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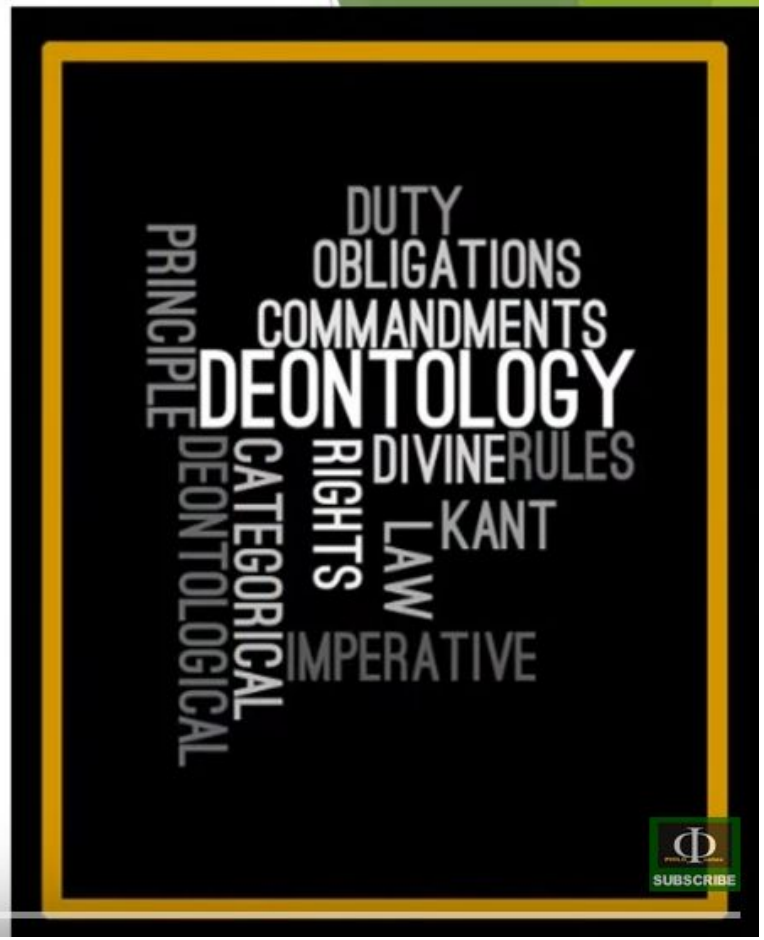
DEONTOLOGICAL ETHICS is closely associated with *Immanuel Kant's* model of ethical theory.



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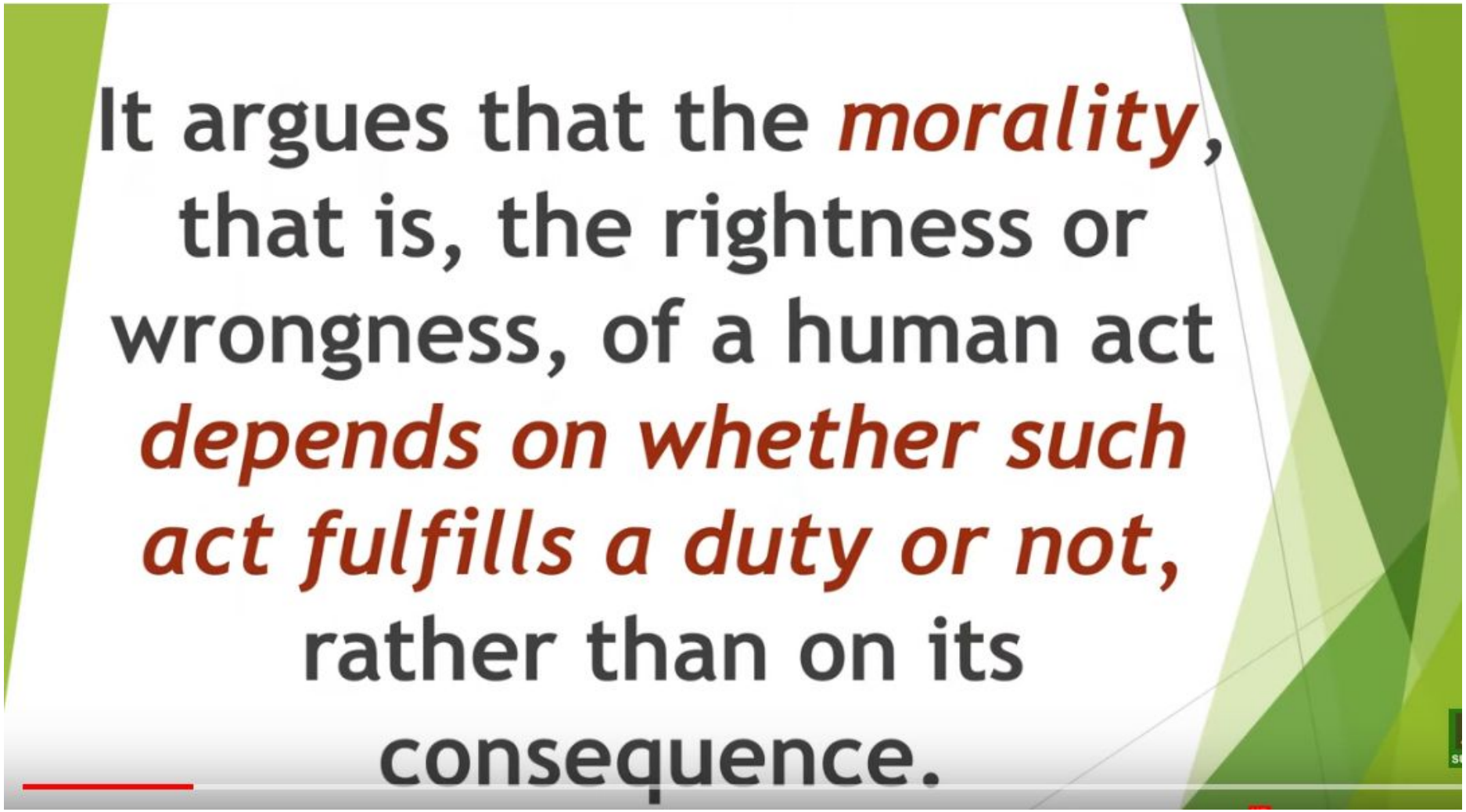

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Hence, ***deontological ethics is duty-based***.

