



5 CORE BELIEFS  
OF THE  
ENLIGHTENMENT

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# 1. REASON

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❖ Truth can be discovered only by using logic and providing proof.



## 2. NATURE

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❖ That which is “natural” is inherently true, logical, and desirable.

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### 3. HAPPINESS

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❖ It is a moral duty to pursue happiness here and now and to not prevent others from achieving their own



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## 4. PROGRESS

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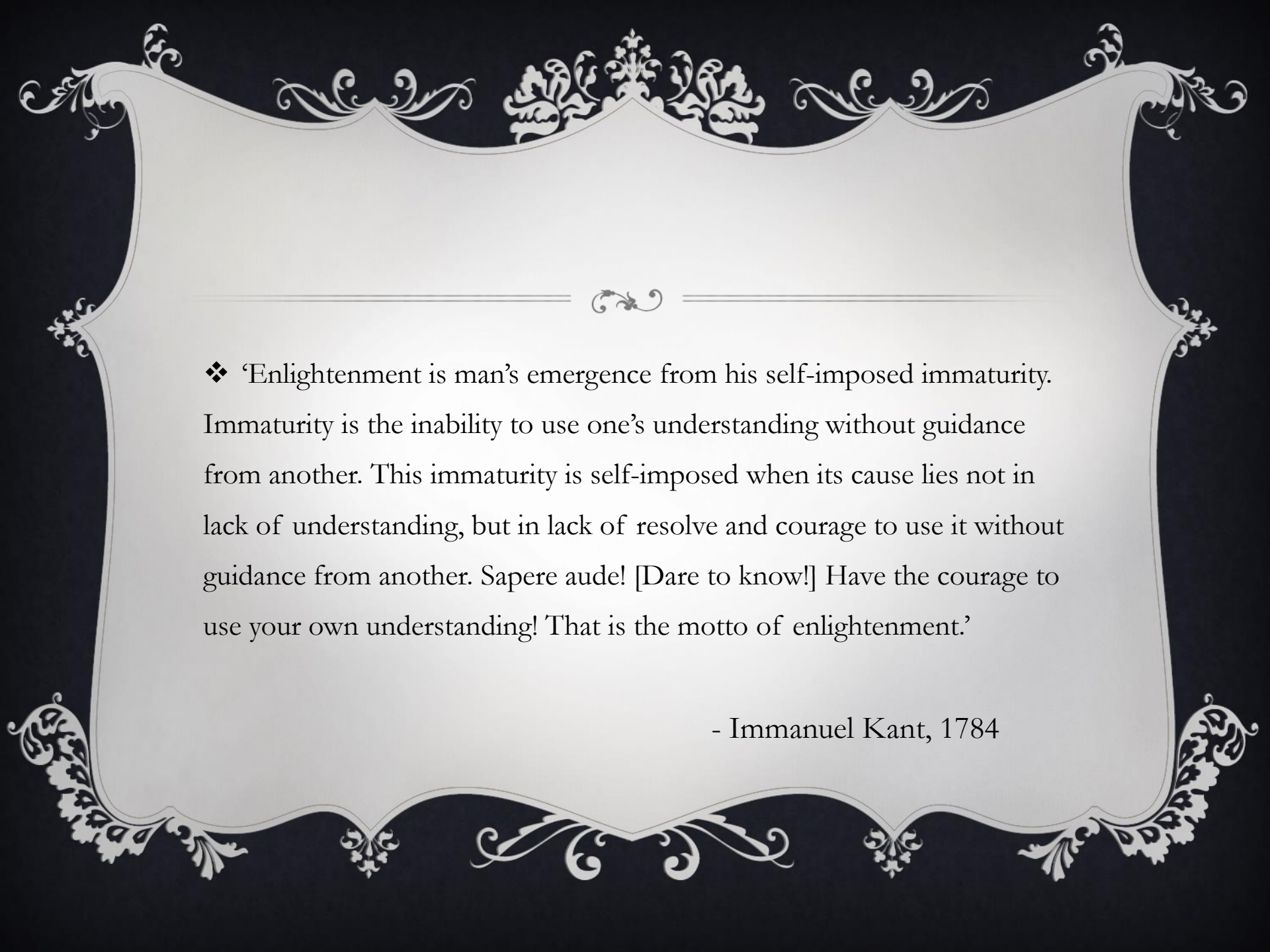
❖ It is humanity's goal to continue to improve upon itself, its civilization, and its understanding of the world.

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## 5. LIBERTY

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❖ All human beings are born free to choose how they should best live their life.



❖ ‘Enlightenment is man’s emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one’s understanding without guidance from another. This immaturity is self-imposed when its cause lies not in lack of understanding, but in lack of resolve and courage to use it without guidance from another. Sapere aude! [Dare to know!] Have the courage to use your own understanding! That is the motto of enlightenment.’

- Immanuel Kant, 1784