

Nath, Ramendra. *The Ethical Philosophy of Bertrand Russell*.  
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This book discusses Russell's characterization of philosophy, surveys some of the secondary literature, and claims that Russell provides "an outline of an objective ethics, which is, perhaps, nearly as objective as the subject matter would allow" (pp. 100–101). The latter, an important point, is not adequately developed, nor is it an original one. It is discussed earlier and more carefully by Lilian Aiken (*Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Morals* [New York: Humanities Press, 1963]). Perhaps the most serious omission is Nath's failure to recognize that disinterested sympathy coupled with benevolence is, for Russell, the key to morality. For Russell believes that strongly benevolent people generally produce more good than people who are dominated by other emotions.

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