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BLACK & WHITE: A VISUAL DIALOGUE

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White: purity, virginity, innocence, light, goodness, heaven, safety, brilliance, illumination, understanding, cleanliness, faith, beginnings, sterility, spirituality, possibility, humility, sincerity, protection, softness, and perfection.

The color white can represent a successful beginning.

In heraldry, white depicts faith and purity. As the opposite of black, movies, books, print media and television typically depict the good guy in white and the bad guy in black.

The color of snow, white is often used to represent coolness and simplicity.

White's association with cleanliness and sterility is often seen in hospitals, medical centers, and laboratories to communicate safety.

The color white is also associated with low-fat foods and dairy products.

To the human eye, white is a bright and brilliant color that can cause headaches. In cases of extremely bright light, the color white can even be blinding.

Throughout the western countries, white is the traditional color worn by brides, to signify purity, innocence, and virginity.

In eastern countries, the color white is the color of mourning and funerals.

In certain cultures, white is the color of royalty or of religious figures, as angels are typically depicted as wearing white or having a white glow.

A white picket fence surrounds a safe and happy home.

The color white affects the mind and body by aiding in mental clarity, promoting feelings of fresh beginnings and renewal, assisting in cleansing, clearing obstacles and clutter, and encouraging the purification of thoughts and actions.

White gemstones are believed to help create new beginnings, remove prejudice and pre-conceived notions, to see the innocence in others, and to clear emotional clutter and silence the inner critic.

white as snow, whiteout, white flag, white elephant, pearly whites, whitewash, white list, white sale, white knight, white lightning, white knuckle

White: snow, pearl, antique white, ivory, chalk, milk white, lily, smoke, seashell, old lace, cream, linen, ghost white, beige, cornsilk, alabaster, paper, whitewash.

Black: power, fear, mystery, strength, authority, elegance, formality, death, evil, and aggression, authority, rebellion, and sophistication.

Black is a mysterious color that is typically associated with the unknown or the negative. The color black represents strength, seriousness, power, and authority.

Black is a formal, elegant, and prestigious color. Authoritative and powerful, the color black can evoke strong emotions and too much black can be overwhelming.

In heraldry, black is the symbol of grief. The color black can be serious, professional, and conventional, but black can also represent the mysterious, sexy, and sophisticated.

Black is a visually slimming color for clothing and like other dark colors, in interior design, black can make a room appear to shrink in size.

The color black affects the mind and body by helping to create an inconspicuous feeling, boosting confidence in appearance, increasing the sense of potential and possibility, or producing feelings of emptiness, gloom, or sadness.

In western countries, black is the color of mourning, death, and sadness.

Black often represents the emotions and actions of rebellion in teenagers and youth.

The color black can represent both the positive and the negative.

As the opposite of white, movies, books, print media and television typically depict the good guy in white and the bad guy in black. In more recent times, the good guy is shown in black to create mystery around the character's identity.

black tie, pitch black, black-hearted, black belt, blackwash, in the black, black box, black eye, black sheep, men in black, blacklist, blackguard, blackout, black market

Black: ebony, jet, ink, lampblack, coal, soot, charcoal, raven, midnight, obsidian, onyx, sable.