Content Outline

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Project Title: David Hume

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Hume

Homepage

- Brief intro
- Portrait (image) and basic biographical information
- Overview of Hume's influence on philosophy and other fields
- Navigation links to other pages

Page 1: Biography

- Early life and education
- Career
- Later life and legacy

Page 2: Philosophical themes

- Empiricism and skepticism
 - Rejection of innate ideas
 - The basis of knowledge: impressions and ideas
- Problem of induction and causation
 - "Constant conjunction"
 - o Matters of fact vs. relations of ideas
- Philosophy of mind and self
 - Bundle theory of personal identity
 - o Impressions, perceptions, and the illusion of self

Page 3: Ethics and morality

- Sentimentalism
 - Passions vs. reason in moral decision-making
 - Ethics grounded in emotion rather than reason
- The "Is-Ought" problem
 - Explanation and significance of Hume's Law
 - Implications for moral philosophy and ethics
- Influence on later ethical thought

o Impact on utilitarianism and modern ethical theory

Page 4: Philosophy of religion

- Critique of miracles
 - Definition of miracles and Hume's argument against them
 - o Influence on religious skepticism
- Argument from design
 - Hume's critical approach in "Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion"
 - o Impact on discussions around the existence of God
- Religious views and controversies
 - Overview of debates on Hume's religious beliefs (atheism, agnosticism, skepticism)

Page 5: Political and economic thought

- Political Philosophy
- Economic Ideas
- Legacy in Political Thought

Page 6: Major works and texts

- "A Treatise of Human Nature"
- "An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding"
- "An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals"
- "The History of England"