

What is *Enlightenment*?



Immanuel Kant

“Enlightenment is man’s emergence from self-inflicted immaturity.
...Dare to be wise!” -1784

On Isaac Newton’s Principia Mathematica (1687).

“Sir Newton *spread the light* of mathematics on a science which up to then had remained in the darkness of conjectures & hypotheses.”

-A. Clairaut, 1747

A close-up photograph of a person's face, focusing on their eyes. The person has light blue eyes and is looking upwards and to the right. The lighting is soft and warm, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the eyes. The background is dark and out of focus.

That The Eyes Of
Your Heart Would
Be *Enlightened*

-Eph 1:8

Enlightenment language also
rightly has deep religious roots.

Eyes Of Your Heart *Enlightened* -Eph 1:8

A) Paul prayed for mature conduct & **BELIEF**.

[Eph 1:15-19] Godly wisdom sharpens the mind.

Creation points to a powerful Creator **[Psm 19]**.

Those who refuse, darkened hearts. **Rom 1**

[Eph 5:3-8] *Let no one deceive you.* Be holy.

We must work to *discern God's will*. **[Eph 5:8-17]**.

While some decisions are morally clear, some are neutral, & others require brave free-thinking.

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B) How Should Christians Make Decisions:

- 1) Scriptural Test, **2 Tim 3:16**, has God clearly said Yes or No? Obey.
- 2) Secrecy Test, **Jn 3:20**, are we hiding it from others? God knows.
- 3) Survey Test, [**1 Tim 4:12**], does this set a good or bad example?
- 4) Spiritual Test, [**Gal 1:10**], is this peer-pressure or pleasing God?
- 5) Stumbling Test, [**Ro 14:21**], will this cause others to stumble?
- 6) Serenity Test, **Php 4:6-7**, has prayer delivered *peace of mind*?
- 7) Sanctification Test, [**Ro 6:17-19**] does this lead to sanctification?
- 8) Supreme Test, **1 Cor 10:31**, HOW does this glorify God?

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- *Mike Brown, discoverer of Eris*

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