

Edward Weston

Quotes

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Anything more than 500 yards from the car just isn't photogenic.

~Edward Weston

If I have any 'message' worth giving to a beginner it is that there are no short cuts in photography.

~Edward Weston

Now, to consult the rules of composition before making a picture is a little like consulting the law of gravity before going for a walk.

~Edward Weston

Anything that excites me for any reason, I will photograph; not searching for unusual subject matter, but making the commonplace unusual.

~Edward Weston

This then: to photograph a rock, have it look like a rock, but be more than a rock.

~Edward Weston

Photography to the amateur is recreation, to the professional it is work, and hard work too, no matter how pleasurable it may be.

~Edward Weston

I would say to any artist: Don't be repressed in your work, dare to experiment, consider any urge, if in a new direction all the better.

~Edward Weston

The camera sees more than the eye, so why not make use of it?

~Edward Weston

I want the stark beauty that a lens can so exactly render presented without interference of artistic effect.

~Edward Weston

Why limit yourself to what your eyes see when you have an opportunity to extend your vision?

~Edward Weston

Ultimately success or failure in photographing people depends on the photographer's ability to understand his fellow man.

~Edward Weston

.....so called "composition" becomes a personal thing, to be developed along with technique, as a personal way of seeing.

~Edward Weston

Dare to be irrational! - keep free from formulas, open to any fresh impulse, fluid.

~Edward Weston

I see no reason for recording the obvious.

~Edward Weston

...the pepper is beginning to show signs of strain, and tonight should grace a salad. It has been suggested that I am a cannibal to eat my models.

~Edward Weston

Clouds, torsos, shells, peppers, trees, rocks, smoke stacks, are but interdependent, interrelated parts of a whole, which is life.

~Edward Weston

I was extravagant in the matter of cameras - anything photographic - I had to have the best. But that was to further my work. In most things I have gone along with the plainest - or without.

~Edward Weston

A lifetime can well be spent correcting and improving one's own faults

without bothering about others.

~Edward Weston

Art is based on order. The world is full of 'sloppy Bohemians' and their work betrays them.

~Edward Weston

My true program is summed up in one word: life. I expect to photograph anything suggested by that word which appeals to me.

~Edward Weston

There is nothing like a Bach fugue to remove me from a discordant moment... only Bach hold up fresh and strong after repeated playing. I can always return to Bach when the other records weary me.

~Edward Weston

Is love like art - something always ahead, never quite attained.

~Edward Weston

...through this photographic eye you will be able to look out on a new light-world, a world for the most part uncharted and unexplored, a world that lies waiting to be discovered and revealed.

~Edward Weston

Good composition is merely the strongest way of seeing.

~Edward Weston

To compose a subject well means no more than to see and present it in the strongest manner possible.

~Edward Weston

An excellent conception can be quite obscured by faulty technical execution or clarified by faultless technique.

~Edward Weston

The great scientist dares to differ from accepted 'facts' - think irrationally - let the artist do likewise.

~Edward Weston

No photographer is better than the simplest of cameras

~Edward Weston

If I am interested, amazed, stimulated to work, that is sufficient reason to thank the gods, and go ahead!

~Edward Weston

Results alone should be appraised; the way in which these are achieved is of importance only to the maker.

~Edward Weston

My own eyes are no more than scouts on a preliminary search, or the camera's eye may entirely change my idea.

~Edward Weston

For the obvious reason that nature - unadulterated and unimproved by man - is simply chaos. In fact, the camera proves that nature is crude and lacking in arrangement.

~Edward Weston

Photography, not soft gutless painting, is best equipped to bore into the spirit of today.

~Edward Weston

I am not limiting myself to theories, so I never question the rightness to my approach.

~Edward Weston

The camera should be used for a recording of life, for rendering the very substance and quintessence of the thing itself, whether it be

polished steel or palpitating flesh.

~Edward Weston

I see my finished platinum print (in the viewfinder) in all its desired qualities, before my exposure.

~Edward Weston

When a photographer masters the tools and processes of the art, then the quality of the work is only limited by his creative vision.

~Edward Weston

My work is never intellectual. I never make a negative unless emotionally moved by my subject.

~Edward Weston

People who wouldn't think of taking a sieve to the well to draw water fail to see the folly in taking a camera to make a painting.

~Edward Weston

I find myself every so often looking at my ground glass as though the unrecorded image might escape me!

~Edward Weston

It's hard not to tell the truth with a camera. Artists are particularly good at that.

~Edward Weston

When subject matter is forced to fit into preconceived patterns, there can be no freshness of vision. Following rules of composition can only lead to a tedious repetition of pictorial cliches.

~Edward Weston

I don't care if you make a print on a bath mat, just as long as it is a good print.

~Edward Weston

A photograph has no value unless it looks exactly like a photograph and nothing else.

~Edward Weston

I always work better when I do not reason, when no question of right or wrong enter in,-when my pulse quickens to the form before me without hesitation nor calculation.

~Edward Weston

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