



## OF INNOCENCE

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### ABSTRACT:

A child when lies, loses its innocence. Also a child loses innocence when it suppresses the fact. If a grown up man is innocent then he is called childish. Conversely, if a child behaves mature then it is ill-famed as manly.

### KEYWORDS:

**INNOCENCE, HARMLESS, BLAMELESS, GUILTESS, GUILTLESS, SINLESS, SIMPLE, IGNORANT**

### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

### ARTICLE

Innocent is free from moral wrong. It is sinless. It is unacquainted with evil. It is not guilty of a crime etc. It is without. It is simple. It is guileless. It is an innocent person, especially a young child.

Innocent is not responsible for or involved in an event, yet suffering circumstantially from it e.g. innocent bystander. It is pretending to be guileless. It is totally lacking e.g. appeared, innocent of shoes.

Innocent is not hurtful. It is inoffensive. It is blameless. It is ignorant of evil. It is imbecile. It is devoid. It is not malignant or cancerous as per medical science. It is one free from fault. It is a simpleton. It is an idiot.

Innocent is free from sin, evil, or guilt. It is not legally guilty of a specific crime or offence. It is free from harmful effect or cause. It is without guile or cunning. It is artless. It is ignorant. It is a person knowing no evil or sin, as a child.

Innocent is pure e.g. innocent children. It is free from legal or specific wrong. It is guiltless. It is not involving evil intent or motive e.g. an innocent misrepresentation. It is not causing physical or moral injury. It is harmless e.g. innocent fun. It is devoid e.g. innocent of merit. It is having or appearing to have the simplicity or naiveté of an unworldly person.

Innocent is specifically doing or thinking nothing morally wrong. It is that does not harm, injure, or corrupt. It is benign e.g. an innocent tumor. It is totally lacking e.g. with of innocent of adornment. It is a very naïve or simple-minded person.

Innocent means not guilty of wrong doing e.g. be innocent of a crime/charge. It is suffering harm although not directly involved in a crime, an accident, etc. e.g. an innocent bystander; innocent victims of the bomb blast. It is not intended to harm or offend e.g. innocent amusement/enjoyment. It is having little experience of deception, wrong doing or sexual matters e.g. her innocent young niece; innocent pleasure of life; as innocent as a new-born babe; the massacre of the innocents.

Innocence is harmlessness. It is blamelessness. It is guilelessness. It is simplicity. It is specifically freedom from sin or legal guilt.

Innocence is lack of knowledge and experience of the world. For example: Children lose their innocence as they grow older.

Innocence is the state of being innocent of wrong doing. For example: She protested her innocence i.e. kept saying she was innocent.

Innocence is freedom from sin or moral wrong. It is chastity or purity. For example: She has not lost her innocence. It is freedom from legal or specific wrong. It is guiltlessness. It is simplicity. It is ingenuousness. It is lack

of knowledge or understanding. It is naiveté. It is innocuousness. It is an innocent person or thing.

Innocence is the quality or state of being innocent. It is freedom from guile or cunning. It is lack of sophistication. It is ignorance. Archaeologically it is an innocent person.

Innocency is the quality of being innocent.

Innocent is a person involved by chance in a situation, especially a victim of crime or war.

Innocent is a masculine name, adopted chiefly by several popes.

Innocents' or Holy Innocents' Day is the day, 28th December, commemorating the massacre of the innocents. Innocents' Day is childermas. It is a festival on 28th December to commemorate the slaying of the children by Herod. It is the young children killed by Herod the Great after the birth of Jesus.

Do something in all innocence means without knowing it to be wrong or likely to offend.

Sinless, virtuous, faultless, impeccable, spotless, immaculate are synonyms of innocence.

Innocent, blameless, guiltless imply freedom from the responsibility of having done wrong.

Innocent may imply having done no wrong at any time, and having not even a knowledge of evil e.g. an innocent victim.

Blameless denotes freedom from blame, especially moral blame e.g. a blameless life.

