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The Book of the Bee - Index

It consists of the satirical poem *The Grumbling Hive: or, Knaves turn'd Honest* which was first published anonymously in 1705; a prose discussion of the poem, called "Remarks"; and an essay, *An Enquiry into the The Book of Bees! of Moral Virtue*. In a second edition was published with two new essays. In *The Grumbling Hive* Mandeville describes a bee community that thrives until the bees decide to live by honesty and virtue.

As they abandon their desire for personal gain, the *The Book of Bees!* of their hive collapses, and they go on to live simple, "virtuous" lives in a hollow tree. Mandeville's implication—that private vices create social benefits—caused a scandal when public attention turned to the work,

especially after its edition. Mandeville's social theory and the thesis of the book, according to E.

Hundert, is that "contemporary society is an aggregation of self-interested individuals necessarily bound to one another neither by their shared civic commitments nor their moral rectitude, but, paradoxically, by the tenuous bonds of envy, competition and exploitation". He observed that those preaching against vice had no qualms about benefiting from it in the form of their society's overall wealth, which Mandeville saw as the cumulative result of individual vices such as luxury, gambling, and crime.

crime, which benefited lawyers and the justice system. Mandeville's challenge to the popular idea of virtue—in which only unselfish Christian behaviour was virtuous—caused a controversy that lasted through the eighteenth century and influenced thinkers in moral philosophy and economics.

The Fable influenced ideas about the division of labour and the free market laissez-faire and the philosophy of utilitarianism was advanced as Mandeville's critics, in defending their views of virtue, also altered them.

The genesis of The Fable of the Bees was Mandeville's anonymous publication of the poem *The Grumbling Hive: or, Knaves Turn'd Honest* in 1705 as a sixpenny quarto which was also pirated at a half-penny. This edition attracted the most interest and notoriety. Beginning with the edition Mandeville included a "Vindication", first published in the *London Journal* as a response to his critics.

During this period, Mandeville worked on a "Part II", which consisted of six dialogues and was published in 1709 as *The Fable of the Bees. Part II. By the Author of the First*.

A French translation was published in 1711. The translation, by the Swiss J. Bertrand, was not particularly faithful to the original; according to Kaye, it was "a free one, in which the Rabelaisian element in Mandeville was toned down".

They had also followed the Fable's scandal in England. The book was especially popular in France between 1705 and Kaye's edition, based on his Yale dissertation and published by Oxford University's Clarendon Press included extensive commentary and textual criticism. It renewed interest in the Fable whose popularity had faded through the 19th century. Kaye's edition, a "model of what a fully annotated edition ought to be" [8] and still important to Mandeville studies, [9] was reprinted in by the American Liberty Fund.

The Grumbling Hive: or, Knaves turn'd Honest is in doggerel couplets of eight syllables over lines. It was a commentary on contemporary English society as Mandeville saw it. The "hive" is corrupt but prosperous, yet it grumbles about lack of virtue.

A higher power decides to give them what they ask for: He criticised charity schools which were designed to educate the poor and, in doing so, instil virtue in them.

Mandeville disagreed with the idea that education encourages virtue because he did not believe that evil desires existed only in the poor; rather he saw the educated and wealthy as much more crafty. Mandeville believed that educating the poor increased their desires for material things, defeating the purpose of the school and making it more difficult to provide for them.

At the time, the book was considered scandalous, being understood as an attack on Christian virtues. The edition gained a notoriety that previous editions had not, and caused debate among men of letters throughout the eighteenth century.

The popularity of the second edition in particular has been attributed to the collapse of the South Sea Bubble in 1720.

few years earlier. For those investors who had lost money in the collapse and related fraud, Mandeville's pronouncements about private vice leading to public benefit would have been infuriating. The book was vigorously combatted by, among others, the philosopher George Berkeley and the priest William Law. Berkeley attacked it in the second dialogue of his *Alciphron*. The edition was presented as a nuisance by the Grand Jury of Middlesex who proclaimed that the purpose of the Fable was to "run down Religion and Virtue as prejudicial to Society, and detrimental to the State; and to recommend Luxury, Avarice, Pride, and all vices, as being necessary to Public Welfare and not tending to the Destruction of the Constitution".

Other writers attacked the Fable notably Archibald Campbell — in his *Aretologia*. Hutcheson argued that pleasure consisted in "affection to fellow men, and not the hedonistic pursuit of bodily pleasures.

He also disagreed with Mandeville's notion of luxury which he believed depended on too austere a notion of virtue. Johnson who declared that it did not puzzle him, but 'opened his eyes into real life very much'. The Fable reached Denmark by where a major Scandinavian writer of the period, Ludvig Holberg — offered a new critique of the Fable — one that did not centre on "ethical considerations".

