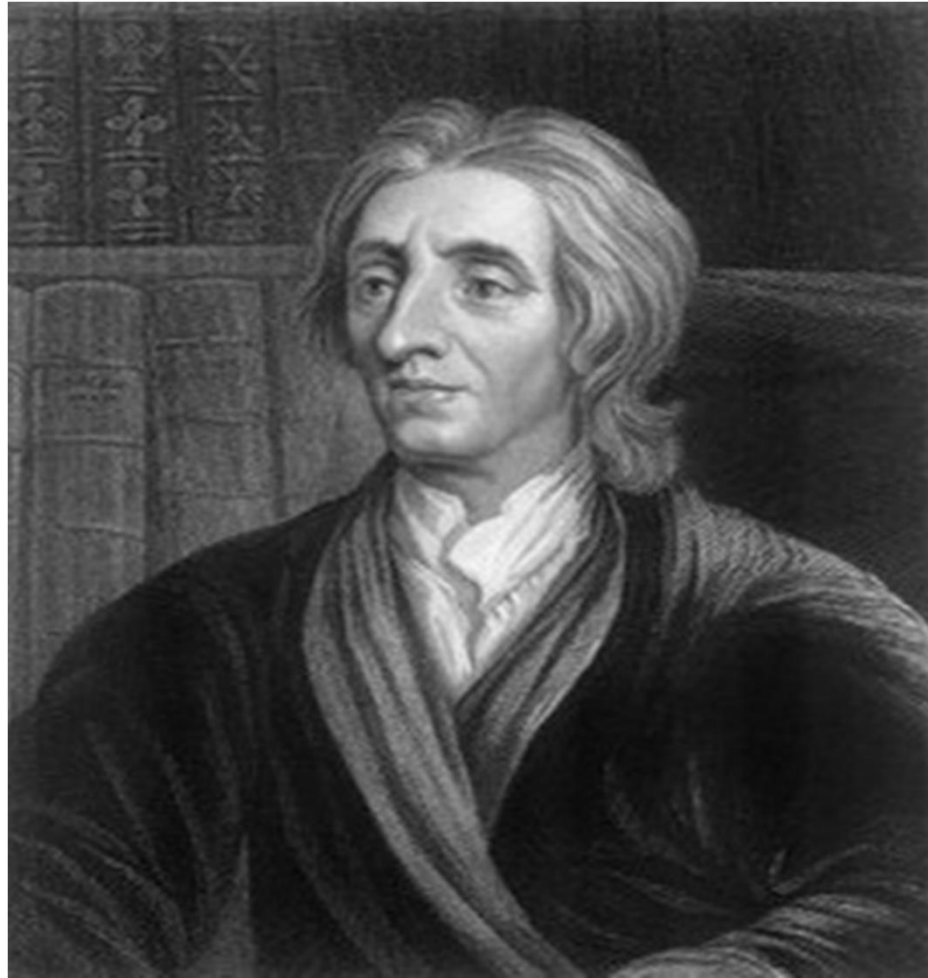
# Different Trends in Reform Movement

- Reformist
- Revivalist- They wanted to remove all that was harmful and impure but at the same time, wanted to revive and retain all that was good and pure in Hinduism and Indian culture