Guiltless denotes freedom from guilt or responsibility for wrongdoing, usually in a particular instance e.g. guiltless of a crime.

Naïve, unsophisticated, artless, guileless are synonyms of innocence.

Guilty is antonym of innocence.

Innocence appears in many ways to highlight its experiences.

They have imprisoned an innocent man It was a perfectly innocent question. Don't be so innocent as to believe everything the politicians tell you. 'Is Jenny your daughter?' she asked innocently. He was innocent of the charge brought against him. Don't be so innocent as to be taken in by your scheming neighbor.

Innocence is an attribute man gets by birth. It is just like the attribute contained by any computer by default. Computer is not rational. As such computer cannot change its attribute that it owns. Human being is rational. So man can change its attribute. Someone changes innocence and becomes guilty. Someone does not change it and remains innocent. Not everyone can be the owner of such rare power. It is really an art. All is not artist. All cannot be artist. All are not destined to be artist. Very few fortunate people can acquire it. More few can hold it for long. It is really difficult task. This explains why we encounter so few people with true innocence.

A child when begins to lie, loses its innocence gradually. Later on when that vary child loses its innocence completely when it becomes to suppress the evils thus committed successfully. If a grown up man is innocent then he is called childish. Conversely, if a child behaves mature then it is ill-famed as manly. Both the traits are not normal and rare as well.

Honest and dull-headed persons behave innocently. Intelligent person may or may not be honest. Wise person is always honest. In fact where intelligence ends wisdom begins. Honest person saves himself from allurements of dishonesty through prudence. A fool cannot do crime due lack in knowledge. Further, a fool cannot save itself from any wrong or crime thus committed due to callousness which is a curse.

Guilty mind always suffers from suspicion. Suspicion drives mental peace. Sin converts an innocent heart into a guilty mind. A guilty soul commits sin repeatedly. He becomes a habitual offender. Thus a guilty soul loses innocence.

A diverted person may or may not regain his previous status again. It depends on his personality pattern. It is more depended upon his stamina. Also it depends on the degree of crime or wrong thus committed. If the crime is much the chance of rectification becomes remote.

The poets compare innocence with flower. Innocent eyes, innocent faces are compared with the beauty of flower moistened with holy dew drops that enchant a romantic heart.

Ignorance is a blessing. Ignorant person is blessed with innocence. Knowledge saves someone from danger. Also knowledgeable person suffers from various imaginary cares and anxieties. Innocent person is free from such disturbed thoughts. Thus he is happy. Also innocent person is cheated. It has both merit and demerit. A pious soul contends that an innocent soul is deceived by a guilty soul who is again deceived by the Almighty god.

Innocence is a great virtue. Only a blessed soul possesses this quality. It is difficult to be innocent. It is more than difficult to hold it for long. Common people lose innocence due to greed that leads to ruin.

An innocent person trots in another world. He is as if free from this mundane existence. Intention of innocent person is good. If intention becomes bad then the person is no longer innocent. This attribute is divine in nature. A blessed soul possesses and holds this divinity. With this divine light the pious soul achieves greatness that paves the way to attain immortality.

## CONCLUSION

Dew drops disappear with the rise of sun. Similar is the case of innocence. As child grows older innocence leaves the child gradually. Childhood is free from cares and anxieties. As such a child can hold innocence without any effort. The grown up man becomes involved with other mundane affairs those provoke him to be greedy. Greed allures him to earn more through mischievous deeds. Very

few persons can overcome this allurements. For instant gain he adopts dishonest means. He commits unethical deeds for constant gain which he cannot avoid or next to impossible to conquer. All these are against innocence. As such bondage with innocence becomes lesser with the passage of time. In course of time the man discovers that he is no more innocent. He laments for the loss. He tries in vain to be innocent again. This is hard reality. Short cut gain cuts short his life. This is the tragedy. As such innocence is so nostalgic.

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No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing