

Harry Callahan Quotes

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Artist, Real, Shots, Done, Long, Simple, Believe, Prayer, Matter, Inspirational,
Sake, Forever*

I wish more people felt that photography was an adventure the same as life itself and felt that their individual feelings were worth expressing. To me, that makes photography more exciting.

~Harry Callahan

I guess I've shot about 40,000 negatives and of these I have about 800 pictures I like.

~Harry Callahan

Experience is the best teacher of all. And for that, there are no guarantees that one will become an artist. Only the journey matters.

~Harry Callahan

If you choose your subject selectively - intuitively - the camera can write poetry.

~Harry Callahan

To be a photographer, one must photograph. No amount of book learning, no checklist of seminars attended, can substitute for the simple act of making pictures.

~Harry Callahan

Photography is an adventure just as life is an adventure. If man wishes to express himself photographically, he must understand, surely to a certain extent, his relationship to life.

~Harry Callahan

It takes me a long time to change. I don't think you can just go out and figure out a bunch of visual ideas and photograph. The change happens in living and not through thinking.

~Harry Callahan

I do believe strongly in photography and hope by following it intuitively that when the photographs are looked at they will touch the spirit in

people.

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A man's got to know his limitations.

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Every time I talked about making a picture I didn't do it. I had already done it - talking about it! I quit talking.

~Harry Callahan

A picture is like a prayer; you're offering a prayer to get something, and in a sense it's like a gift of God because you have practically no control-at least I don't.

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It's the subject matter that counts. I'm interested in revealing the subject in a new way to intensify it. A photo is able to capture a moment that people can't always see.

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I think nearly every artist continually wants to reach the edge of nothingness - the point where you can't go any further.

~Harry Callahan

The mystery isn't in the technique, it's in each of us.

~Harry Callahan

Opinions are like assholes, everybody's got one.

~Harry Callahan

I can't say what makes a picture. I can't say. It's mysterious.

~Harry Callahan

I like the simple things. I don't know why. I'm that way. I came from a simple place.

~Harry Callahan

I can tell you for me it goes on forever. There are some things you can't ever find out. You can't find out in one life either.

~Harry Callahan

I think I came alive when I started photography.

~Harry Callahan

Nothing wrong with people getting shot, as long as it's the right people getting shot.

~Harry Callahan

You only do exercises in art school. That's not the real thing. A little bit tells you so much. You have to find your own self. And you don't know what you are! But that's what you have to search for.

~Harry Callahan

You're a legend in your own mind.

~Harry Callahan

It's a question of methods. Everybody wants results, but nobody wants to do what they have to do to get them done.

~Harry Callahan

In terms of art, the only real answer that I know of is to do it. If you don't do it, you don't know what might happen.

~Harry Callahan

I love art because it doesn't have rules like baseball. The only rule is to be good. That's the toughest thing to do.

~Harry Callahan

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