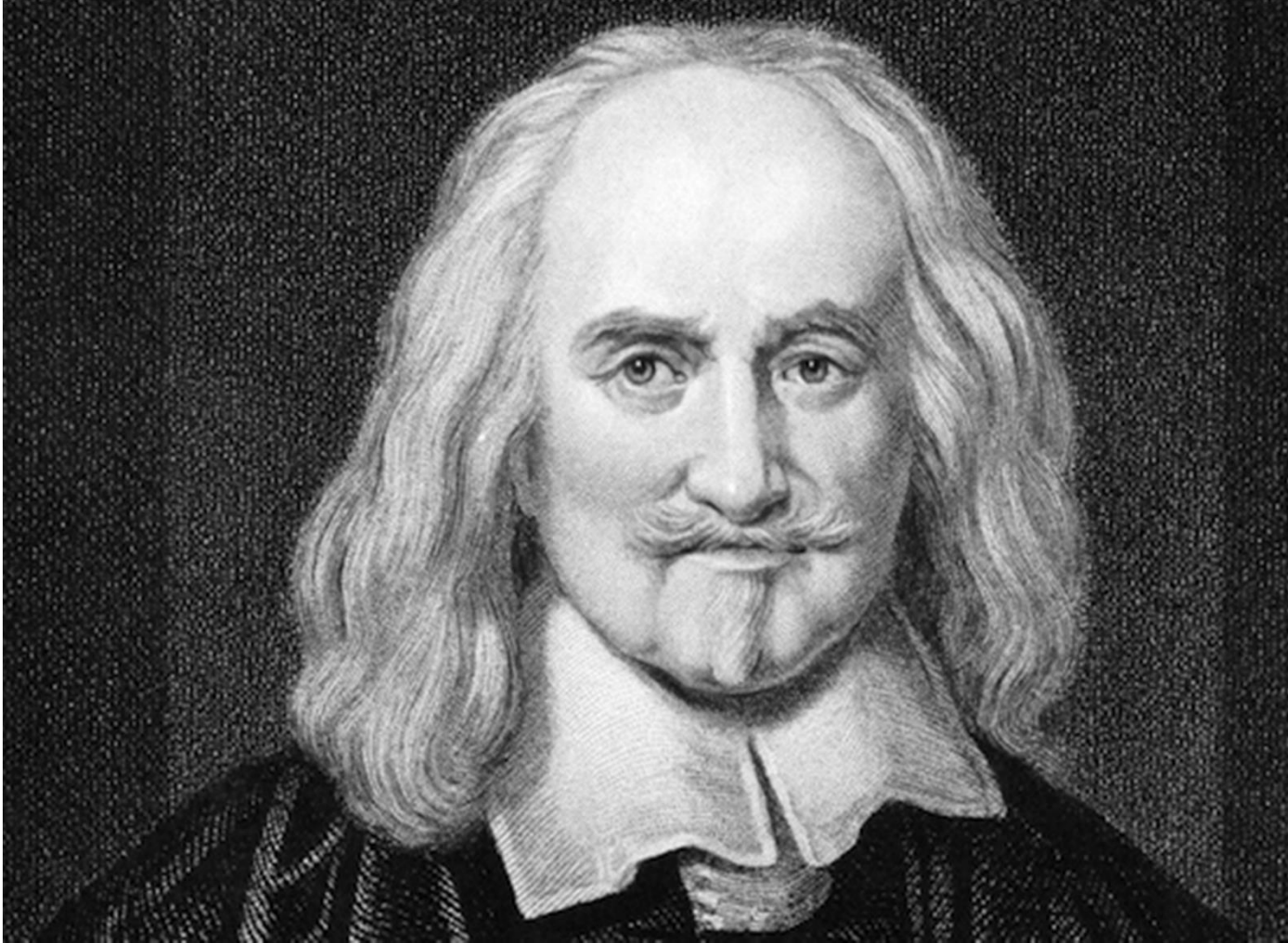
# Influence of Western Thinkers

- Burke
- Milton
- Mill
- Hume
- Adam Smith
- Bentham
- Hobbes
- Locke
- Thomas Paine
- Thomas Jefferson
- Voltaire
- Rousseau
- Leibnitz
- Spinoza
- Kant
- Hegel

# Locke



# Hobbes





# Hume

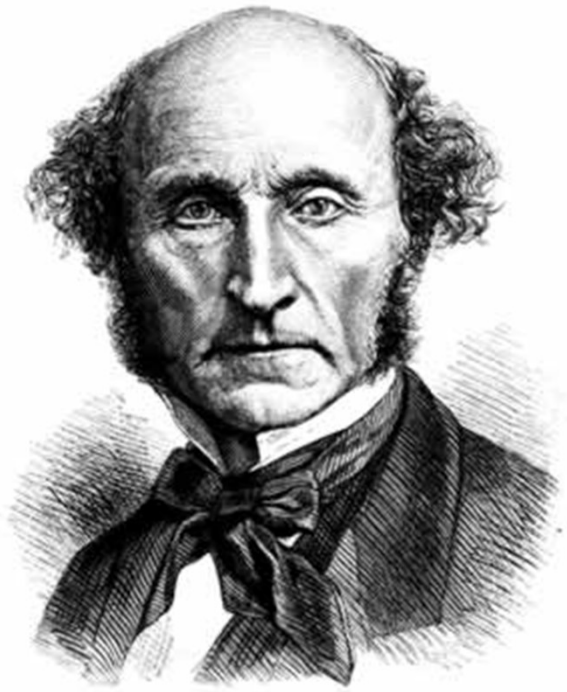


# Milton

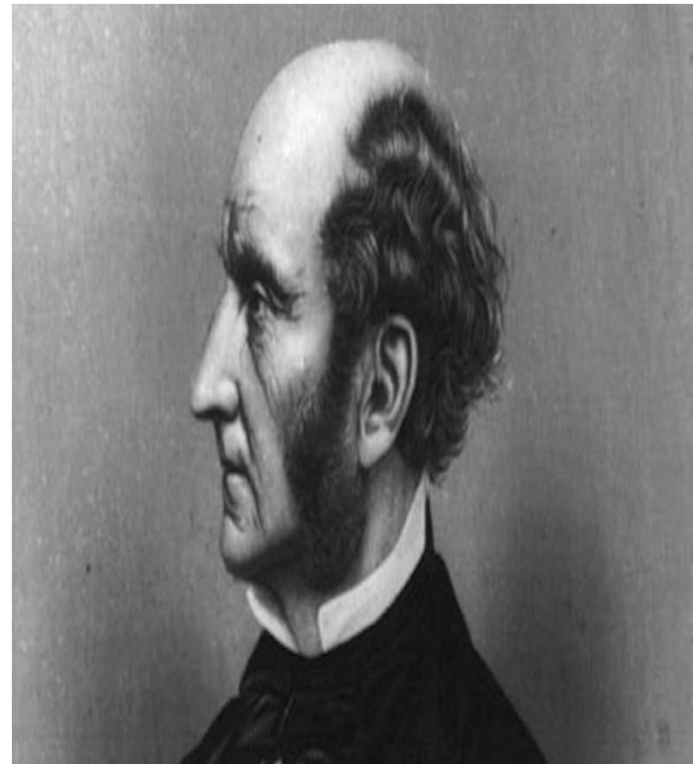




# Mill



**John Stuart**



**James**

# Burke



# Hegel

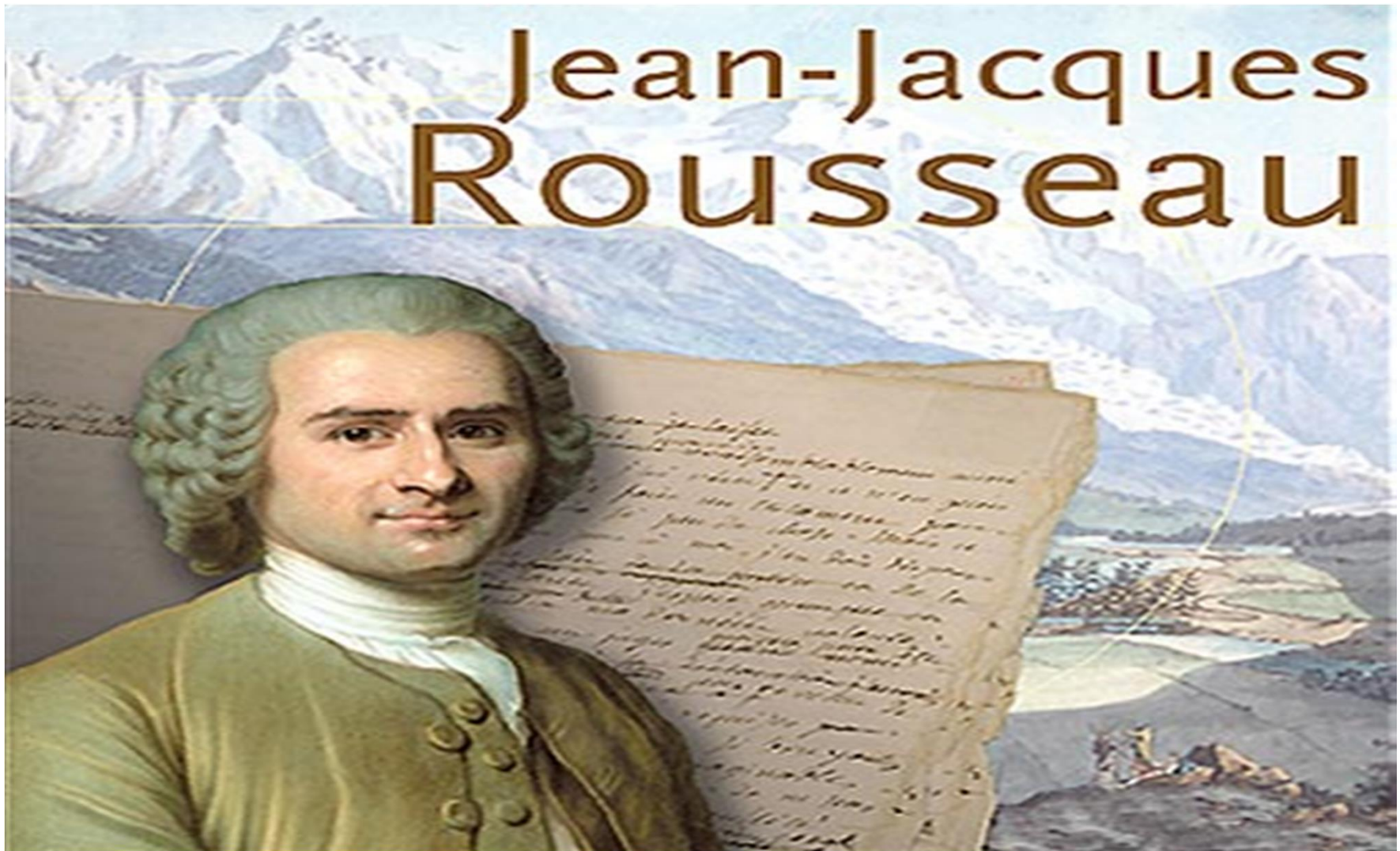


# Leibnitz





# Rousseau

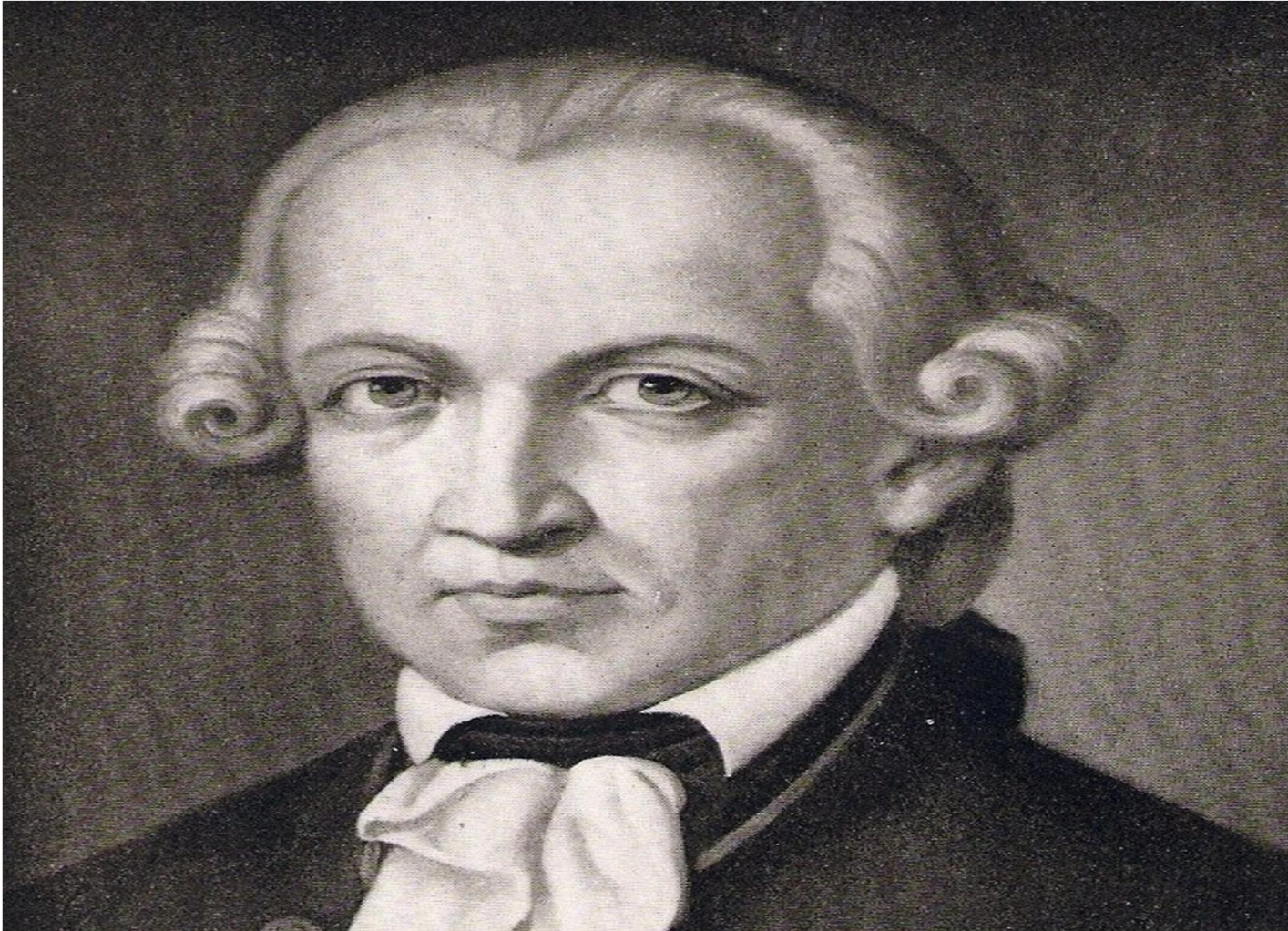


# Voltaire





# Immanuel Kant



# Thomas Paine

To argue with a person  
who has renounced the  
use of reason is like  
administering medicine  
to the dead.

• Thomas Paine

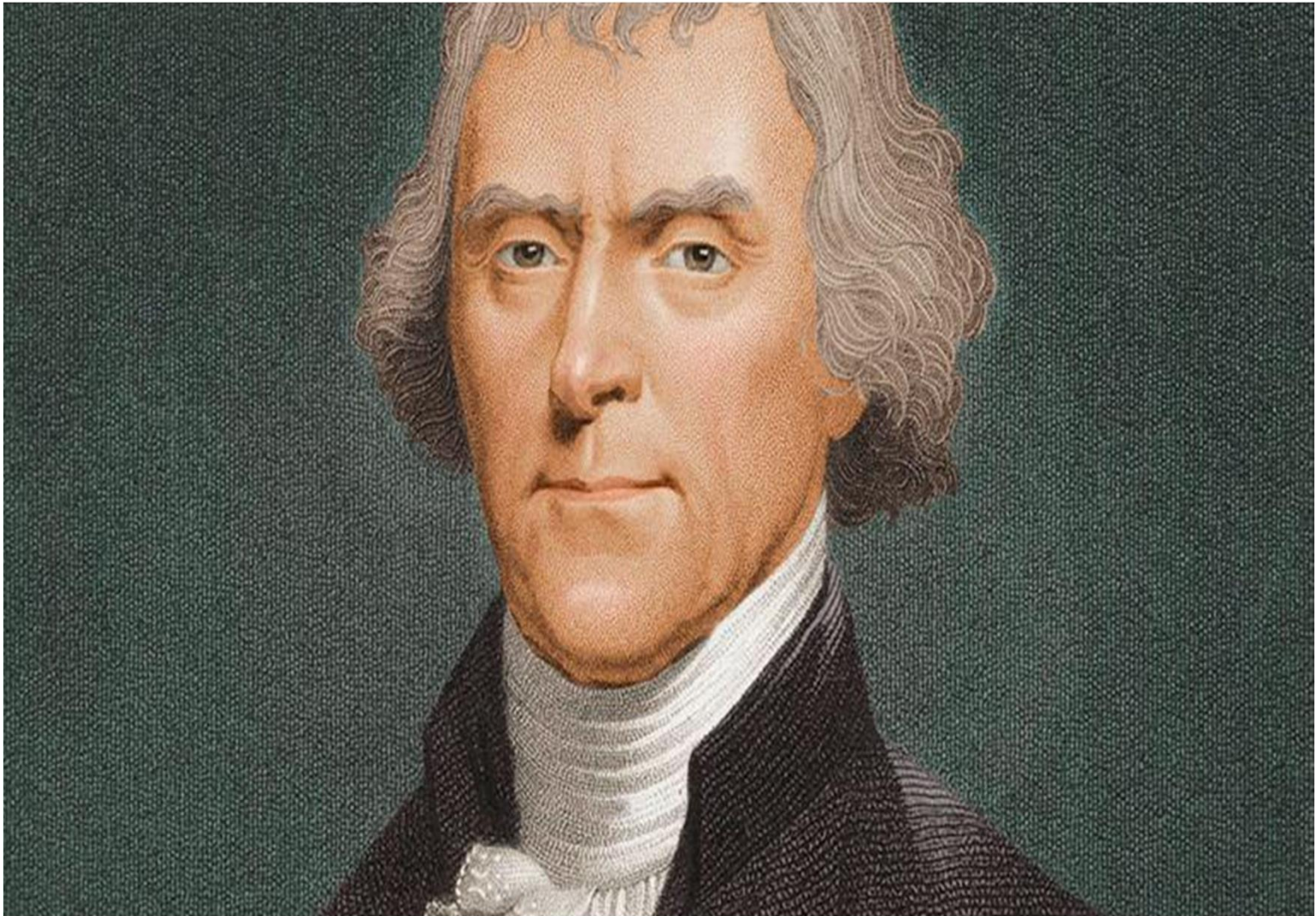




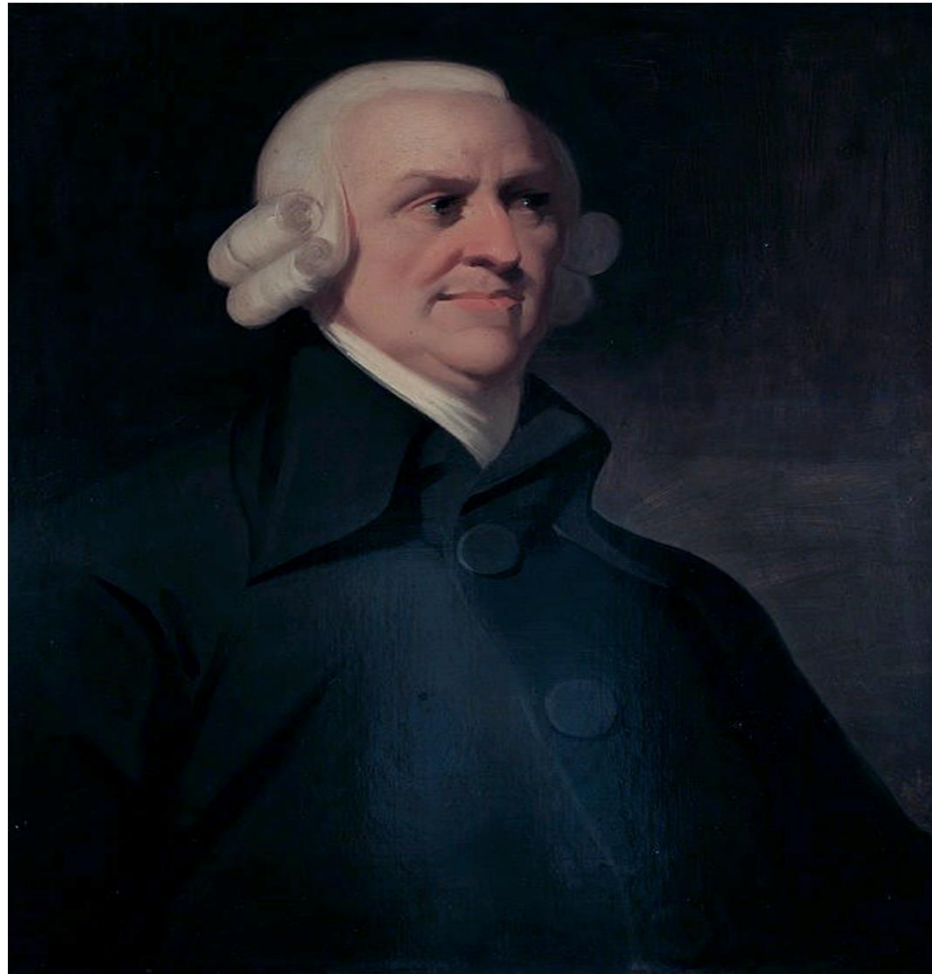
# Spinoza



# Thomas Jefferson

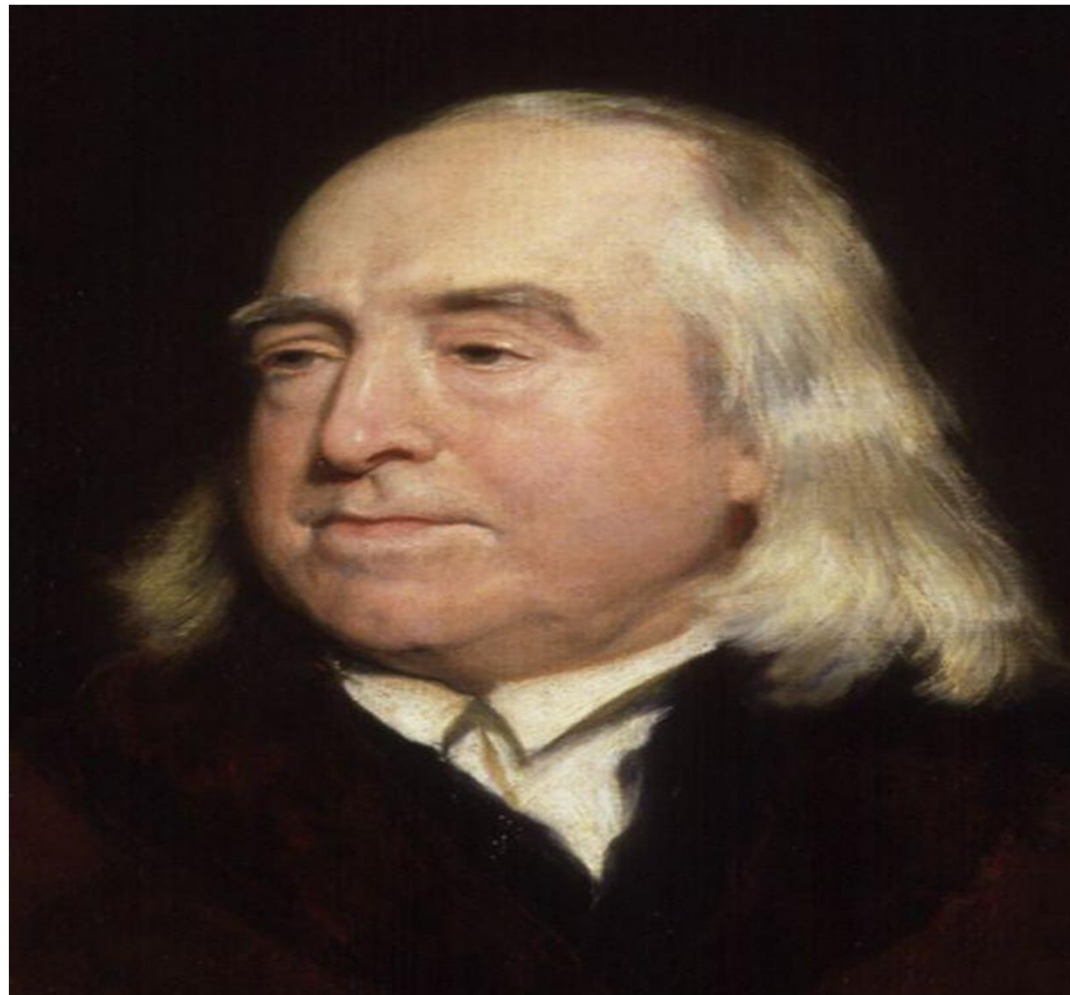


# Adam Smith





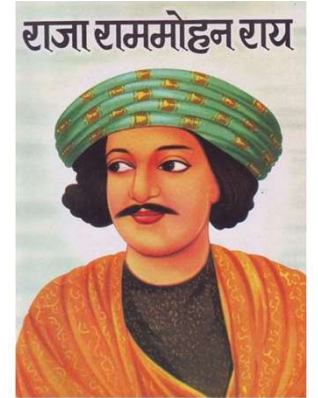
# Jeremy Bentham





# Four Fountains of Inspiration

- Some reformers- Members of Brahmo Samaj (founder Raja Ram Mohan Roy) derived their inspiration mostly from Western and Christian Ideas.
- Members of Arya Samaj took their inspiration from India's own Glorious heritage
- Members of Ramkrishna Mission tried to combine the best elements in the west with the best elements in the Indian Heritage
- Radical Group challenging Orthodoxy (work of Satya Shodhak Samaj)



