

## THE DESIGN OF BENEVOLENCE IN *PERICLES*

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The article focuses on the plight of the central character, Pericles, who discovers the guilt of a cruel king and his daughter. Instead of exposing the guilt to the world, he hides out of fear. In order to save himself from the tyrant king, he flees the place but he is followed by the incestuous king, who wants to cover his sin by murdering him. The hero goes through many trials and tribulation. He loses his wife, daughter, and dukedom. He then makes sincere repentance to God. His sincere repentance follows the design of divine benevolence. The tyrant king and his daughter are destroyed. World order is restored.*

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