

# Alfred Stieglitz

## Quotes

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Wherever there is light, one can photograph.

~Alfred Stieglitz

In photography there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than reality.

~Alfred Stieglitz

A woman artist could be one of those intuitive geniuses [who] have kept their childlike spirit and have added to it breadth of vision and experience.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Photography my passion, the search for truth, my obsession.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Utopia is in the moment. Not in some future time, some other place, but in the here and now, or else it is nowhere.

~Alfred Stieglitz

All art, like all love, is rooted in heartache.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Photographers must learn not to be ashamed to have their photographs look like photographs.

~Alfred Stieglitz

My cloud photographs are equivalent of my most profound life experiences, my basic philosophy of life. All art is an equivalent of the artist's most profound life experiences.

~Alfred Stieglitz

If you place the imperfect next to the perfect, people will see the difference between the one and the other. But if you offer the imperfect alone, people are only too apt to be satisfied by it.

~Alfred Stieglitz

The arts equally have distinct departments, and unless photography has its own possibilities of expression, separate from those of the other arts, it is merely a process, not an art.

~Alfred Stieglitz

I have a vision of life, and I try to find equivalents for it in the form of photographs.

~Alfred Stieglitz

I do not object to retouching, dodging or accentuation as long as they do not interfere with the natural qualities of photographic technique.

~Alfred Stieglitz

The ability to make a truly artistic photograph is not acquired off-hand, but is the result of an artistic instinct coupled with years of labor.

~Alfred Stieglitz

The goal of art was the vital expression of self.

~Alfred Stieglitz

For that is the power of the camera: seize the familiar and give it new meanings, a special significance by the mark of a personality.

~Alfred Stieglitz

To demand the portrait that will be a complete portrait of a person is as futile as to demand that a motion picture be condensed into a single still.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Everything is relative except relatives, and they are absolute.

~Alfred Stieglitz

It is not art in the professionalized sense about which I care, but that which is created sacredly, as a result of a deep inner experience, with all of oneself, and that becomes 'art' in time.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Snow. White, white, white, soft and clean, and maddening shapes, with the whole world in them.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Beautiful dreams - if the world were more beautiful they would come true - But the world is relentless & cruel - people are - they must be, I suppose, or they could not live.

~Alfred Stieglitz

When I make a picture, I make love.

~Alfred Stieglitz

There is nothing so wrong as accepting a thing merely because men who have done things say it should be so.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Technically perfect, pictorially rotten. (Stieglitz's standard comment on photographs he rejected for publication in *The American Amateur Photographer*.)

~Alfred Stieglitz

Photography is my passion.

~Alfred Stieglitz

The fight for photography became my life.

~Alfred Stieglitz

I am not a painter, nor an artist. Therefore I can see straight, and that may be my undoing.

~Alfred Stieglitz

If you can imagine photography in the guise of a woman and you'd ask her what she thought of Stieglitz, she'd say: He always treated me like a gentleman.

~Alfred Stieglitz

The camera was waiting for me by predestination and I took to it as a musician takes to the piano or a painter to canvas. I found that I was master of the elements, that I could work miracles.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Photography as a fad is well-nigh on its last legs, thanks principally to the bicycle craze.

~Alfred Stieglitz

A work is not art until enough noise has been made about it and someone rich comes along and buys it.

~Alfred Stieglitz

All I want is to preserve that wonderful something which so purely exists between us.

~Alfred Stieglitz

Several people feel I have photographed God. May be.

~Alfred Stieglitz

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