# Raja Ram Mohan Roy

- At a very early age was inclined towards Monotheism
- He wrote a treatise , A Gift to Monotheists where he boldly declared that religion should not be composed of ritualism and superstition
- He was an Anglicist and wanted Company's Government to spend money on Colleges which could teach subjects like Chemistry, Mathematics and Anatomy
- In the field of Politics Ram Mohan was a liberal Democrat. He was an advocate of Free Press
- He was a Great Admirer of Jeramy Bentham

# **Pandita Ramabai 1858-1922**



**She was attracted to Christian Missionaries who treated Women and Depressed Classes with great Sympathy. In England she got converted in 1883 and then went to USA. She returned to India and formed many institutions**

- 1 Sharada Sadan – A home for Brahmin Widows**
- 2. Mukti Mission for Christian Girls**
- 3. Sadanand Sadan an Orphange for Boys**
- 4. Preeti Sadan an Orphanage for Girls and**
- 5. Shanti Sadan home for aged**

# Pandita Ramabai

- In her birth Centenary in 1959, the Harvey Rd. in Mumbai was renamed Pandita Ramabai Rd.
- Maharshi Karve declared that “ She must be classed as one of the great builders of Modern India” He also said “ her ardent desire for service to women later on drove her to the arms of Christianity, because of unparallel opposition of Hindu Orthodoxy. It was our own fault that this great women like late Dr B R Ambedkar was lost to the Hindu Religion.”