

Ansel Adams Quotes

*Photography, Art, Photographer, Cameras, Men, Quality, Expression, Nature,
World, Believe, Thinking, Beautiful, Eye, Reality, Light, Spiritual, Artist,
Negative, Creative, Important*

You don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved.

~Ansel Adams

It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment.

~Ansel Adams

I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful - an endless prospect of magic and wonder.

~Ansel Adams

Landscape photography is the supreme test of the photographer - and often the supreme disappointment.

~Ansel Adams

Yosemite Valley, to me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space.

~Ansel Adams

Not everybody trusts paintings but people believe photographs.

~Ansel Adams

The single most important component of a camera is the twelve inches behind it!

~Ansel Adams

A true photograph need not be explained, nor can it be contained in words.

~Ansel Adams

In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.

~Ansel Adams

I believe photography is a tool to express our positive assessment of the world. A tool to acquire ultimate happiness and belief.

~Ansel Adams

There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs.

~Ansel Adams

When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence.

~Ansel Adams

Life is your art. An open, aware heart is your camera. A oneness with your world is your film. Your bright eyes and easy smile is your museum.

~Ansel Adams

I believe in beauty. I believe in stones and water, air and soil, people and their future and their fate.

~Ansel Adams

Once destroyed, nature's beauty cannot be repurchased at any price

~Ansel Adams

A good photograph is knowing where to stand.

~Ansel Adams

I don't know anybody who needs a critic to find out what art is.

~Ansel Adams

Today, we must realize that nature is revealed in the simplest meadow, wood lot, marsh, stream, or tidepool, as well as in the remote grandeur

of our parks and wilderness areas.

~Ansel Adams

I am sure the next step will be the electronic image, and I hope I shall live to see it. I trust that the creative eye will continue to function, whatever technological innovations may develop.

~Ansel Adams

You don't take a photograph, you make it.

~Ansel Adams

There are always two people in every picture: the photographer and the viewer.

~Ansel Adams

How high your awareness level is determines how much meaning you get from your world. Photography can teach you to improve your awareness level.

~Ansel Adams

We were in the shadow of the mountains, the light was cool and quiet and no wind was stirring. The aspen trunks were slightly greenish and the leaves were a vibrant yellow.

~Ansel Adams

Some photographers take reality... and impose the domination of their own thought and spirit. Others come before reality more tenderly and a photograph to them is an instrument of love and revelation.

~Ansel Adams

A photograph is usually looked at - seldom looked into.

~Ansel Adams

We must remember that a photograph can hold just as much as we put

into it, and no one has ever approached the full possibilities of the medium.

~Ansel Adams

Photography, as a powerful medium of expression and communications, offers an infinite variety of perception, interpretation and execution.

~Ansel Adams

I believe the approach of the artist and the approach of the environmentalist are fairly close in that both are, to a rather impressive degree, concerned with the affirmation of life.

~Ansel Adams

Photography is more than a medium for factual communication of ideas. It is a creative art.

~Ansel Adams

There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept.

~Ansel Adams

Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.

~Ansel Adams

I knew my destiny when I first experienced Yosemite.

~Ansel Adams

Notebook. No photographer should be without one!

~Ansel Adams

Sometimes I do get to places just when God's ready to have somebody click the shutter.

~Ansel Adams

Bad weather makes for good photography.

~Ansel Adams

I know that I am one with beauty and that my comrades are one. Let our souls be mountains, Let our spirits be stars, Let our hearts be worlds.

~Ansel Adams

I have often had a retrospective vision where everything in my past life seems to fall with significance into logical sequence.

~Ansel Adams

Dodging and burning are steps to take care of mistakes God made in establishing tonal relationships.

~Ansel Adams

The skies and land are so enormous, and the detail so precise and exquisite that wherever you are you are isolated in a glowing world between the macro and the micro.

~Ansel Adams

It is easy to take a photograph, but it is harder to make a masterpiece in photography than in any other art medium.

~Ansel Adams

I can look at a fine art photograph and sometimes I can hear music.

~Ansel Adams

A great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels, in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed.

~Ansel Adams

Myths and creeds are heroic struggles to comprehend the truth in the world.

~Ansel Adams

To photograph truthfully and effectively is to see beneath the surfaces.

~Ansel Adams

We all move on the fringes of eternity and are sometimes granted vistas through fabric of illusion.

~Ansel Adams

You don't make a photograph just with a camera

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The 'machine-gun' approach to photography - by which many negatives are made with the hope that one will be good - is fatal to serious results.

~Ansel Adams

To photograph truthfully and effectively is to see beneath the surfaces and record the qualities of nature and humanity which live or are latent in all things.

~Ansel Adams

It is all very beautiful and magical here - a quality which cannot be described. You have to live it and breathe it, let the sun bake into you.

~Ansel Adams

The negative is the score, and the print the performance.

~Ansel Adams

The negative is comparable to the composer's score and the print to its performance. Each performance differs in subtle ways.

~Ansel Adams

The artist and the photographer seek the mysteries and the adventure

of experience in nature.

~Ansel Adams

It is the photographer, not the camera, that is the instrument.

~Ansel Adams

I hope that my work will encourage self expression in others and stimulate the search for beauty and creative excitement in the great world around us.

~Ansel Adams

A great photograph is a full expression of what one feels...

~Ansel Adams

The sheer ease with which we can produce a superficial image often leads to creative disaster.

~Ansel Adams

To visualize an image (in whole or in part) is to see clearly in the mind prior to exposure, a continuous projection from composing the image through the final print.

~Ansel Adams

No matter how sophisticated you may be, a large granite mountain cannot be denied - it speaks in silence to the very core of your being.

~Ansel Adams

I expect to retire to a fine-grained heaven where the temperatures are always consistent, where the images slide before one's eyes in a continual cascade of form and meaning.

~Ansel Adams

I tried to keep both arts alive, but the camera won. I found that while the camera does not express the soul, perhaps a photograph can!

~Ansel Adams

Image quality is not the product of a machine, but of the person who directs the machine, and there are no limits to imagination and expression.

~Ansel Adams

This profession [photography] is deserving of attention and respect equal to that accorded painting, literature, music and architecture.

~Ansel Adams

Photography is an austere and blazing poetry of the real.

~Ansel Adams

Ask yourself, 'Why am I seeing and feeling this? How am I growing? What am I learning?' Remember: Every coincidence is potentially meaningful.

~Ansel Adams

A photograph is not an accident - is a concept. It exists at, or before, the moment of exposure of the negative.

~Ansel Adams

With all art expression, when something is seen, it is a vivid experience, sudden, compelling, and inevitable.

~Ansel Adams

It is my intention to present - through the medium of photography - intuitive observations of the natural world which may have meaning to the spectators.

~Ansel Adams

Art is both the taking and giving of beauty, the turning out to the light of the inner folds of the awareness of the spirit.

~Ansel Adams

Photograph not only what you see but also what you feel.

~Ansel Adams

...one sees differently with color photography than black-and-white... in short, visualization must be modified by the specific nature of the equipment and materials being used.

~Ansel Adams

The term accessories has come to include a host of photographic gadgets of questionable value.

~Ansel Adams

The only things in my life that compatibly exists with this grand universe are the creative works of the human spirit.

~Ansel Adams

A photograph is not an accident - it is a concept.

~Ansel Adams

Black and white photography is truly quite a 'departure from reality', and the transition from one aspect of visual magic to another was not as complete as many imagine.

~Ansel Adams

I think we can not categorize. Things do not fit into a mold.

~Ansel Adams

All art is the expression of one and the same thing- the relation of the spirit of man to the spirit of other men and to the world.

~Ansel Adams

The craft of photography is the key to good images.

~Ansel Adams

If what I see in my mind excites me, there is a good chance it will make a good photograph.

~Ansel Adams

The best picture is around the corner. Like prosperity.

~Ansel Adams

The (photographic) negative is the equivalent of the composers score and the print is the equivalent of the conductors performance.

~Ansel Adams

Impression is not enough. Design, style, technique - these, too, are not enough. Art must reach further than impression or self-revelation .

~Ansel Adams

One of the most important pieces of equipment, for the photographer who really wants to improve, is a great big wastepaper basket.

~Ansel Adams

If you have enough craft, you've done your homework and you're practiced. You can then make the photograph you desire.

~Ansel Adams

The camera cannot, but the photographer can.

~Ansel Adams

In a strict sense photography can never be abstract, for the camera is incapable of synthetic integration.

~Ansel Adams

I do not think there is any question of photography being an art form!

~Ansel Adams

The [35mm] camera is for life and for people, the swift and intense moments of life.

~Ansel Adams

Knowing what I know now, any photographer worth his salt could make some beautiful things with pinhole cameras.

~Ansel Adams

The herculean task of a photographer is to capture a momentary frame as beautiful in reality, as it would be in a dream.

~Ansel Adams

There still is some opposition to it in some museums and art schools, but I think photography has really grown into a mature art form.

~Ansel Adams

I am probably afraid that some spectator will not understand my photography - therefore I proceed to make it really less understandable by writing defensibly about it.

~Ansel Adams

My wife - she could help me get the negs out!

~Ansel Adams

We who are gathered here may represent a particular delete, not of money and power, but of concern for the earth for the earth's sake.

~Ansel Adams

While the photos at the D.M.V. (New York) will still be taken in color, the engraving is done in grayscale, hence the Ansel Adams feel.

~Ansel Adams

I think photography is being recognized and collected. Its values have certainly gone up and continue to go up.

~Ansel Adams

Photographers and artists contribute a lot to the world and have a right to exist in relative security and comfort.

~Ansel Adams

Photography has escalated almost exponentially! It is a language which covers almost every aspect of communication; factual and expressive.

~Ansel Adams

It is just as important to bring people the evidence of the beauty of the world of nature and of man as it is to give them a document of ugliness, squalor, and despair.

~Ansel Adams

Emphasis on technique is justified only so far as it will simplify and clarify the statement of the photographer's concept.

~Ansel Adams

My last word s that it all depends on what you visualize.

~Ansel Adams

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