As a matter of fact, deontology comes from the Greek word ***deon***, which means ***duty***.

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One of the basic ideas in deontological ethics is that some *actions are right or wrong in themselves, regardless of their consequences.*

For example, people have the obligation to tell the truth even if doing so might produce some unfavorable

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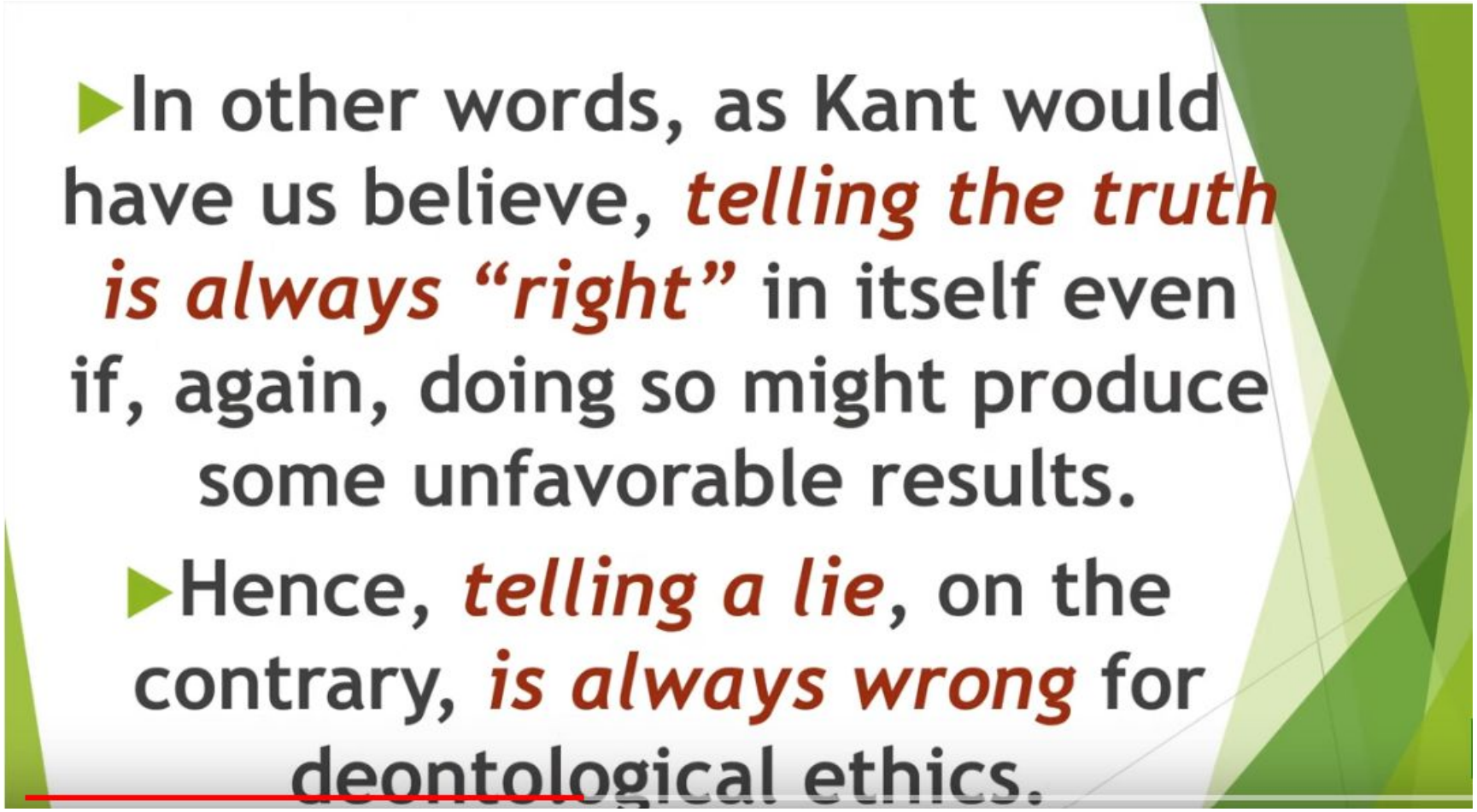

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Scenario 1:

For instance, a physician has just discovered that her patient is having a stage 4 breast cancer.

However, the physician cannot divulge the truth to her patient right away because the latter is having a cardiac condition as well.

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- *If we are to consider the consequences of the act of telling the truth to the patient, the latter may have a sudden cardiac arrest and eventually die.*

From the *consequentialist's* point of view, therefore, *it is better to tell a lie* to the patient and instead divulge the truth to the significant others to avoid sudden death on the part of the patient.

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But from the point of view of *deontological ethics*, *telling the patient about her real condition is the right thing to do* even if doing so might result in a cardiac arrest.

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In *deontological ethics*, therefore, before we make moral decisions, we have to *consider first which actions are right and wrong and proceed from there.*

Design a cancer disease detection model based on ethical theories

- Discuss the ethical points needed for designing a cancer detection model based on consequentialist's point of view
- Discuss the ethical points needed for designing a cancer detection model based on the deontologist's point of view