

# Download Power And Innocence A Search For The Sources Of Violence

The extraordinary thing about Rollo May's *Power and Innocence: A Search for the Sources of Violence* (1972) is that it has as much to say about Columbine, Virginia Tech, the Oklahoma Federal Building, Iraq, Afghanistan, Martin and Zimmerman, Snowden, and Syria as it does Charles Fairweather, Vietnam, Kent State, Frantz Fanon, and Daniel Ellsberg. *Power & Innocence A Search for the Sources of Violence* by Rollo May available in Trade Paperback on Powells.com, also read synopsis and reviews. Stressing the positive, creative aspects of power and innocence, Rollo May offers a way of thinking...From these basic concepts he suggests a new ethic that sees power as the basis for both human goodness and evil. Dr. May discusses five levels of power's potential in each of us: the infant's power to be; self-affirmation, the ability to survive with self-esteem; self-assertion, which develops when self-affirmation is blocked; aggression, a reaction to thwarted assertion; and, finally, violence, when reason and persuasion are ineffective. Pseudo innocence is also a failure to acknowledge the reality of one's own 'power', a failure that leads to impotence. May conceives of violence as a unifying and organizing principle. He quotes Sartre: 'Violence creates the self. It is an organizing of one's powers ... to establish the worth of the self'.