Christian dogma". Such is the general condition in all the so-called flourishing cities which are reputed to be the crown jewels of the earth. The people of Sparta were said to have rigorous, immaterialistic ideals, and Holberg wrote that Sparta was the Fable because of this system of virtue: "She was free from internal unrest because there was no material wealth to give rise to quarrels.

She was respected and honored for her impartiality and justice. She achieved dominion over the other Greeks simply because she rejected dominion. Mandeville sensed very well that even with all their morality men would never have been anything but monsters if nature had not given them pity in support of reason; but he did not see that from this quality alone flow all the social virtues he wants to question in men. In fact, what are generosity, clemency, humanity, if not pity applied to the weak, to the guilty, to the human species in general?

In the 19th century, Leslie Stephen writing for the *Dictionary of National Biography* reported that "Mandeville gave great offense with this book, in which a cynical system of morality was made attractive by ingenious paradoxes. His doctrine that prosperity was increased by

expenditure rather than by saving fell in with many current economic fallacies not yet extinct.

As a satire the poem and commentary point out the hypocrisy of men who promulgate ideas about virtue while their private acts are vices. Kaye suggests that two related concepts of vice are at play in Mandeville's formulation. Christianity taught that a virtuous act was unselfish, and the philosophy of Deism suggested that the use of reason was virtuous because it would naturally reveal theological truth.

Mandeville looked for acts of public virtue and could not find them, yet observed that some actions which must then be vices led to beneficial outcomes in society, such as a prosperous state. This was Mandeville's paradox, as embedded in the book's subtitle: "Private Vices, Publick Benefits". Mandeville was interested in human nature, and his conclusions about it were extreme and scandalous to 18th-century Europeans.

He saw humans and animals as fundamentally the same: in a state of nature, both behave according to their passions or basic desires.

Man was different, though, in that he could learn to see himself through others' eyes, and thus modify his behaviour if there were a social reward for doing so. In this light Mandeville wrote of the method by which the selfish instincts of "savage man" had been subdued by the political organization of society. It was in the interest of those who had selfish motives, he argued, to preach virtuous behavior to others: "It being the Interest then of the very worst of them, more than any, to preach up Publick-spiritedness, that they might reap the Fruits of the Labour and Self-denial of others, and at the same time indulge their own Appetites with less disturbance, they agreed The Book of Bees!

the rest, to call every thing, which, without Regard to the Publick, Man should commit to gratify any of his Appetites, VICE; if in that Action there could be observed the least prospect, that it might either be injurious to any of the Society, or ever render himself less serviceable to others: And to give the Name of VIRTUE to every Performance, by which Man, contrary to the impulse of Nature, should endeavour the Benefit of others, or the Conquest of his own Passions out of a Rational Ambition of being good.

To critics it appeared that Mandeville was promoting vice, but this was not his intention. Less attention has been paid to the literary qualities of Mandeville's book than to his argument. Kaye called the book "possessed of such extraordinary literary merit" [28] but focused his commentary on its implications for moral philosophy, economics, and utilitarianism. Harry L. Jones wrote in that the Fable "is a work having little or no merit as literature; it is a doggerel, pure and simple, and it deserves no The Book of Bees!

of those aspects of form by which art can be classified as art". Mandeville is today generally regarded as a serious economist and philosopher. His ideas about the division of labor draw on those of William Petty and are similar to those of Adam Smith. No number of Men, when once they enjoy Quiet, and no Man needs to fear his Neighbour, will be long without learning to divide and subdivide their Labour The truth of what you say is in nothing so conspicuous, as it is in Watch-making, which is come to a higher degree of Perfection, than it would have been arrived at yet, if the whole had always remain'd the Employment of one Person; and I am persuaded, The Book of Bees!

even the The Book of Bees! we have of Clocks and Watches, as well as the Exactness and Beauty they may be made of, are chiefly owing to the Division that has been made of that Art into many Branches.

The poem suggests many key principles of economic thought, including division of labor and the "invisible hand", seventy years before these concepts were more thoroughly elucidated by Adam Smith. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Retrieved 15 January Penguin Classics. The Oxford Handbook of British Poetry, Oxford University Press. Ideas in context. Cambridge University Press.

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Piotr Socha tracks the history of bees from the time of the dinosaurs to their current plight, examining along the way the role bees have played in history and in the rest of the natural world. It is fantastically illustrated in a cartoonish style that is big, bold and will appeal to all ages of reader. As well as being encyclopaedic, it is great fun - featuring recipes and a little bee The Book of Bees!, the Daily Buzz' Book Trust.

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