

Hiroshi Sugimoto

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However fake the subject, once photographed, it's as good as real.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

If I already have a vision, my work is almost done. The rest is a technical problem.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I try to never be satisfied; this way I will always be challenging my spirit.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

To me photography functions as a fossilization of time.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Art resides even in things with no artistic intentions.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

The 1,000 Buddha, to me, is almost like a contemporary art piece.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

When I wake up I just make it happen. My dreams come true- that is the artistic practice.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Art is technique: a means by which to materialize the invisible realm of the mind.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

[Takashi] Murakami, do you think he is spiritual? He is more like de-spiritualized. De-spiritualized might be the most contemporary aspect of the human mind.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Art always helps religion; it became an inseparable phenomenon when

human beings gained consciousness.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I'm inviting the spirits into my photography. It's an act of God.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

It's pre-photography, a fossilization of time, Americans have done the Zen garden to death. I wanted to do something different.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I don't love the postmodern statement: "You shouldn't be spiritual if you are the artist."

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Art and religion have the same origin. Art first, or religion first? Maybe consciousness first! Consciousness always comes with religious feeling and artistic identification. It's the same origin.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

To me, as a visual artist, I don't want to get into the theory of Buddhism. There are many Buddhism theories and they fight each other, like Christians as well.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I don't know how many serious Christians exist here in America, but the Japanese, the younger generation is leaving the Buddhist religion mentality behind.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Not any particular religion or school of religion, but being an artist, you have to be spiritual, in a way.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

All over the planet, nature is being transformed into 'un-nature' at

breakneck speed...My life is part of natural history. I long to know where that history came from and where it is going.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

The Buddhist concept is that it takes 48 days to get near this state [of death]. So it's a slow process, moving into, not a permanent death, but the world of the dead.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Many people [still] believe that at the time of your death, 1,000 Buddhas show up and welcome you into the paradise state.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

My art has gained some high value.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I don't know whether the future or 2018 exists or not, but if it exists, I'm offering a show to a museum in Australia titled "Time Reversed." Time is going backwards.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

[I'm concerned with] aesthetics and this idea of how the passage between life and death goes. I can visually present that by borrowing this Buddhist statue.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

Life is one passage and then you keep moving into another state.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

I have a strong feeling about this quick movement and changing of society and populations growing - something scary.

~Hiroshi Sugimoto

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