

Suavity - General Discussion

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SUAVITY

Meaning & use

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1.a.c1450-1661 Sweetness or agreeableness to the senses; esp. sweetness (of taste), fragrance (of odour). Obsolete.

1.b.1614-1821 † Sweetness (of sound, harmony, expression).

2.a.1594- Pleasurableness, agreeableness; plural delights, amenities. Now only as coloured by sense 4.

2.b.a1617-80 † A state of sweet calm in the soul when specially favoured by God; plural feelings of spiritual sweetness or delight. Obsolete.

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3.1508-1649 † Graciousness; sweetness of manner or treatment. Obsolete.

4.a.1815- The quality or condition of being suave in manner or outward behaviour; bland agreeableness or urbanity.

4.b.1852- plural. Suave actions.

1852Cajoled by the attentions of an electioneering politician with more ease than Aunt Chloe was won over by Master Sam's suavities.

H. B. Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin (U.K. edition) viiiCitation details for H. B. Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin